

Brundall Sports Hub

Update February 2023

This is the fourth update on the new Sports Hub in Brundall, which is being released early to update residents on progress.

As a reminder, the project was split into the following two components:

- Component 1 – 3G Pitch, floodlights and car park
- Component 2 – Changing facilities with community room

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We are now nearing completion of this phase with the majority of work completed.

Currently, the facility is going through the final stages of testing and commissioning before it is handed over to the Parish Council. Handover remains due in Q1 2023 so that the pitch is ready for use.

As previously stated, temporary facilities including an accessible toilet are on site awaiting utility connection in preparation for an operator.

Component 2 – Changing facilities with community room

As previously announced, Brundall Parish Council appointed Real Consulting to support the tender process for this component.

The tender package (RIBA Stage 4 drawings, specifications etc.) is complete and ready to be issued to interested parties as well as advertised in line with our Standing Orders.

Real Consulting have provided the Parish Council with a robust cost estimate which allows us to finalise the funding applications to deliver the building.

Appointment of an Operator for the Sports Hub

Brundall Parish Council are working with Norfolk FA to ensure that the best value is secured for residents and users of the facility. Our key aims are:

- To maximise the number of users of the facility across all age groups
- Make the offering as affordable as possible for users

With the project split into 2 components and the pitch being delivered in advance of the building, it may be the case that an interim operator is appointed initially. We are working with Norfolk FA and being guided by their experience to make sure residents and users get the best outcome.

We have carried out initial meetings with 5 operators who have experience of running similar facilities and have enquiries from others. The Parish Council expects to receive all proposals back by the end of February 2023 to review.

The future

Brundall Parish Council will continue to look at developing the Sports Hub facility beyond the 2 components above to further the opportunities available to local residents - this will be influenced by both facilities available locally and the feedback received from residents via the survey at the end of 2021.

As part of this growth, further funding will be required to enable the addition of facilities. If any residents are aware of any potential funding sources (grants, personal or corporate donations or bequests) please contact the Clerk via clerk@brundall-pc.gov.uk.

We would like to thank those residents that have already provided information on potential funding sources.

Brundall Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has taken time to continue to read our updates and offer feedback.