

Brundall Parish Council Annual Report 2019



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Welcome

This report assesses the progress that the representatives, clubs and organizations in Brundall have made during the past twelve months.

The Parish Council continues to work with the community and its groups to ensure that the parish is looked after to the highest of standards and with a proactive approach so that its future is better secured and well planned.

It is hoped that through this report, you – the residents of Brundall can see that this Council is determined to make living in Brundall better.

About Brundall

Brundall is approximately six miles east of Norwich, lying on the banks of the river Yare. From a population of around 300 only 50 years ago, it now contains around 4,500 inhabitants, many of whom work in the city of Norwich. It does, however, still retain the atmosphere of a village and manages to cultivate a very active community life. It is served by both bus and train routes and the level crossing at Brundall station is still manually operated.

The closeness of different amenities to the centre of the village helps to foster a positive and friendly community spirit. Close by is the Memorial Hall, which is a regular home to many sports and other local groups.

As the village has excellent road access and regular bus and train services it's not surprising that many people decide to make it their permanent home.

This Report contains the Annual reports given at the Annual Parish Meeting held at the St Laurence Centre on 13th May 2019 presided over by Parish Council Chairman Kevin Wilkins.

Police Report – given by PC Steven Clarke

I have looked at the reported crimes for Brundall for above year and there have been the following recorded crimes. (total of 79)

April 2018 (3)

20/04/18 – Theft from shops – Post Office
23/04/18 – Burglary dwelling – Blofield Road
25/04/18 – Malicious Communication – The Street

May 2018 (9)

02/05/18 – Burglary Dwelling – Holmesdale Road
09/05/18 – Assault without injury – Springdale Road
13/05/18 – Controlling Behaviour – domestic related
13/05/18 - Assault without injury– domestic related
14/05/18 – Assault – Braydeston Avenue – no complaint
15/05/18 - Assault without injury– domestic related– no complaint
19/05/18 – Interference of motor vehicle – Highfield Avenue
21/05/18 - Assault without injury–Lackford Close - no complaint
24/05/18 – Assault ABH- Maurecourt Drive- domestic related

June 2018 (10)

04/06/18 – Sexual Assault – Domestic related
09/06/18 - Assault without injury- Maurecourt Drive- no complaint
09/06/18 - Theft from shops – CO-OP The Street
18/06/18 – Theft from Motor vehicle – Springdale Road
27/06/18 - Malicious Communication – Finch Way
27/06/18 – Public Order – Yareside Gardens – no complaints
28/06/18 – Theft of money – Braydeston Avenue
28/06/18 – Criminal Damage to shop – The Street
28/06/18 – Criminal damage to vehicle – Greenacre Close
29/06/18 – Theft of money in a dwelling – Yare Valley Rise

July 2018 (6)

07/07/18 – Theft of tools – Manor Garage
19/07/18 - Assault without injury– domestic related– no complaint
20/07/18 – Public Order – West Lane - no complaint
21/07/18 – Criminal damage to boat – Riverside
22/07/18 – Assault ABH – domestic related – no complaint
23/07/18 – Public Order – Grovebury Close – no complaint

August 2018 (4)

01/08/18 - Assault without injury– domestic related
03/08/18 - Theft from shops – CO-OP The Street
04/08/18 – Public Order – The Ram PH
15/08/18 – Theft - domestic related– no complaint

September 2018 (4)

05/09/18 - Assault ABH- domestic related
11/09/18 – False statement - domestic related
24/09/18 – Theft of trailer – Brundall Bay Marina
24/09/18 – Criminal Damage – Yare Valley Rise

October 2018 (9)

01/10/18 – Theft from boat - Brundall Bay Marina
01/10/18 - Assault ABH- domestic related– no complaint
03/10/18 - Malicious Communication – St. Laurence Avenue
11/10/18 - Assault without injury – no capacity
12/10/18 – Public Order - A47 road rage
15/10/18 - Assault ABH- domestic related
15/10/18 – Offensive weapon – Fir tree Close
17/10/18 – Attempted burglary – Cedar Way
29/10/18 – Harassment – domestic related

November 2018 (9)

01/11/18 – Public Order – Riverdale Court
02/11/18 - Assault ABH- Riverdale Court
02/11/18 – Threats – Oakdale Road
05/11/18 – Public Order – Riverdale Court
06/11/18 - Harassment– Riverdale Court
12/11/18 – Theft of parcels – St. Anne’s Close
13/11/18 – Sexual Assault – The Street
23/11/18 - Assault ABH- domestic related– no complaint
25/11/18 – Racially aggravated common assault – The Street

December 2018 (2)

06/12/18 – Theft of monies – Cucumber Lane
23/12/18 – Attempted burglary – The Street

January 2019 (9)

05/01/19 – Public order – Westfield Road
12/01/19 - Assault without injury– domestic related– no complaint
14/01/19 – Public Order – Strumpshaw Road
14/01/18 – Burglary Dwelling – Strumpshaw Road
18/01/19 – Assault ABH – Strumpshaw Road
21/01/19 - Assault without injury– domestic related– no complaint
28/01/19 – Burglary Dwelling – Postwick Lane
30/01/19 – Public Order – The Street
30/01/19 - Assault on Police – The Street

February 2019 (7)

04/02/19 – Burglary Dwelling – Westfield Road
05/02/19 - Burglary Dwelling – Laurel Drive
06/02/19 – Public Order Strumpshaw Road
09/02/19 – Assault GBH – domestic related
11/02/19 – Theft of boat equipment – Brooms Boats
18/02/19 – Attempted theft from person – The Street
21/02/19 - Malicious Communication – domestic related

March 2019 (7)

02/03/19 - Theft of boat equipment – Brooms Boats
09/03/19 – Theft of motorcycle – Brundall Bay Marina
10/03/19 - Assault without injury– domestic related - no complaint
14/03/19 – Theft of monies – Braydeston Avenue
19/03/19 - Assault without injury– domestic related– no complaint
22/03/19 – Theft from boat – Brundall Gardens Marina
26/03/19 – Interference of motor vehicle – Strumpshaw Road*

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of Acle Safer Neighbourhood Team.

***Figures provided by PC 52 Ian Kennedy**

Chairman's Report

You will hear from a number of village groups this evening representing the wide range of community activities which are available to the residents of Brundall. These reports describe an already vibrant village community but there is an ambition to do even more and extend the current offer.

The Parish Council continues to pursue its plans to develop further recreational opportunities, and, importantly, to complement existing provision. After years of working on potential options but frustrated by the lack of availability of land to develop, the Council is now confident that the proposed sports hub on land off Yarmouth Road will become a reality. An application for planning permission will soon be submitted, and this will include further stakeholder engagement and public consultation. This is an exciting development and represents the culmination of many years of work.

