

Brundall Sports Hub

Update May 2023

This is the fifth update on the new Sports Hub in Brundall, which is being released to notify residents on the latest developments.

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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S&C Slatter Ltd started on site in September 2022 and completed the construction, including all required commissioning and testing in February 2023 where it was handed over to the Parish Council as a completed project.

The contractor has returned in the last week to prepare and seed all the areas surrounding the pitch; this will soften the visual impact of the pitch as well as increase flora and fauna in the local area.

To the side of the pitch there is a dedicated spectator area provided. Please note - spectators will not be allowed on the pitch.

Appointment of an Operator for the Sports Hub

As construction started, Brundall Parish Council worked with Norfolk FA to set out a process for appointing an Operator for the Sports Hub - the brief was simple:

The key objective for Brundall Parish Council is to provide a facility for residents of Brundall, and the wider community, for the purposes of recreation and wellbeing.

Community engagement and **affordability** is a key deliverable and should be central to any operator's proposal.

Brundall Parish Council spoke to a number of prospective Operators and received 5 written proposals by the deadline of 17th March 2023 from a wide range of applicants. These proposals were reviewed and scored with 2 prospective Operators being shortlisted for the next stage.

Interviews with the 2 shortlisted Operators were held on 4th April 2023 and a successful applicant was selected at a meeting on 5th April 2023, with a view to opening the facility in May/June 2023 once contracts are signed.

Brundall Parish Council will make a further announcement on the operator imminently.

Component 2 – Changing facilities with community room

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

Plans have been drawn up for a Community Building which will initially include a reception area, changing rooms and showers for both players and officials, kitchen/café and community room. The design meets all FA requirements up to adult football including all safeguarding requirements.

With the funding now in place from the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB), in addition to CIL funding, the Parish Council is now in a position to progress with this phase of the project. With support anticipated from the Football Foundation and based on the robust cost estimate provided by Real Consulting, the tender package (RIBA Stage 4 drawings, specifications etc.) has been issued to interested parties as well as advertised in line with our Standing Orders.

The tender process is 11 weeks with a predicted 9 month construction period. The expectation is that the Community Building will be ready for use in 2024

Additional land for further provision of recreation & wellbeing facilities

There is some additional land within the Sports Hub site which is suitable for a number of applications.

At this stage, it is the intention of the Parish Council to work with the Operator to understand use of the facility and demand for other recreation and wellbeing activities; this will be used to inform any future development.

The provision of any additional facilities will be subject to further fundraising.

Pitch Advertising

As part of raising funds to support the development of facilities at the Sports Hub, the Parish Council is reviewing pitch side advertising boards for companies/organisations to advertise their products/services.

If you are aware of any companies/organisations that may be interested, please ask them to email clerk@brundall-pc.gov.uk with an expression of interest.

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