

Agenda:

1. 7.00 pm Welcome and Report by the Chairman Other Reports
2. 7.10 pm Responsible Financial Officer
3. 7.20 pm Announcement of the recipient of the John Evans Good Citizen Award
4. 7.30 pm County/District Councillor(s)
5. 7.40pm Broadland Police SNT team
6. 7.45 pm Yare Valley Churches
7. 7.50 pm Parish Tree Warden 8. 7.55 pm Brundall Allotment Association
9. 8.00 pm Friends of Cremer's Meadow
10. 8.10 pm parkrun

Chairman's Report

The year under review has been challenging but rewarding. In addition to managing 'business as usual' we have seen our efforts to establish our Sports Hub take a significant step forward with the 3G sports pitch coming to fruition and plans for the associated pavilion at an advanced stage.

We agreed to deliver the Sports Hub in two phases, the 3G pitch first and then the pavilion due to budgetary challenges related to significant increases in construction and material costs. We hope to receive confirmation soon regarding our funding applications and will then be able to move the second phase of the project forward.

Following a selection process, we have identified a preferred operator for the Sports Hub, which is still subject to Council approval, and as soon as the operator is in place activities can take place and the benefits of the 3G pitch be realised as the first stage of improving our overall recreational offer.

We are also working in parallel on the Village Green and Country Park projects which will be delivered on Land East of the Memorial Hall under a Section 106 agreement with the developers. This work is in the planning and preparation stage, pending when the land and funding becomes available. We have recently agreed as a Council to take responsibility for developing these parcels of land, as well as the open spaces on Brundall Meadows, and delivering further recreational facilities for our community.

The Council has continued to deliver its normal business through the sub committee and working group structure and I am grateful for all the work that councillors, the clerks and co-opted members put in as we regularly report at our council meetings

This year has seen an important development with the establishment of an Environmental Committee with membership including not only councillors but other key stakeholders and subject matter experts.

The Council is fortunate to have the ongoing support of a wide range of groups and individuals, which will be reflected in reports to the but of particular mention are the Friends of Cremers Meadow, who will shortly be receiving the John Evans Good Citizen Award as you will hear in their citation.

We are also appreciative of the regular reports and ongoing work of our county and district councillors and offer Andrew Proctor, our county councillor, our best wishes for a speedy recovery

As we move into a new business year, the first consideration will be the result of the district and parish elections on 4 May. This will be followed by the Council's AGM on 22 May when elections and appointments will be made to take our business forward for the forthcoming year.

The Council's agenda will continue to be busy not only to deliver our normal services but also to focus on priorities such as road safety and the further delivery of recreational projects.

I am grateful for the commitment and contributions of all parish councillors as well as the Clerk, Sharon, and Deputy Clerk and RFO, Claudia who combine to bring the whole council together and allow us to deliver the best service we can for the local community.

Kevin Wilkins

Chairman

Responsible Finance Officer's Report 2022-23

The Precept for 2022/23 was set at £137,750. For 2023/24 the Precept will be £149,880. This is an increase of 8.9% (or £0.60 per Band D property per month) and reflects the Council's commitment to continuing provide the facilities and services already in the village. It includes money towards providing a safe crossing point on The Street and a Safer Journey to School route for children.

S106 Spending

- £586,755.15 S106 spending occurred in 2022/23, all on the Sports Hub project.

All S106 funds received have now been spent.

CIL Funds

The Council received the following CIL funds in 2022/23:

- £140,644.54 from the Berryfields development on Yarmouth Road.
- £9,139.45 from land adjacent to East Avenue.
- £191,875.59 advance of CIL monies to come from the Berryfields development.

All the CIL funding for 2022/23 has been allocated to the Sports Hub project.

Land in Brundall

Brundall Parish Council owns:

- Church Fen
- Cremer's Meadow
- Cucumber Lane Cemetery
- Meadow View Play Area
- Memorial Hall Play Area
- Land at Yarmouth Road for the Sports Hub

Brundall Parish Council leases land for:

- Countryside Park
- Allotments

Projects for 2023-24

- Ongoing tree management work at Low Farm Wood
- The opening and running of the Sports Hub
- A zebra crossing on The Street near the school
- Improvement of cycle ways through the village

Further Information

All finance information of the Parish Council can be found on the website.

The Finance Report will be published in the Annual Parish Report 2023, and the full accounts will be available in due course once they have been finalised. Details will be published on the website, or contact the Deputy Clerk.