A great example of an active and engaged community of all ages is the varied use being made of our Countryside Park, from walking with or without a dog; to running and jogging; to the appreciation and enjoyment of nature and wildlife; to the hard working allotmenters; to the weekly park runners supported by the community café run by Yare Valley Churches sums up for me all that is good about our community engagement.

An important dedication ceremony was held in November to unveil a new war memorial by the former head of the Army, General, The Lord Dannatt. A Shard which carries the words of the poem 'Lest we Forget', was unveiled, as a reminder of the sacrifices in the First World War and other conflicts at the centenary of the cessation of hostilities at the end of WW1. I would like to recognize the particular contribution of Councillor Bob Price in making the arrangements for this important and poignant ceremony.

There is no doubt that the year under review has been challenging but rewarding. The Council was indebted to our locum clerk Claudia for her work to cover the absence of our Parish Clerk, Sharon, due to health issues. Fortunately, we were able to welcome Sharon back as the Parish Clerk after her course of treatment, and I am pleased to report that we have been able to retain Claudia's skills as Deputy Clerk and as our Responsible Finance Officer.

I would also like to thank my fellow Councillors for their hard work and commitment during the year, including picking up additional duties during Sharon's absence. The work inside and outside of formal council meetings is significant to deliver our agenda and I pay tribute to all Councillors for their continuing voluntary community work. I extend these thanks to all those who we work closely with, including the Friends groups for Cremer's Meadow and the Countryside Park, the Allotment Association and others reporting this evening.

The recent Parish election has seen the re-election of 10 Councillors but two long serving Councillors decided to stand down for personal reasons. I would like to place on record my appreciation for the significant contributions of Councillors John Warne and Bob Price.

John has served on the Council for many years, including being elected as Chairman, and Bob has led the Land Management Committee and, as previously noted, was responsible for the Shard memorial. I thank them both.

The new four-year council term has now started, and it will be a challenging but rewarding time, with the delivery of the Sports Hub as a significant, long overdue project. The Parish Council will continue to deliver the best quality services within the means at our disposal for the community of Brundall.

Kevin Wilkins **Chairman Brundall Parish Council.**

Report by the County Councillor – Andrew Proctor

The 2019/20 budget

In February 2019 Norfolk County Council agreed a £409 million revenue budget for 2019-20. This budget is balanced, is robust and allocates our resources across Norfolk's people and communities in the best way we can, while protecting the frontline services the people of Norfolk rely on so dearly.

The Council's Government funding has reduced by a total of £204m between 2010/11 and 2018/19 and its revenue support grant will fall from £39m to zero in 2020/21. During this period, the council has made savings of £364m, including efficiency savings of £246m. This has resulted in the difficult but necessary decision to increase the County Council's share of Council Tax by 2.99% this year.

The key points of the budget are:

- A £409m net revenue budget – representing the Council Tax income which contributes to running the council and its services
- The Council's share of band D bills will rise to £1,362.24 from April.
- Savings of £31.6m in 2019/20, rising to a total of £79.4m over the next three years
- Examples of increased investment from April include £6m to address growing demand on adult social services, and £14.5m to tackle pressures on the looked-after children service

Caring for your infrastructure

£12.7m road improvement schemes nearing completion

In November 2018 Norfolk received an additional £12.694m from the Government to spend on road maintenance.

To date 125,000m² of worn out highway surface has been removed and replaced with 26,600 tonnes of brand new asphalt.

Funding success for Greater Norwich transport bid

Greater Norwich has been awarded £6.1m by the Department for Transport, following a successful bid in the first round of Transforming Cities funding.

Transport for Norwich put forward eight sustainable transport schemes and applied for a £7.3m contribution from the £60m pot. Of these, six were awarded money.

For more information about the project and full details of the newly-funded projects, please visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/transformingcities.

Delivering the Western Link

The County Council is proposing to create a Norwich Western Link to improve travel between the A47 and Broadland Northway (formerly the Northern Distributor Road) and tackle transport problems in the area.

The council published four shortlisted options for a Norwich Western Link - three new dual carriageway roads and a single carriageway upgrade to the B1535

The council is aiming to start construction on the Norwich Western Link in late 2022.

For more information about the project visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl.

Norfolk ranked fourth in national highways and transport survey

Norfolk has been ranked fourth out of 28 similar councils in a national independent survey which looks at satisfaction with highways and transport services.

The highest scores for the county were for traffic levels and congestion, and the condition of roads and footpaths. These are all things that people consistently say are important to them and in which Norfolk is ranked strongly compared to other councils.

Altogether 113 local authorities signed up for the 2018 survey. Out of the 28 county councils and larger unitary authorities in the peer group, Norfolk ranked in the top 10 for:

- Condition of highways
- Highway maintenance
- Public transport info
- Ease of access (for disabled people)
- Local bus services
- Community transport
- Pavements and footpaths
- Cycle routes and facilities
- Traffic levels and congestion
- Management of roadworks
- Traffic management

Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing

Norfolk County Council has awarded the contract for Great Yarmouth's Third River Crossing to BAM Farrans – a joint venture between two construction industry leaders.

Following a competitive tender process, BAM Farrans will now be working with the project team at the county council to finalise the detailed design and construction requirements for the bridge.

So far, £98m of funding from the Department for Transport has been awarded to Norfolk County Council towards the anticipated £120m cost of the project.

For more information about the Third River Crossing, please visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/3rc.

£11m boost for broadband in Norfolk

Thousands more homes and businesses in Norfolk will be able to access Superfast Broadband thanks to Norfolk County Council securing an extra £11m funding.

Currently 92% of homes and businesses have access to download speeds of 24Mbps+ per second. The Better Broadband for Norfolk (BBfN) programme is set to deliver 95% coverage across the county by the end of March 2020, but the council is not content to stop there.

BBfN rollout started in July 2013 when 42% of Norfolk properties had access to Superfast broadband. The new contract is expected to be signed early this year (2019).

To find out if superfast broadband is available in your area, visit www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk.

[Caring for your economy](#)

Our approach to improving mobile phone signals recognised as national best practice

Norfolk County Council has received national praise in Parliament for its approach to improving mobile phone signals in the county.

The Council's Digital Innovation and Efficiency Committee commissioned a survey earlier this year on mobile signals across the county. The results were used to create an interactive map and more than 200 council owned sites have now been identified in areas of poor mobile reception. These are being offered to mobile operators as potential sites for new masts.

