Broadland District Councillors Report for Brundall Parish Council Meeting – 24 April 2023

BDC is a key member of the Broadland Health and Wellbeing Partnership. A Health and Wellbeing strategy has been adopted by the council and the partnership which focuses on promoting good health and wellbeing, tackling health inequalities and supporting people to live as well as possible. The three core themes are Mental Health and Wellbeing, Access and Prevention and Resilient and Healthy Communities. The strategy will be regularly reviewed.

Work is beginning to renew the railway track in the Cantley area. The majority of the work will take place over the weekend 22-23 April but preparation work has begun. The date for completion of the full project is 21 May. Cllr Davis has asked questions about the inadequate state of the level crossing gates and related safety concerns and received confirmation that the gates will be completely replaced.

Applications for the 2023 Veolia Sustainability Fund open on Friday 21 April. The fund supports projects which have both social and environmental benefits for their communities. Last year Brundall Community River Watch received funding for running litter picks on the River Yare. For more information and to apply go to:

<https://www.veolia.co.uk/sustainability-fund>

The [Cabinet Office has launched a new system that will give the Government and emergency services the capability to send an alert directly to mobile phones](https://nalc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=16886b5d6c31eade2f9a50027&id=3f55df6cfc&e=94d9080afb) when there is a risk to life. A UK-wide alerts test will take place at 15.00 on Sunday 23 April which will see people receive a test message on their mobile phones. The [Emergency Alerts system](https://nalc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=16886b5d6c31eade2f9a50027&id=fb260a26df&e=94d9080afb) will allow the government to get urgent messages quickly to nearly 90 per cent of mobile phones in a defined area. The alerts will only ever come from the Government or emergency services, and they will issue a warning, the details of the area impacted, and instructions about how best to respond.

BDC has secured substantial funding from the public sector decarbonisation scheme. This will be used to refurbish the Horizon Centre with an energy efficient heating system. Work should be completed by March 2024.

All street and footway lights owned by BDC will be upgraded to LED’s to reduce energy costs and carbon emissions.  Timers will also be fitted.

A petition has been set up by Su Allport, Clerk to Postwick Parish Council to call for the reinstatement of the Postwick park and ride service. Cllr Davis and Cllr Laming fully support this.

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming 20/4/23)