Claudia Dickson

Deputy Clerk and RFO

4th April 2023

County Councillors Report (Cllr Andrew Proctor)

Norfolk County Council Budget for 2023/24

Norfolk County Council set its latest budget in February which tackles spending pressures and protects key services.

The budget approved includes:

- A net spending increase of £29.6m to £494m to meet rising costs
- A Council Tax increase in line with the Government's cap of 4.99 per cent – 2.99 per cent for general Council Tax and two per cent for the adult social care precept. This would increase the County Council's share of band D bills from £1,516.95 to £1,592.64.
- A "significant proportion" of the £59.7m savings coming from "doing things better for less", including £17m from the first phase of a strategic review of the council

The proposed spending for each department is:

- Adult social services, £249.5m
- Children's services, £232.6m
- Community and environmental services, £177.1m
- Strategy and transformation, £12.8m
- Finance and commercial services, £35.8m

The Council also agreed its £956.9m capital investment in buildings and equipment, funded by grants and property sales. In addition to a range of existing schemes, like the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing and investment in special education needs (SEND) schools, there are new investments totalling £35m:

- County Farms refurbishment and carbon reduction schemes (£9.4m)
- The rolling Technology Improvement programme (£8.2m)
- Scottow Enterprise Park refurbishment (£8.6m)
- Estate Buildings Decarbonisation initiatives (£4m)
- Highways improvements (£2.5m)
- Fire and Rescue services equipment and site improvements (£1.2m)
- Expansion of waste recycling sites and services (£0.51m)
- One Million Trees for Norfolk (£0.5m)

Have your say on the county deal

A series of events have and are continuing to taking place so you can have your say on a £600 million-plus deal to unlock opportunities to deliver more jobs, housing and investment.

Consultation takes place until 20th March at www.norfolk.gov.uk/norfolkcountydeal on the in-principle county deal devolution agreement that Norfolk County Council signed with the Government last December.

£133m for highways and transport in Norfolk over the next year

Carbon-cutting transport schemes are set for a £29 million boost in Norfolk, despite the tough financial climate.

Norfolk County Council's Cabinet agreed a forward looking and carbon-cutting transport budget for the new financial year on Monday 6 March.

At £133m the 2023/24 highways and transport budget represents a £29m increase on the previous year's budget. Despite inflation being expected to dent the authority's spending power the highway and transport team have been focusing on maintaining and improving the network and continuing strong investment in carbon cutting transport strategies as the council moves towards net zero carbon by 2030 on its own estate.

In summary the plan covers 120 walking, cycling, and road improvements across the county, and how £45.6m will be spent on maintenance of bridges, roads, drains and paths.

£50m Bus Service Improvement Plan Funding for Norfolk

Norfolk County Council was only one of around 30 authorities who successfully received an allocation from the Bus Service Improvement Plan from government, receiving one of the largest allocations at £50m over the next 3 years. The first £10m phase of this funding was received in November 2022. Through our Enhanced Partnership, we are now working closely with the Bus Operators to implement enhanced routes and services as well as reviewing infrastructure and fares to encourage passenger growth and improved bus journey reliability. This should enable bus routes to be more sustainable in the long term. Following the receipt of the first payment, measures have already been implemented. which includes an increased frequency on the Coastliner 36 service, more frequent buses from North Walsham to Norwich and new late night bus services serving Thorpe St Andrew, Thorpe End, Rackheath, Salhouse, Wroxham and Watton.

Separate to this government have confirmed the £2 single journey bus fare will be extended to June.

Thousands more trees and hedgerows to be planted in Norfolk this winter

As part of the [1 Million Trees for Norfolk project](#) Norfolk County Council is preparing to plant more than 75,000 young trees and hedges across the county in the months ahead.

In 2019, Norfolk County Council agreed an ambitious scheme to plant a million trees over five-years. The pandemic brought many challenges and caused delays which meant at the end of last year the total planted trees stood at just over 68,000.

Now the project is picking up pace rapidly, and early in 2023 the Council's Hedge Restoration Fund will plant 55,000 hedge and tree plants on six County Farms owned by Norfolk County Council.

The hedges will see improvements in nature connectivity across the farms by filling in gaps in hedgerows. This is particularly good for our wildlife as it helps join up habitats and provides corridors for wildlife to safely travel along. The project is funded by a grant from The Tree Council.

£1.5m boost for 12 pioneering jobs and skills projects

From commercial use of seaweed to improving home insulation – 12 projects to boost Norfolk's economy are getting £1.5 million from the county council. These pilot projects are part of shaping Norfolk's economic future, using £1.5 million from the local business rates fund.