Full Fibre boost for Norfolk businesses

Norfolk County Council secured £8m from the UK Government Digital, Culture, Media & Sport department's Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) fund.

The £8m funding is part of an £11m programme to upgrade more than 370 of Norfolk's public-sector buildings to the latest ultrafast connection speeds. It will enable 230 schools, 108 Norfolk County Council Corporate buildings (including 38 libraries) and 34 fire stations to be upgraded to gigabit (1,000 mbps) fibre internet connections within two years.

Norfolk businesses can also apply to a voucher scheme that will provide up to £2,500 per business to fund their connection and pay the first-year running costs.

Caring for your children and families

New Early Childhood and Family Service

This year we launched our new Early Childhood and Family Service. We believe this will have greater reach to those more isolated children and families in need of help and advice, through increased local support, easier to access information and crucial outreach work while continuing to deliver services previously offered.

This commitment means adapting the way we deliver services in response to the changing needs of Norfolk's children and young people. This transformative approach is one we are implementing across all our services.

We will be moving, not removing, some services into libraries, nurseries and community centres, alongside our 15 new service bases. Crucially, this more efficient use of infrastructure means money can be invested on delivering the services that we know are needed and valued by you to a greater number of children and young people, across Norfolk.

£120m investment special school places

Norfolk County Council will be investing £120m in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision in the County

In March 2019 we secured Government funding of up to £17m to build a new 170 place school in the county for children aged 3-19 with complex needs.

We proposed plans to create more than 500 extra school places, in four new special schools plus specialist bases at mainstream schools.

We have approved an initial investment of £4.8m in the current financial year, to allow the first phase of work to begin as quickly as possible.

A new special school, specialising in social, emotional and mental health, is likely to be the first project to get underway. The school will be developed on the former Alderman Swindell School site, in Great Yarmouth.

New homes for care leavers open after £5m investment

The first of 11 homes for Norfolk's care leavers has opened this year, following £5m of investment from Norfolk County Council.

The County Council has worked with young people to make sure that the accommodation meets their needs and four of the homes are now finished.

When finished there will a total of 25-30 beds across the 11 properties.

Without the new properties the young people would need to live in residential care or in placements with another provider, at a cost of up to £6,500 per week. The new homes ensure they have the right

support, are able to learn to live in communities in a supported way and reduce the overall cost to the Council.

Adult Social Care

New services to help ensure no lonely day in Norfolk

People affected by loneliness and social isolation in Norfolk can now turn to a comprehensive range of new services for help and support.

The new services include a county-wide network of “Life Connectors” who work directly with people to provide coaching, practical advice and support to help people make and maintain relationships and strong links within their community.

The new services include outreach, promoting volunteering opportunities and benefits, asset mapping and addressing rural issues such as transport and use of technology in order to support people to become and stay well-connected in their local area.

Celebrating the launch of the Carers Charter

The Carers Charter was launched on 30 November at County Hall.

The event coincided with Carers Rights Day, a national campaign which brings unpaid carers, organisations and local communities together to help carers understand their rights.

The adoption of the Charter by the County Council is a bold, innovative and radical move designed to improve the lives of carers. They constitute an enormous and largely hidden resource saving the public purse billions of pounds a year.

For more information visit carersmatternorfolk.org.uk

We are investing £29m in Housing with Care

This year we announced £29m capital investment scheme to deliver 3,000 extra homes for older people in Norfolk over the next ten years.

Norfolk requires 2,842 extra care units by 2028.

Increasing the provision of extra care housing to match future demand will deliver approximately £4m gross revenue saving per year.

The Living Well Homes for Norfolk Strategy and Position Statement can be found here (www.norfolk.gov.uk/livingwellhomes)

Report by the District Councillor

2018-19 has been another successful year for Broadland District Council, with the continuation of high-quality service delivery alongside effective management of Council

Tax. However, it has also been a year of significant change, primarily due to the agreeing of a roadmap for collaborative working with South Norfolk District Council.

Service Delivery

For the eleventh year running, Broadland has collected the most tax, with 99% of the total amount due collected by the end of March 2018. With such a high collection rate, it means that more services can be protected, Council tax increases can be kept as low as possible and everybody is treated fairly.

The Council is leading the Norfolk league table when it comes to recycling. Thanks to continued investment in new technology and dedication by our residents, official figures published put Broadland on 50.9%.

Broadland is also leading the way on tackling both food waste and plastic waste. The council plans to go 'plastic free' over the next few years. Staff at the council offices bring in their own cups for tea and coffee, thus removing the need for single use plastic cups dispensed by the drinks machines.

Broadland is also at the forefront of tackling fuel poverty. The Council has been successful in bidding for more than £3 million in funding that will be used over the next two years to help households. The Norfolk Warm Homes Fund is led by Broadland and will help those in poor health and vulnerable people in their homes, some of which may be cold and damp. The Council introduced new safeguarding policies and training in relation to Licensed Private Vehicle drivers. Many existing drivers and new applicants have attended Safeguarding training, which promotes the effective welfare and safety of Taxi users. The Licensing Committee recently received their first application to licence an electric vehicle as a taxi, part of a new green taxi company.

Broadland is the best area in Norfolk for food safety. Nearly 98% of all food businesses have been visited and rated. Broadland is 46 places ahead of any other district in Norfolk.

The council works with businesses to improve standards as well as enforcing them.

The council runs a 'Choices' programme to help those who have been out of work for a longer period the chance to improve their employment chances by boosting confidence and learning new skills. The programme offers a personal approach to getting people back to work or into volunteering, applying for jobs with a new CV and work experience.

The council runs a well-respected handyperson service to help with most small jobs around the home. Aimed primarily at Broadland residents aged 65+, with low cost repairs in the home or the garden.

Transformation and Joint Working with South Norfolk District Council

The decision was taken in summer 2018 to extend informal collaboration with South Norfolk to a formal arrangement through the establishment of a single officer team working across both authorities to deliver services. While the authorities remain separate, it is anticipated that this joint team will enable a cost effective delivery model which can capitalize on the strengths of a joint team.

The process started with the appointment of Trevor Holden as the Joint Managing Director on 2 January this year. The senior management structure was agreed and certain of the appointments of Director and Assistant Director were confirmed at special meetings held late in April this year. There are still further appointments to be made which will be done in the coming months. Although this is a significant change for both Councils, it is felt that there is much commonality and indeed South Norfolk Council, based at 'The House' in Long Stratton is similar in many respects to Broadland District Council, and also focusses on delivering high quality services to its residents. Both Councils will retain their autonomy,

each making decisions in the interests of its residents. We will keep Parish Councils informed of developments as this new way of working is implemented.

