Broadland District Councillors Report for Brundall Parish Council Meeting – 19 December 2022

Cllr Davis and Cllr Laming visited the Broadland Food Innovation Centre in Honingham on 24 November. This is a new building owned by BDC on the larger Food Enterprise Park, with 13 units of different sizes available to rent for growing food businesses. The building has been built to BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) standards and it is hoped that it will be powered completely by renewable energy.

Cllr Davis attended an online meeting with representatives from other organisations on 29 November to discuss the matter of an unauthorised encampment on the Norfolk County Council owned access road to the drainage basin close to the Postwick Park and Ride site. The residents moved on the following day.

The Postwick Park and Ride service will continue to run until Christmas Eve. Konectbus are continuing to actively promote the service on social media and via other channels and are monitoring the usage numbers.

On 1 December, Cllr Davis received an update from Anglian Water on the measures taken to resolve the problem of sewage overflows onto the Mid-Yare RSPB Reserve at Cantley Marshes. Work has been carried out to increase the capacity on the local sewer network and introduce additional monitoring equipment so they have sufficient response time when there is a blockage or unacceptable high flows in the system.

Land in Postwick on the north side of the Yarmouth Road near the Oaks Lane roundabout has been purchased by Shred Station and scoping work has begun on the site. A planning application has not yet been lodged.

On 6 December Cllr Davis and Cllr Laming attended the opening event at the The Oaks development by Allison Homes, off Poppy Way near Broadland Gate Business Park. The development includes social housing and shared ownership housing.

Brundall PC have been awarded a Warm Spaces Grant of £600 by BDC for running a Warm Space at the St Laurence Centre in conjunction with the parish church. This will be available to residents free of charge, with no barriers to access. The centre is open on Monday and Thursday from 10am-2pm and on Tuesday from 2pm - 4pm to provide a warm space with facilities for the community.

The grant aims to help with the extra costs that may occur to provide these sessions including utility bills, food and drink supplies or activities.  Warm spaces are listed on the Norfolk Community Foundation website:   
<https://www.norfolkfoundation.com/hot-spots/>

And the warm welcome website:

<https://www.warmwelcome.uk/#find-a-space>

A Mindful Towns and Villages scheme has been launched in Aylsham and will be rolled out across the district in 2023. This provides free training and support for people to become Mental Health Champions. Any community group or organisation who would like to access the training should contact the Help Hub via the BDC website.

BDC is encouraging residents to shop locally as part of their Love Local, Spend Local campaign. If every adult in the district spent an extra £10 with local businesses over the Christmas period, it would add approx. £1m to the local economy.

BDC provides support for those residents struggling with the cost of living via its Help Hub. Contact: 01603 430431

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/help-hub-1>

Cllr Davis has followed up with Network Rail regarding the level crossing at Burnt House Road, Cantley. They are considering the response from the landowner who has offered access to lower the rail embankment to improve the sight line to the west of the crossing.

Happy Christmas and New Year from us both.

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming 15/12/22)