These are the first phase of the Norfolk Investment Framework (NIF), which will identify long-term investment priorities for the county, to boost the economy and improve public services.

The projects include:

- Exploring development of a seaweed industry to support food, fertilisers, animal feed, biofuels and bioplastics
- Investigating water storage and desalination and the efficient movement of water supplies around Norfolk
- A digital and creative media centre in Watton, to improve skills and encourage start-up businesses
- Working with colleges to support recruitment and retention of skills tutors, including the development of a bursary to support graduates in taking up tutoring jobs
- Investigating the development of a rooftop solar panel network across greater Norwich

- Carrying out a feasibility study on retrofitting homes to maximise energy efficiency

Norfolk's Social Infrastructure Fund gives 10 organisations money to improve community impact

Norfolk County Council has awarded £775,000 to organisations who will be able to make a large positive impact in the communities in which they operate.

This is the third round of Social Infrastructure Funding, which has provided capital grants to organisations who can use the money to improve facilities for communities and widen local community services and activities. This year's funding pot totalled £1 million, with £225,000 to continue the successful partnership with Norfolk Community Foundation in expanding their Nourishing Norfolk food hubs across the county, and £775,000 available for individual projects to improve communities across Norfolk.

Examples of successful projects this year are:

- Whitlingham Charitable Trust who will get £100,000 to resurface and restore the wheelchair accessible path at Whitlingham Country Park
- North Lynn Methodist Church will get £50,000 to renovate and create new space to become an accessible community asset to host a variety of social events
- Banningham and Colby Community Hall will receive £39,790 to complete refurbishments of the hall to offer a welcoming space to bring the community together
- The Charlotte Harvey Trust in Watton will get £38,000 to refurbish and improve their toilets to make the community centre more accessible and fit for the future
- Castle Acre Village Hall in West Norfolk will receive £37,604 to make improvements such as refitting the kitchen and installing solar panels and batteries to invest in the future of the village
- Aylsham Community Church will receive £28,000 to refurbish the Jubilee Family Centre so it can once again offer a warm, welcoming, and safe space for the community
- Silver Road Community Centre in Norwich will get £18,500 to build accessible toilets and make the well-used community space more welcoming
- Sutton Parochial Church Council will receive £12,000 to add a kitchen and toilet to the church to enable it to be used as a community space

Five projects had their applications fast-tracked during the winter of 2022 to enable them to make the maximum impact as soon as possible.

Care farm among six new tenancies for Norfolk's County Farms

Norfolk County Council has welcomed six new tenants to its county farms estate.

Among the new tenants are two couples who are set to join forces to create a new care farm in west Norfolk. NHS workers Alex and Ed Webster will be working with Ben & Gemma Human to set up Ingleborough Care Farm after they discovered both parties were interested in applying for the same tenancy.

In total the six new tenants have taken on just under 750 acres of county farms land from October last year. This follows a thorough application process concluding with an interview with a panel of experts.

Norfolk Museum Service secures further funding

In November 2022, Norfolk Museums Service secured £4.126 million of Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation funding for the period 2023-2026. The funding will enable Norfolk Museums Service to deliver new Early Years' programmes across the County, expand our formal learning offer, deliver new targeted programmes to young people 11-25, along with a range of new health & wellbeing activities for residents of all ages. The funding will also support the delivery of new community learning programmes through the NCC Environment Hub at Gressenhall.

The Castle Museum recently held the opening exhibitions of HMS Gloucester that sank off Great Yarmouth in 1683. The wreck was discovered by the Barnwell Brothers from Aylsham in 2007 and they found the ship's bell in 2012 positively identifying it as The Gloucester. The bell and other artefacts are on display at the Castle Museum before being moved to a permanent location in due course.

New Adult Learning Construction Training Facilities open in Norwich and King's Lynn

In 2022, Adult Learning's vision to support the construction industry and Norfolk's economy by establishing a construction and environmental sustainability curriculum offer for adults in Norfolk, became a reality. A successful tender to the Community Renewal Fund (CRF), secured £568,000 of central government funding, and has enabled Adult Learning to establish two new construction skills training centres in Norwich and King's Lynn. These two hubs are now, in early 2023, receiving the first adult learners on site.