Rebecca Gratton

Report by Rev Peter Leech

Yare Valley Churches report to the Parish Council 2018/19

Over the past year, the Yare Valley Churches has worked hard to strive to become a '...place for everyone' - a place where everyone is valued and accepted, a place where everyone is welcomed and a place where everyone can make a contribution.

It's been a busy year: we've started supporting the Park Run by serving refreshments, we've increased the opening times of our Community Cafe - lunches available on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. All the proceeds from our Community Cafe are reinvested into our work in the local area - enabling us to continue to support the needs of this developing community. This coming year, we are hoping to continue to increase opening times and appoint a Cafe Co-ordinator.

The Youth Cafe continues to grow - and was visited by the newly appointed Bishop of Norwich just last week. The Youth Cafe has grown so much that we will be starting a new session on a Friday evening - all staffed by a team of volunteers.

The Forget-Me-Not cafe (with a church service once a month) continues and has been recognized as a place of 'Best Practice' by the Diocese of Norwich. The luncheon club, the Toddler Cafe and the Summer in Brundall outings all continue to thrive.

We have been fortunate enough to be awarded a number of Grants which has enabled us to purchase a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) which is being used to transport people to events around the community. It is a community asset which we hope will help support the needs of those who are less mobile and in turn address the issues of isolation that is experienced by so many of our residents.

It has been exciting to be able to serve on the CDROB subcommittee of the Parish Council and as we have seen the plans for the sports provision unfold, we made a decision as a church to seek funding for a Community Connections Worker [for sport]. The idea behind the post is for someone to live locally and to facilitate bringing people (young and old) together through sport - helping to ensure that the equipment purchased by the Parish Council is put to good use. I'm pleased to be able to report that it looks as though we may have secured the funding for the post - though this has yet to be confirmed.

And alongside all this, is the building redevelopment - refurbishing the interior of the church and joining the church with the St Laurence Centre. Providing for the needs of the community is what is driving our plans forward. We are looking to provide a space that groups serving the needs of the community can grow in to, as well as provide some smaller meeting areas. Through the plans, we are also seeking to address the issue of accessibility. The process is long, and it's still going through the planning stages, but we hope that once the necessary permissions are in place, that work will soon be able to start.

John Evans Good Citizen Award 2019

At Brundall's Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 29th April, the recipient of the 2019 John Evans Good Citizen award is rev Peter Leech and Paula-Marie Leech.



[Peter and Paula-Marie receiving their Award](#)

Peter Leech and Paula-Marie Leech

Peter and Paula-Marie, along with their five children, arrived to take up the position Rector of Brundall in August 2013. He was previously Curate at St Mary's in Stalham.

His background in education has served him well having taught for some years in Tower Hamlets. Peter and Paula-Marie soon established their place in Brundall taking not too long at all to establish the variety of clubs we now see in the village for both young, old and in the middle.

He managed to do in Stalham what he has also achieved in Brundall and that is to develop strong links with our local schools which have extended a wider range of activities in the schools but also enabling pupils to visit the church for services and outdoor activities. His background in education has served him well having taught for some years in Tower Hamlets.

Both Peter and Paula-Marie soon established their place in Brundall taking not too long at all to establish the variety of clubs we now see in the village for both young, old and in the middle.

Their thoughtful planning did not just entail the very enjoyable Rectory Open gardens and a range of services seen in most village churches such as Harvest, Easter and Christmas services, but a wider range of services consisting of Traditional, Contemporary and Simple services appealing to all age ranges.

Their implementation of a much-needed youth club arose due to the closure of the Youth Club at the Memorial Hall when County funding streams had all but dried up. A Place 2 Be Me was created and with that became an award-winning club under the Ambition First Steps initiative which has since become simply the My Place clubs.

Not to be outdone by the character Geraldine Granger, they started up the Paws in the Pews services allowing pets into the Church. In the five and a half years they have been in Brundall we have seen many other clubs appear and indeed flourish:

The Forget-Me-Not cafes for families experiencing Dementia, Toddler cafes to link into young families, holiday clubs including the Seaside Rock Holiday Clubs, Coffee Break at the Memorial Hall, Jigsaw on a Sunday, the Tea and Chat for the bereaved and the regularly held community cafes.

We need to be thankful to them for the setting up of the Food bank service, which both Peter and Paula-Marie have spearheaded, but the refurbishment of the splendid Church Rooms, and more recently the acquisition of the new WAV (wheelchair access vehicle). They continue to raise money for good causes such as Christian Aid and the Children's Society.

But they didn't stop there. They are instrumental in planning a church rooms expansion which will benefit the expanding church membership for which they probably won't but should take the credit for. Now they have even found some time to supply the refreshments for the parkrun and Peter is an key and active member of the Recreation (CDROB) Committee.

It does take a special type of person (but in this case people) to attract an ever-increasing range of volunteers resulting in a vibrant and active Community. We do know how very hard it is to come by precious helpers, but to Peter and Paula-Marie, they have managed to do this with apparent ease and should be commended for it.

The village has to be very thankful to them both for their huge efforts in creating a really healthy community life which has added quality and value to a lot of people's lives. We don't know exactly how they find the time to do all of this and bring up 5 lovely children but they do.

Report by the Responsible Financial Officer

Budget Precepts

- Set at £88,200 for 2018-19
- Set at £99,011 for 2019-20
- 12.3% increase

Prior to 2015, the Council had Precept increases of nil or under 2% but due to the growth in the village, and the need to contribute more, the Parish Council has increased its precept by 2.4%, 10.7% and 4.8% over the last 3 years. This year's increase is a largely due to the decision by the Council that it needs a Deputy Clerk. The illness of the Clerk at the beginning of the financial year exposed a) a gap in the Council's finances to employ a locum Clerk, and b) the need to have additional support for the Clerk to cover holiday and illness, and to help with our burgeoning land/general costs and accompanying Clerk's time, plus a growing parish population.

