



# Brundall Parish Council Environment Committee

## Minutes of the Meeting Held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 19:00 in the Memorial Hall Lounge

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<b>Present:</b> Cllr Joe Warns (Chairman), Chris Muskett, Tim Strudwick, Edie Wozniakowski, Richard Farley, Claudia Dickson (Clerk)		
	<i>Details</i>	<i>Action</i>
<b>EV061</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b> The Chairman of the Meeting thanked everyone for attending and advised the safety procedures for the room.	
<b>EV062</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr Graham Abbott, Cllr John Warne	
<b>EV063</b>	<b>Declarations of Disclosable (DPI) or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (NDPI)</b> None.	
<b>EV064</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous Meeting dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b> It was <b>resolved</b> by a unanimous decision that the Minutes were accurate.	
<b>EV065</b>	<b>Actions from the Last Meeting (Not on the Agenda)</b> <b>EV043 Countryside Park environmental paper to the Recreation and Wellbeing Committee</b> - completed <b>EV056 Biodiversity Open Day</b> – completed <b>EV057 school pond</b> – Cllr Savory will be asked to contact the school Head to progress maintenance work on the school pond.* <b>EV057 duck pond</b> – Hopkins Homes have been contacted to ask for access to begin maintenance on the pond but the Clerk is waiting for a response from management. The Clerk will ask for an update.*	*Cllr Savory  *Clerk
<b>EV066</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> None.	
<b>EV067</b>	<b>Update from the Broadland Tree Warden Network</b> RF and John Fleetwood have spent the last 3 weeks processing chippings and arisings at Low Farm Wood. CM & EW helped for a day and a half, which was much appreciated. We tried to get other volunteers to help but none did. The number of people visiting the wood has increased. The people who volunteered after the Biodiversity Open Day are more interested in intellectual or scientific work. Land Management will take forward ideas for a Volunteers day later in the year with the ambition to get a general group of volunteers rather than location specific.* The Norwich Round Table have offered help to clear Himalayan Balsam at Church	*LM

	<p>Fen. The BTWN are taking this forward</p> <p>RF has been offered a disease resistant Elm. Land Management are happy to take it and the Countryside Park Group are discussing the proposed location.</p> <p>Details of a company to deliver testing of mud at Church Fen and Cremer's pond have been received. The locations have slightly different testing needs. It is likely that CF has organic mercury, which is highly toxic, but is ok if left alone. The pond at CM is different. There are legal and regulatory obligations if the slubbings are going to be moved offsite. RF and CM to talk to the company to see what is needed for each site and obtain costs if appropriate.*</p>	*RF/CM
<b>EV068</b>	<p><b>Biodiversity Open Day Event on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b></p> <p>It was reasonably well attended, 15/16 for the presentation, and about 19 people in total. There were display boards as well as the presentation. Those in attendance engaged well and asked questions. Several people signed up to volunteer for biodiversity actions.</p> <p>Lessons learned include advertising earlier but it went well and had positive feedback.</p> <p>BWG have planned their actions for the year ahead using the new volunteers and their skills offered.</p> <p>'Nature in Brundall' week of events for Volunteers week. Start with an Open Day with displays from all Committees and groups, then further Open Days to showcase each piece of land / group on subsequent days.</p> <p>The BWG requested funds for bird boxes, bat boxes, and invertebrate survey equipment. The Committee <b>approved</b> requesting funds from full Council of £300 for bird boxes and £200 for bat boxes. An invertebrate survey was supported and CM will provide a quote for the equipment needed.*</p>	*CM
<b>EV069</b>	<p><b>Locations for new trees</b></p> <p>The Land Management Committee requested the Environment Committee look at suitable locations for new trees. The verges on Postwick Lane and the verge where The Street meets the Dales were put forward.</p>	
<b>EV070</b>	<p><b>Parkrun track sand at the Countryside Park</b></p> <p>The Committee was asked to consider the environmental impact on the sand already laid on the Countryside Park parkrun track and whether there would be any impact if additional sand was laid.</p> <p>The BWG inspected the track and advised that the sand has helped the ground to be able to weather parkrun and general CP users better than before. They do not consider there would be any environmental impact of more sand however there was a finite amount of sand that could be laid before this was not the case. Parkrun submitted a map of the areas they would like additional sand (see below). A maximum of 4 tonnes would help the areas in blue. Sand should be laid thinly and should not be used on the slopes.</p>	
<b>EV071</b>	<p><b>Pond meeting</b></p> <p>TS, EW, and the Clerk held a Teams meeting with 3 representatives of SWECO who are looking for projects to spend Designated Funds on biodiversity enhancements as part of the A47 dualling project.</p> <p>TS and EW spoke about the ambition for the pond at Cremer's Meadow. It has badly silted up and needs dredging and bringing back to life. Any dredging needs removing from site, which will incur considerable costs. Assistance with these costs would be appreciated.</p>	
<b>EV059</b>	<p><b>Items for the Next Agenda</b></p> <p>None</p>	

<b>EV060</b>	<b>Date for the next meeting(s)</b> May 9 <sup>th</sup> 2024 August 15 <sup>th</sup> 2024 November 14 <sup>th</sup> 2024 The meeting finished at 20.37pm.	
Signed as a true record ..... Date .....		



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