To gather momentum, whilst the two new sites were under development, in January 2022 Adult Learning opened a temporary construction training room at Wensum Lodge, Norwich and delivered a variety of trades, including plumbing, tiling, brick

laying, plastering and carpentry, with 400 adult registrations (January to October 2022). The participation rate of female learners was over 30% which compares to a construction industry participation figure of less than 15% in the UK.

No Cold Calling Zones introduced

308 individual No-Cold-Calling Zones (NCCZ) have been set up in the county with 11 new zones being launched in 2022. The 308 NCCZs protect 14,474 individual households across the county.

NCCZs are designated areas where residents have declared that they will not accept traders calling at their homes without an appointment, and act as a deterrent to traders and bogus callers who don't want to be recognised as working in a particular area. The zones are particularly useful and effective in areas where residents might be at a higher risk from cold calling, such as neighbourhoods with a large number of vulnerable or elderly residents. Creating an NCCZ is an effective way of helping to protect them and send a clear signal that residents do not wish to be approached in their homes.

NCCZs are effective as demonstrated by the feedback we receive. Households in NCCZs feel safer, cold calling is reduced or eliminated and residents feel better equipped to manage should traders call:

- *“Since becoming a no cold calling zone area myself and my neighbours feel safer”*
- *“On behalf of myself and residents I wish for you to know our inclusion in this scheme has made our lives more comfortable. The cold calling factor has been very minimal since (shortly after) we joined”*
- *“It is a very good idea. We feel much safer”*

Trading Standards follows up all reports of cold calling in an NCCZ, which may simply involve finding out why a trader has ignored the zone but may include more formal action. While there is no law preventing cold calling, consumers have 14 days to cancel contracts which have a value of more than £42 when signed at their home or place of work. Traders who do not issue a cancellation notice allowing the 14-day cooling off period are breaking the law and Trading Standards may be able to take enforcement action in these case

£1m funding for out of school activity facilities

Active Norfolk, who are hosted and supported by Norfolk County Council, have secured £1m to support schools to open their facilities outside of school hours to enable local communities to be more active.

Working with the Integrated Care System through 2022, Norfolk County Council is launching an ongoing programme to enable people to access physical activity opportunities as part of the treatment pathway for long-term conditions such as diabetes, stroke, and cancer. The programme will also build community capacity to support greater equity of access to opportunities for people all across the county.

Working closely with Children's Services, we provided holiday activities and food at Easter, during the summer holidays and over Christmas, for around 10,000 children in 2022. Around 1 in 5 of those children were those with a disability or SEN. This was delivered by c.100 local community providers and invested c.£2m into local organisations.

Adult Learning leads the delivery of numeracy skills of adult residents in Norfolk

The need nationally to improve the numeracy skills of both children and adults has been highlighted recently both through central government and the media.

Norfolk has received £4.7 million to improve the numeracy skills of adult residents through a government initiative called Multiply. This funding will last until the end of March 2025, and by then our target is to secure 11,000 adult registrations onto Multiply programmes in Norfolk.

Adult Learning is leading the delivery of this major new programme, delivering both in-house and through grant funding arrangements with the colleges and other, smaller organisations and grassroots providers. The funding enables us to work with small groups and even individuals on a one-to-one basis.

The funding targets adults who need support with and lack confidence in their numeracy skills and a wide range of interventions are already taking place across the county. These include:

- Introductory courses which help increase people's confidence with numbers
- Courses designed to help people understand and manage their money, particularly during the cost-of-living crisis
- Specific workplace courses, delivered with employers to provide skills relevant to the workplace
- Numeracy courses aimed at parents who want to increase their own skills to be able to better help their children
- Additional maths modules built into existing vocational courses
- Intensive and flexible courses which lead to a Functional Skills Qualification.

While we are in the early stages of the programme, this funding has already made a difference to some of the first learners to complete a course.

Norfolk to benefit from new Family Hubs and Start for Life funding

Children and parents in Norfolk are to benefit from a new cradle to career approach to family support.

The government has just announced that Norfolk County Council will be one of 75 local authorities receiving some of the £302m new Family Hubs and Start for Life funding.

It means the county will receive approximately £6m to further develop its prevention and early help services for families with children and young people up to the age of 19 (25 if they have special educational needs and disabilities).

This is not about introducing a new service or opening new buildings but to allow the county to further develop support for families. Using a whole family approach, the Family Hubs network will give families a single access point to support services that are integrated across health (physical and mental health) and social care as well as voluntary and community organisations and education.