Projects 2018-19

- Ongoing Friends of Cremer's Meadow development plan
- Land Acquisition – preparing for land from the Berryfield's development - 1.12 Ha of open space for the building of a 3G sports facility
- A ceremony to commemorate a Nations Tribute to the end of WWI, including the erection and dedication of a Shard at the Cemetery
- Replacement of the remaining old streetlights with new LED heads

Reserves at year end 2018-19

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| • General Reserve | £12,174.56 |
| • WW1 Shard | £ 650.00 |
| • Bus Shelter replacement | £ 4,314.02 |
| • Church Fen General Reserve | £ 5,516.25 |
| • Allotments General Reserve | £ 2,000.00 |
| • Land Management | £ 5,940.94 |
| • Lamp Post Renewal Reserve | £ 9,784.51 |
| • Playground General Reserve | £ 2,886.50 |
| • Cemetery | £ 14,092.39 |
| • Total Section 106 Reserve | -£ 3,389.68 |
| • Cremer's Meadow | £ <u>970.69</u> |
| • Total | £ 54,940.18 |

Budgets

- An overall underspend of £8,161.87
- £12,095 spent on the upgrade of LED's from SOX for streetlight heads - 59 heads on newer steel lampposts
- £22,079.40 S106 money spent on plans and advice for the new 3G Sports Hub facility
- £1,200 in donations and fundraising received for the provision of the WW1 Shard at the Cemetery

S106 Spending

- Original amount from an ex gratia Persimmon payment of £200,000. Remainder at end of 2018-19 £585.32
- Pending reimbursement of S106 invoices £5,280.00
- Pending reimbursement of spent legal expenses £200.00 for the Sports Hub facility
- Amount in Broadland District Council's S106 care for Brundall to spend on open space formal recreation £795,000

Claudia Dickson. RFO and Deputy Clerk to Brundall Parish Council

Planning matters

Introduction

There are three Parish Councillors' who are on Brundall's Planning Sub-Committee (Joe Warns, Julie Mickelburgh and Lawrence Britt).

The purpose of the Planning Sub-Committee is to monitor developments and review planning applications, for example, from a converting a conservatory to a kitchen to extensions to homes, to new buildings/constructions, to fencing height, to no step access to the Norwich side rail platform, and to change of business type).

It is worth noting, the Committee receive planning applications from two authorities: BDC and the Broad Authority.

Planning Committee actions for the year for May 2018 to April 2019.

(a) Over the last year the Planning Committee has visited sites reviewed as many as 40 planning applications.

(b) The Planning Sub-Committee Monitors Developers' possible future actions.

For example:

- (i) Pidgeon Investment Management and its ideas for developments in the area.
- (ii) The Greater Norwich Local Plan, here PC commented that it objects to GNLP views covering new future developments in Brundall. We note in this Report, Brundall Parish Council has also put forward to GNLP comments that in its view the whole field next to the Memorial Hall be allocated as recreational site as opposed to QL wanting this area for housing. With reference to the latter point, there is a possible June (?) BDC planning committee meeting which could see QL's application being determined/discussed.

Conclusions

In conclusion, all Planning Committees reviews (tentative conclusions) are put forward to Brundall Parish Councillors for a 'final' (voting) decision. Overall many applications the PC agreed with and only a few it did not (for reasons of impact on environment etc.). These PC views are represented to the BDC Local Planning Authority – providing an opportunity for our community to add its own represented voice to planning decision process.

Report by the Chairman of Brundall Allotment Association

My name is Sarah; I am currently Deputy Chair of Brundall Allotment Association. I think this may have been a role I have got into by accident. I have been trying to overturn a life time of running away from being involved in anything that has responsibility or club membership. I stuck my hand up on a couple of occasions and now find myself here today.

The allotments are contained within Brundall Country Park on a site provided by the Parish Council. We all pay a yearly rental to the Parish Council and a separate subscription to the Brundall Allotment Association. The BAA runs the site and provides and organizes communal facilities, like the Big Shed, wood chippings, the swop table, and communal tools for use by everyone.

The Allotments are a very well used parish facility. Allotments are a social form of gardening, providing the individual holders, not only with fresh healthy produce, but also valuable exercise, and are likely to add to general overall “well-being” and social interaction. Getting an Allotment was one of the things on my personal bucket list when I moved to Brundall in mid-2017.

We currently have a mixture of full, half and quarter plots currently under cultivation. The site now has games equipment provided via the Co-op grant that we received last year, we expect that that these will make our site more family friendly.

I would also like to thank the Parish Council for providing a large amount of thick black plastic which has been used to cover vacant plots and suppress the weeds that invariably colonize such areas. This has really assisted in bringing these plots back into cultivation in a staged process.

The Allotment site is, I think, beginning to look mature. We have “original” plot holders with immaculate plots and many others who have joined us recently.

We have plans going forward for a shared poly tunnel on part of the site. Our Chairman, Richard Farley, has approached the Co-Op for funding for this project. We hope that this will be of great benefit to members who do not have a greenhouse at home.

Sarah Sloan

Report by the Leader of Friends of Brundall Countryside Park

I have very recently agreed to take on the role of Chair of the Friends of Brundall Countryside Park, so I apologise in advance for this report being a little brief. Earlier this year, Greg Chandler decided to step down as Chair, and I think all those involved with the park will join me in thanking for the time and energy Greg has given to this work over the last few years to help make the countryside park what it is today. I come to the role as a regular user of the countryside park, as dog walker, allotmentee and wildlife recorder, though regrettably not as a park runner. I have been involved right from the start, though providing advice on the management plan and through the Friends group in the early days and I have tried to keep up to date through the minutes of the Land Management Committee. In my professional life, I manage 2000 acres of RSPB nature reserves in the Yare Valley for both nature conservation and public recreation and I hope I can bring

some of this experience to make the Countryside Park a better place for the people of Brundall and for Nature.

It was way back in 2014 that the Parish Council negotiated an agreement with the landowner, Norfolk County Council, to create a countryside park and the allotment site within, so Brundall Countryside Park is almost 5 years old. There was a flurry of activity in that first winter, installing the car park and allotment fencing, putting overhead power cables underground and planting young trees to establish natural woodland over approximately half of the park. In 2015 the Parish Council commissioned a management plan from an environmental consultancy, the Landscape Partnership. The management plan sets out the intended use and management policies for the park and includes a schedule of management tasks for the maintenance and development of the park, and this is where the real work started.

In the last year the park has continued to evolve, and it has been very well used. Each week hundreds of people of all ages visit the park to run or walk for fitness and wellbeing, to exercise dogs or just to walk or sit in natural space close to where they live. The maintenance of the park has been carried out by contractors, the community payback scheme and volunteers led by Greg Chandler. The main routine management tasks have included the regular mowing of amenity grassland and paths, weeding around the young trees, cutting and raking of the wildflower meadow and controlling the thistles and other undesirable plants that dominated the vegetation in the early days of the park. Many of the young trees and hedging plants showed signs of stress in last summer's very hot dry weather but thankfully losses seem to be minimal. Some of the paths have been showing wear and tear over the winter and repair work carried out has not been entirely successful. Some ideas have been put forward to how best to manage this in the future.