Whilst there will be at least seven physical Family Hub sites in existing community buildings, which families will be able to walk into, services will be delivered largely on an outreach basis. The Family Hub approach will bring together a wide range of services so that families can access support in the spaces and places that they live and visit, such as libraries and community buildings.

The Family Hubs network will provide simple access to 'Start for Life' services, providing the best support for babies in the first 1,001 critical days from conception to the age of two, setting them up to maximise their potential for lifelong emotional and physical wellbeing including:

- Perinatal mental health and parent-infant relationships support for families who are expecting a baby or have a baby under the age of two
- Infant feeding support services
- Parenting support for parents of children aged 0-2
- Home learning environment support for parents of children aged 3-4

Household Support Fund

Through 2022 and to March 2023 NCC has handled the Household Support Fund of, in the time, some £13m of government grant. This has enabled the distribution of vouchers each month to families with children who have free school meals; financial help to the community and voluntary sector; investment in the Norfolk Assistance Scheme; and disbursing funds through district council. A new grant of £13.4m has now been confirmed for 2023/24 and will be used in virtually the same way but including some £200k to fund debt advice services.

District Councillors' Report (Cllrs Jan Davis and Eleanor Laming)

This report outlines the activities of the two district councillors for Brundall Ward (Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming) over the last year.

We have attended all Main Council meetings at Broadland District Council and have a place on the following committees or panels at which we have raised a number of questions:

Overview and Scrutiny, Environmental Excellence, Economic Success, Licensing and Regulatory, Communities Housing and Planning, Awards and Electoral Arrangements.

We have attended main parish council meetings for Postwick, Brundall, Strumpshaw and Cantley and cluster group meetings (at which representatives of local parish councils meet to share ideas and current issues). We have raised issues on their behalf and submitted regular update reports.

We corresponded with residents over a wide range of matters such as planning and enforcement issues, light pollution, highways concerns mainly related to road safety and bus service provision, waste collections and fly tipping.

We have commented on several planning applications where appropriate, both in the ward and in neighbouring wards, and called in contentious applications to planning committees on both BDC and the Broads Authority.

We have asked BDC questions on a range of subjects including: the scrutiny process, new development and flooding, biodiversity, food security and development on agricultural land, assisting residents on low incomes, investment zones, nutrient neutrality, retrofitting services and carbon offset funds. We submitted a budget amendment to Main Council asking for additional funding to retrofit homes in the district. We supported the move of the One Team at BDC and SNC to the Horizon building at Broadland Business Park which will reduce the council's carbon emissions. We have responded to a range of consultations covering the NCC County Devolution Deal, GNLP Gypsy and Traveller site proposals, future of the Norwich Walk in Centre and the government consultation on a revised National Planning Policy Framework.

Cllr Davis used his Member's Ward Grant to fund lighting improvements for the Brundall Men's Shed and Cllr Laming's grant has funded a new defibrillator for the Brundall Allotments.

We have attended the following events and meetings: Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Big Broadland Litter pick in Cantley, Gridserve EV charging station opening, Broom Boats workshop, Broadland Food Innovation Centre, Accession Ceremony at Thorpe Lodge, Norfolk Climate Change Conference, BDC Chairman's Civic Service, Brundall Remembrance Day services, opening of The Oaks development and the BDC and SNC ONE Team Awards.

Cllr Davis has continued to liaised with Anglian Water, MP Jerome Mayhew, and the Norfolk County Council Flood and Water Manager re flooding issues in the ward in both Strumpshaw and Cantley. Cllr Davis and Cllr Laming have raised concerns about the loss of the Postwick park and ride service and asked for its reinstatement.

Cllr Davis has liaised with both local landowners and the local school to plant hundreds of new hedges and trees in Cantley, and has worked with Network Rail to improve Level Crossing safety in Cantley.

Cllr Davis met with the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss speeding in rural villages and residents' dissatisfaction with the lack of enforcement of speed limits

(submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming – 28/3/23)

Abbreviations:

BDC – Broadland District Council

SNC – South Norfolk Council

NCC – Norfolk County Council

Acle SNT Police Report (PC Jackie Chambers and PC Steve Godden)

Thank you for including us in your Parish Council Meeting, sorry we could not be there in person. The Acle Team still consists of PC 1586 Jackie Chambers and PC 1682 Steve Godden, with Sgt 487 Ollie Ketteridge. Our contact team e mail is SNTacle@norfolk.police.uk

Our Priority Setting Meetings are every 3 months, the next one being June 22nd at 7pm. The meeting is conducted on Teams and if you send a request message to our SNT inbox then we can send you the link for the meeting. Anyone is welcome.