Being very new in this role I am not able to say what will be happening in the coming year, but now we have the fabric of the park in place, I am keen to progress the development the *countryside* elements. The management plan emphasised that the management of the countryside park should ensure the maintenance of significant areas of cover for wildlife and the Parish Council is aware that there is much work to do to progress the nature-focussed elements of the original plan.

Now that the initial weed problem is under control, there is potential to reduce the extent and frequency of mowing in the woodland and grassland areas to promote a greater range of wildflowers and to provide more cover for birds and insects throughout the year. The small areas of wildflower meadow have been very successful, and I hope we can continue to work to bring more wildflower diversity into the rest of the grassland, while being mindful of the associated maintenance work.

The trees are now in their 5th growing season and despite the rather slow growth they are well established and starting to gain height. But they are still very much a group of young trees and not really a woodland. Young woodlands, if allowed to develop naturally, develop into a dense thicket between 5-15 years of age and at this stage they are home to many nesting birds. If we can encourage dense, shrubby growth, I really think we could have several species of birds nesting in the new woodland within the next five years.

There were quite a few wildlife friendly features included in the management plan – for example nest boxes, bee posts, log piles, a hibernaculum, banks or swales. While there are some issues to consider, such as safety and vandal-proofing, I am sure that many of these features could be great additions to the park and provide great opportunities to communicate to park users about the wildlife purposes of the park. None of these ideas would require significant capital outlay, nor should they result in increased maintenance costs and all will be entirely compatible with all the current uses of the park.

In developing the park's management, it will be important to inform people who use the park about what is being done and why, and I think we will need to give some thought to how this is done. I aim to work with the Parish Council to ensure we are involving people from a range of interests in the planning of the park's management, and coming year leading up to the review of the management plan which is due in 2020 provides a good opportunity to do this.

Leader of the Friends of Cremer's Meadow - Gill Buckley

See attached Powerpoint slideshow

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Report from the Chairman of the Memorial Hall, Jamie Smith

My report can only really cover since the time when I and the rest of my fellow Trustees took up our positions in late September last year, following the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

I don't hesitate to admit my knowledge and that of my fellow Trustees was extremely limited in terms of management of the Hall. Our first and main priority was to research and study the main structure of the Hall and its very purpose, additional to this we needed to familiarise ourselves with the Administration, Constitution and The Rules and Regulations as laid down by our regulators the Charities Commission, as well as introducing ourselves to the Service Users and local residents of the Brundall village.

Shortly after becoming the BMHMC, we had the setback of losing three of our Trustees, not least my predecessor Mr Bob Cole. The committee Chairman, a gentleman for whom I have the utmost respect for. Of the Trustees remaining, we found it was necessary to prioritise our responsibilities, inevitably this meant some of our plans were placed on the back burner so to speak.

With 3 Trustees tendering their resignation, we regrouped this providing the opportunity for Ms Sharon Smyth to provide a lead role whilst taking on the position of Acting Chairperson. Sharon's skills knew no bounds, her previous experience shone through, literally holding us all together as a working committee. I learned a great deal under Sharon's leadership.

As we started to take on our new roles in forming a committee, we were privileged to do so in a totally refurbished hall, which was project managed to a high specification by Bob Cole. Work had just finished only days before the 2018 AGM took place. Appreciation of Bobs exceptional efforts drew compliments from residents and service users far and wide.

October 2018, we had the opportunity to arrange a table in the foyer of the Hall, on which we placed a various assortment of new and used books, covering a wide range of topics such as Fact/Fiction, Novels, Various books of interest and books for Teens and Toddler's. This venture was so successful from mid October to the 17th of December 2018, it raised £117.85. These proceeds were used to finance Christmas decorations and to decorate Christmas trees. The tree in the main Hall served as a beautiful backdrop to many photos of the organised events that took place over the festive period. I understand from speaking with many of the Hall's group organisers this year was the first since anybody could remember, there had been any Christmas decorations on display at BMH. From the 17th of December to the 14th of March this year, funds raised from the sale of books amounted to a further £139.04 and to date a further amount of £55.61, was raised giving a total amount raised to date of £312.50. This a reflection of the generosity and support provided by Service Users and Residents of Brundall and surrounding areas. We will soon provide a suggestion box in the foyer near to where the book sales take place, this will allow anybody wishing to make suggestions on what the sale of book proceeds could be used for to do so.

November saw the celebrations and recognition of the First and Second World War Armistice and Brundall Memorial Hall opened its doors, to various events that had taken place over the Remembrance period. One of the Halls group organisers, Mrs Chloe Veale was instrumental in managing many of the arrangements at the Hall for that weekend. A decision was reached by BMHMC to purchase and install a Commemorative 6 seater bench, depicting fallen heroes of previous conflicts. Trustees of the BMH Committee were invited to lay a wreath at the unavailing of the new Shard this was arranged by Brundall Parish Council.

December proved a busy time for us at the Hall but provided a welcome break for many of the Halls groups, whilst they took either one or two weeks break for the Christmas and New Year period, as with any period of inactivity the Halls earning potential also tapered off, this would later pick up in January 2019.

January provided the Sub Committee of Trustees the opportunity to get to work on redrafting the replacement Constitution, the purpose of carrying out such an overall of the previous Constitution, it was felt the original version, was outdated and no longer fit for purpose. The redrafting of the replacement was by no means an easy task and took up an immense amount of time for the Trustees, working to a tight schedule to get the redrafted version out for the community to have their say by providing comments and suggestions. BMHMC are awaiting feedback on the proposed Constitution, before asking the next Committee to ratify it before sending it on to the Charities Commission for approval prior to implementation. The Committee would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to Sharon Smyth, Marianne Gibbs and Lawrence Britt, for their immense Support and due diligence in getting the Constitution to the stage we are at today.

February We were privileged to have on board our replacement Assistant Administrator Jeanette Lovatt. Jeanette has become a popular member of staff at the Hall and a friendly face to many of the Service Users, there isn't a day goes by when we as Trustees don't hear good things about Jeanette, one of the more recent comments being "She's what the Hall has needed for a long time".

March and we finally went live with our new website. Offering everything from up to date information about what's taking place at the Hall, to online group bookings and more. We have had some interesting feedback on the new website, providing constructive and helpful information and suggestions.

Within the past 7 months we have been sorry to say goodbye to 2 of our regular groups, and welcomed 2 new groups. Our assistant administrator is doing a great job, filling the Halls timetable with bookings, making good use of times of availability. There are still times we could capitalize on periods when the Hall is quiet, say for instance weekends. Jeanette is already working to do this and has been successful in securing bookings at the Hall for weekends.

A group now using the Hall on Sundays is already doing well, in addition to this we still have regular private party bookings such as Christenings, Weddings, Birthdays, Anniversaries ect. The present Committee had planned to hold a price review in order to eradicate some confusion around booking durations and prices. It is hoped the review can continue with the next Committee.

The Committee had set a date for applications from new Trustees up to and including the 3rd 5th 2019, by that time there was no interest forthcoming and so it was decided to extend that period up to and including the 14th 5th 2019. If by this time we have still not had any further interested applicants, it will leave just 3 Trustees to carry the management of Brundall Memorial Hall forward.

The consultation period for feedback from the community on the new draft of the Constitution, was extended to Tuesday 14th May 2019, from 3rd May 2019, on the 15th of May 2019, the Committee will meet to look at and discuss any comments made.

Myself and fellow Trustees wish to thank,

Sharon Harper (Cleaner). The Hall is always clean, tidy and most presentable to the highest of standards. Sharon Harper's loyalty and hard work at the Hall was rewarded late last year with a favourable pay review. (Please see Treasurers Report)

Teresa Abbot (Previous Administrative Assistant). Teresa left our employment in November of last year, in order to take up a position elsewhere. In the time she was with the Hall, her work was exceptional and we were most pleased to provide her with a glowing reference to that effect. It was always going to be a challenge to find a replacement to Teresa, given she had herself set the standards in what we should expect.

Jeanette Lovatt (Administrative Assistant). Jeanette joined us earlier this year and this took a lot of the strain off both myself and Sharon Smyth, allowing us to get on with other pressing issues.

Since starting her new position, Jeanette has proved she was exactly what we were looking for in a replacement. I intend to provide further information regarding terms of Jeanette Lovatt's contracted hours. (Please see Treasurers Report)

Bob Cole (Previous Trustee/Chairman). Bob resigned his position on the Committee in November of 2018. During his time at the Hall Bob was instrumental in overseeing and project managing the refurbishment works, throughout the works Bob applied himself to the project every hour God sent, to say he was totally committed would be an understatement. The benefits of his efforts are evident today, when one sees the Hall in its present condition, throughout Bob's time at BMH, he formed a very special professional relationship with anybody he came into contact with, Service Users, Contractors, Fellow Trustees, Group Organisers etc.

Sharon Smyth (Elected Trustee/Treasurer/Coordinator). Sharon resigned her position as a Trustee in April of this year. When Sharon left we lost the very backbone of the Committee, when Bob Cole stepped down from his position on the Committee, Sharon stepped in to act as Chairperson until the Committee could elect a more permanent Chair, as I had said in the beginning of this Chairman's report. I came on to the Committee with very little knowledge if any, I soon got to learn, by seeking advice and support from Sharon as a mentor, I

would do well to have sought guidance from Sharon. Sharon knew everything there was to know and counselled us in all aspects of what was expected of us as Trustees, She provided me with the additional support needed to become a Treasurer, without Sharon's support, I would have learned nothing about the management of a charity. In January of this year I suffered a life threatening event and was hospitalised for some time, it was after this time I had to relax my position of Hall Manager and Maintenance provider, if re-elected I intend to revert to my previous position, having taken some much needed rest and recuperation.

Marianne Gibbs (Independent Advisor). Marianne has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to understanding the mechanism of the Hall's Constitution.

When the Sub Committee approached Marianne to ask for her assistance with advice on the re-drafted Constitution, she happily volunteered her own time free of any charge to provide it, between Marianne Gibbs, Sharon Smyth and Lawrence Britt the new Constitution was drafted, the Committee wish to offer their most sincere gratitude to Marianne, Sharon and Lawrence for the level of commitment they, applied to making the replacement Constitution a reality.

Lawrence Britt (Appointed Trustee) despite Lawrence's many commitments he has always found time to put in so much work into his role as Trustee, he played a major role in the re-drafting of the Constitution and was always available to offer words of wisdom to me.

Josh Whitwood (Elected Trustee/Vice Chairman). Throughout my period of illness, Josh kindly stepped in to cover my workload, for this I am truly grateful. Josh took this on even though he had his own share of the work to manage at the Hall.

Brian Strowger (Appointed Trustee/Secretary). The Committee would particularly wish to extend their gratitude to Brian, despite our ever depleting numbers on the Committee, Brian has kept everything together in getting everything in place for the AGM, without his best efforts, we would have really struggled.

George Goleby (Elected Trustee). George has been unwell for some time and has therefore been unable to attend as many Committee meetings, as I am sure he would have liked to. We wish George well and hope he will seek to be re-elected onto the next Committee.

This Committee have seen some turbulent times this term. I believe the management can make a recovery by increasing its current number of Trustees and/or Volunteers.

Projects we would like to see in the coming year are,

1/ A structure put in place to reopen the youth shelter, currently housed to the rear of the Hall.

The Committee undertook its management from Brundall Parish Council in March this year.

2/ The removal of the pillar in the lounge.

3/ Replacement carpets/floor covering, to the Lounge and Meeting Room.

4/ Additional ambient lighting and a mirrored sphere for the Main Hall, this would provide for more groups to hold events such as Ballroom Dancing, and private parties such as Weddings/Christenings/Anniversaries/Birthdays/Engagements etc.

5/ Additional White goods in the kitchen such as a second refrigerator for storage.

6/ To replace the current flooring in the Main Hall with a more suitable type of gymnasium type flooring.

7/ To continue with the pricing review for groups using the Hall.

8/ To upgrade security of the Hall,

9/ And finally if the person/s who nicked around 5 foot of wooden fencing from the rear bin area of the Hall, could find it in their conscience to return it, we would be most grateful.

Much of the required expense to provide for this would be grant aided and as with any grant aiding, it will take the pressure of using the Halls available revenue and allow much more.

Trustees provide all their time voluntarily without any form of payment, they do so around their regular commitments such as work etc. In order to run an effective Committee, we are looking at needing around 8 full time Trustees at any one time. We have been managing this year with around 5 Trustees at best, we have achieved much in the time we have been involved and hope to move on to do much more,

we hope therefore to attract more support from the community by way of other Trustees or volunteers coming forward to increase the current number of Trustees.

As Trustees we have always set out to be fully transparent with all our actions, the quarterly accounts, year end accounts together with agendas and minutes of Trustee meetings are all in the lobby for the village to see.

As a village of 4500 plus inhabitants we need to have the infrastructure to support a strong and vibrant Hall, offering facilities to allow for all its residents to stay active and healthy for longer by providing the facilities of what we have to offer.