The PSM for March 2023 set a new priority as Rural Crime Prevention Patrols and Speeding. Speeding remains the main priority we constantly work on as a team, we have conducted 2 joint policing initiatives in February with the Road Collision Reduction Team (police bikes), these initiatives are very visual to the public and in one particular location (North Burlingham) several speeding tickets were issued with the hour that we were there. Speed enforcement officers have also been at static locations in Brundall, please do encourage your CSW to contact our team and invite us along on for some support if they would like. An e mail to SNTacle@norfolk.police.uk with some forthcoming dates would be much appreciated.

On Thursday 30th March 2023 we held a Team engagement day, we were at the Lingwood Village Hall, there was a good piece of feedback by a Brundall resident that he feels the speeding in the village is being reduced following the presence of the CSW, the speed enforcement officer and our police checks. It was good to get some positive feedback.

As a team we decided the second priority will be Rural Crime Prevention Patrols due to the recent spike in thefts from commercial sites across the Broadland area. With Brundall and surrounding areas having many new housing developments we are concentrating our patrols to deter this type of rural crime. Our response colleagues have also been tasked with these patrols for their night shift patrols.

The below crime figures are from January 2023 to date. I have been able to research crime specific to Brundall only. I have not categorised it, this gives you a good idea of what sort of things go on in the village! There is nothing that brings any concerns to the public.

16 crimes.

Theft – domestic related

Public Order offence – Causing Intentional alarm and distress – known parties.

Harassment - domestic related.

Public Order offence – Causing Intentional alarm and distress - neighbour dispute.

Black Mail – social media related.

Theft – a caravan skylight

Criminal damage to Motor Vehicle

Assault ABH – victim was a care worker

Burglary Business – Berryfields – tools stolen from the site.

Assault on emergency worker

Malicious Communication – Domestic related.

Control and coercive , common assault – domestic related

Public Order offence – Causing Intentional alarm and distress – Boat owner dispute with boat yard

Dog dangerously out of control x 2

Malicious communication/harassment – known parties

Theft from shops .

If there are any questions relating to these crimes then please let us know.

Our next engagement day will be held on Friday April 28th 2023, please follow Broadland Police Facebook site for further information nearer to the time.

Brundall Allotment Association (Chairman Sarah Sloan)

Brundall Allotment Association

The Allotments in Brundall provide plots for residents of Brundall. All plot holders are members of the Association. The site is owned by Brundall Parish Council. It is a valuable community resource in Brundall. The original 50+ plots have been subdivided, so our association now has many more plots and plot holders. The Deputy Parish Clerk maintains the waiting list.

The Association provides support, facilities and services on the site for its members. Our work group, completes the site maintenance such as hedge cutting, mowing etc. We also liaise with the Parish Council, for example during the letting of vacant plots.

Having an allotment contributes to the wellbeing of all our members as well as producing vegetables and fruit, for members and their families. It is social gardening and we are proud of our community.

The work group generally runs on a Monday, thank you as always to them and their expertise.

In the last year, Rob Aram, has stepped back as Secretary of the Association. Thank you for all the years you have given to us. Rob remains as membership secretary. Gill Buckley, has taken on the role of Association Secretary, and some other parts of Rob's role are being taken up by other committee members.

As well as the plots on site, there are Association sheds/storage and a polytunnel with bench spaces available to association members.

In 2022, our work group was able to complete the installation of dip tanks adjacent to the water standpipes on site. Covers, were made by Steve, one of our allotmenters. The tanks have helped reduce queues at peak watering periods. Thanks to all involved in the purchase and installation of these.

In 2022 we had several site invasions and produce was stolen from our members plots. We consulted Norfolk Constabulary about site security. As a result, the Association is purchasing new entrance gates, which we hope will be in place shortly. The new gates are being paid for from the Allotment "Reserve" held by Brundall Parish Council. The "Reserve", is monies collected by Brundall Parish Council, which have not been used by the Parish Council for Allotment site maintenance costs. The Reserve currently stands at more than £7000.

We are currently looking into the possibility of two additional projects:-

1. Adding additional water stand pipes to the eastern edge of the allotment site
2. Repurposing the Brundall Parish Council youth shelter, and moving it to the allotments, as secure storage, for equipment, such as the ride on lawnmower which was given to us by the Parish.

Thanks as always go to the Parish for supporting us with the site administration and dealing with all the concerns and queries.