As Chairman of the Trustees, I would like to thank all those who have been involved with the Hall in the past year. Service Users, Staff, Contractors, Local residents and businesses and my fellow Trustees.

Report by the parkrun co-coordinator

I would firstly like to thank the parish council for their continued support for Brundall parkrun. This is now more important than ever with the introduction of the NHS Long Term Plan which is now targeting population health management to keep people well rather than wholly focusing on just treating people who are ill. With this in mind, Norfolk and Norwich Councils have highlighted parkrun as an early intervention for families to get active.

We have been very lucky this winter with the weather and have only had to cancel parkrun on a few occasions. We will continue to monitor the park if we do have a period of wet weather.

Numbers have dropped slightly with the new parkrun opening in Lingwood but we are still regularly seeing 100 runners per week. During the Easter period, we welcomed several visitors. It was lovely to see them staying on after the run enjoying the fabulous refreshments supplied by Yare Valley Churches sitting on the grass chatting with other park runners. Yare Valley Churches providing refreshments has re-kindled the community feel at parkrun and the cakes are delicious.

Rob Aram has kindly put up a shed (behind the toilet shed) in the allotment area for us to keep our parkrun items in. I would like to extend our thanks to the Allotment Association and Parish Council for the help with this.

Barbara Button

Speedwatch Report by the Co-Coordinator, Stephen Rix

I'm Stephen Brundall Speedwatch Coordinator.

Please except my apologizes for not attending tonight.

We have had another good year unfortunately still catching too many speeders, the new camera is still working exceptionally well.

| Location | Visits | Speeder's | 2017/2018 | |
|------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| Cucumber Lane | 6 | 25 | 12 | 68 |
| Station New Road | 15 | 40 | 11 | 22 |
| Blofield Road | 9 | 28 | 5 | 4 |
| Postwick Lane | 11 | 46 | 8 | 17 |
| Total's | 41 | 139 | 36 | 111 |

We had 27 visits cancelled 12 weather related 13 people related and 2 due to roadworks.

As you can see Postwick Lane is now way out in front on the leader board, when I first started doing Speed watch Postwick Lane was regarded as a waste of time as it was quiet and hardly any speeders now it's very different.

Also, this information is over 10 months as we were unable to do any in July due to holidays and illness, and we don't do December anyway, as there is not normally any one to process the paperwork.

The highest speeder we've had this year was 62 mph on Strumpshaw Road, we had already clocked him at 36 mph.

We no longer receive any reports from our engagement officer, so we are not informed of what the enforcement officer does.

The SAM sign is still going strong- still getting moved around every 28 days or so!

Just wish we could do more with the data it generates.

These are the latest figures the SAM sign has produced.

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| HIGHFIELD AVENUE | 4/4/19 – 1/5/19 | 39 SPEEDERS |
| STATION NEW ROAD | 7/3/19 – 4/4/19 | 2,870 SPEEDERS |
| BLOFIELD ROAD | 11/2/19 – 7/3/19 | 1,627 SPEEDERS |
| POSTWICK LANE | 10/1/19 – 6/2/19 | 2,113 SPEEDERS |
| CUCUMBER LANE | 8/11/18 – 6/12/18 | 2,902 SPEEDERS |

Bearing in mind these figures are in 1 direction so could easily be doubled!

We now try and visit the site where the SAM sign has been the previous month and work out the timings of our visit according to the data received.

**Stephen Rix –Community
Speedwatch**

Tree Warden Report

My name is Richard Farley and I have taken on the role as volunteer Tree warden.

I have been retired for nearly 8 years but when I left, at the age of 61, I was working for the Broads Authority with the title of Head of Navigation works which included responsibility for the trees that effect safe navigation of the waterways these also included trees on the 24hr moorings.

I had to assess, and record many of the trees that the boating public came into contact with on health and safety grounds.

I am a qualified chainsaw operator but do not plan to use this qualification however it certainly helps in having the knowledge to assess potentially dangerous trees.

I attended several seminars and training to gain further knowledge and this is how I got my interest in the management of trees.

Working so closely with the environment for over 30 years I thought my role as Brundall tree warden could benefit the village that I live in, and use the knowledge that I have gained

I contacted John Fleetwood who coordinates the tree warden network and we discussed how I could register to become part of the scheme. I only became your warden in mid-February so it is early days for me and am still getting my head around what is expected of me.

Being the Chairman of the Brundall Allotment Association has helped me in my contacts within the village and knowing the Parish Clerks Sharon and Claudia has made it easier to build a good working arrangement they have both assisted me in understanding the role and I feel that given time I will be a benefit to the community.

I have already made contact with Brundall Primary School and assisted them to apply to receive cherry trees in an initiative between Japan and the Government.

Gill Buckley asked me to assess Cremer's meadow and I am compiling my findings.

I have reported on potential Tree Preservation Order applications, and looked at several trees that the residents have submitted to Broadland District Council that require potential work.

Sharon asked me to look at a tree on Strumpshaw Road that a passerby had concerns about, this was then reported to Highways and we are waiting for an outcome.

I plan to undertake further surveys including Church Fen understanding the importance of protecting a quiet and peaceful place that is full of wildlife.

I have had a good look at the countryside park regarding the young trees that were planted and I feel when they mature they will need ongoing maintenance. In my opinion several trees were planted too close together but time will tell.

John Fleetwood kindly took me around the village and showed me the trees that have Tree Preservation Orders on, in fact quite a lot for a relatively small village.

I am patiently waiting for a full list from Broadland District Council which will make my task easier in the future.

Broadland District Council do publish a list of outstanding planning applications and I do check this every week which is a good way of keeping up to date.

The Broadland Tree warden Network was founded in November 2018 and has formed our own. Independent Network. We will need financial support from the parishes we serve to be an effective organization to which Brundall Parish Council have already kindly contributed.

.John Fleetwood is the Network coordinator and if I need advice is always contactable and happy to assist.

I am very impressed with John's monthly news sheet which must take time to compile and is full of interesting topics.

He arranges meetings and informative trips so in the longer term I will gain further knowledge and I will be able to chat to other tree wardens and hear of their experiences.

I have attached in my paperwork the aims and objectives of the Broadland Tree warden scheme which I sent Sharon this may be helpful to Councilors and if anybody would like a copy of our magazine I am happy to make arrangements.

I hope you are happy with my progress and I will try to encourage everybody within the village of the benefit of protecting our heritage.

Please remember all Tree Wardens are volunteers and undertake the role because of their love of trees

Richard Farley

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