

Recreation and Wellbeing Committee Minutes of a Meeting Held on 12th February 2024 at 19:00 in the St Laurence Centre

Present:

Cllr Mike Savory (Chairman), Cllr Lawrence Britt, Cllr Phil Gabillla, Cllr Julie Mickelburgh, Cllr Chris Whitehouse, Gill Buckley (Cremer's Meadow)

Claudia Dickson (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Members of the Public present: 3

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	Details	Action
	Housekeeping	
	Cllr Savory informed everyone present of the fire exits.	
RW146	Apologies for absence	
	Richard Farley (TW)	
RW147	Declarations of Interests	
	G Buckley – Snowy's	
RW148	Minutes of Meeting 11 th December 2023	
	It was resolved , with 1 abstention, to approve the minutes as an accurate record.	
RW149	Matters arising not on Agenda	
	RW138 – Yare Valley Churches update – not yet actioned RW138 – Brundall Memorial Hall update – not yet actioned RW139 – S106 meeting points raised – Cllr Savory contacted Chris Raine but has not yet had a response. To be followed up.* RW141 – Warm Spaces grant – Yare Valley Churches have been contacted but no response yet. RW142 – dog waste bin survey – not yet received. The Clerk will request progress made and may pass to the Admin Assistant to continue.*	*Cllr Savory *Clerk
RW150	Public Participation	
	None, item discussed in xxx	
RW151	Chairman's Report	
	I want to thank you all for your continued attendance, support and hard work as this committee continues to progress its mission to improve the recreation and wellbeing of Brundall as a village.	
	From the Full Parish Council Meeting held last month I can update that The Sports Hub building continues to progress well and is still on time to be open later this year. Road Safety continues to be a big focus for the council and we are pleased to see the completion of the pedestrian crossing near the school. This project is an important investment in the village. The council will also be applying for funding to improve speed signage in the village with village gates to improve visibility of the speed limits.	

I am pleased to say that the Parish Council's search for a new Deputy Clerk has been successful with Lolly joining in the role. Lolly will be taking on the clerk responsibilities of this committee and I look forward to working with her in the coming months.

With this change in clerk arrangements and the start of a new year it feels the right time to look at the way this committee works to ensure that when some of our bigger projects come to fruition we are in the right place to carry out this important work. With the Brundall Meadows development still going through the reserved matters this project will become more exciting as time progresses.

With all this in mind, you will notice we have had a tweak to the agenda layout for the meeting for tonight. Previously we had only named The Church, School and The Memorial Hall for updates, I believe for this committee to truly improve recreation and well-being in the village we need to be talking to more than just these three organisations, one of which we have recently heard had dropped off our mailing list.

I am going to be sitting down with Claudia and creating an email to send out to all the organisations we are aware of in the village. Within this we will ask if they want to be kept up to date with agendas etc and invite all of those organisations to give us an update on anything they are doing and any help we could potentially give.

There are so many great organisations in the village but it feels like we don't hear about it and in the same way the Parish Council has grants and donations at their disposal and do all the organisations know what we can do to help them

RW152 Updates from other Council Committees

Land Management

Additional sand for the Countryside Park was discussed. Parkrun have requested extra sand for the paths to help with drainage. This has been referred to the Environment Committee for their views on the impact of additional sand being laid, and will then be passed to the Countryside Park Group.

The Church Fen boardwalk has needed constant repairs to broken boards. This is a safety concern and the committee considered closing it due to the damage. The costs to replace the boardwalk is being investigated.

Purchase of a new bin for the spare cemetery field was approved.

Tree surveys are ongoing.

The committee discussed ways to improve the pedestrian access to the Countryside Park.

Environment Committee

The Biodiversity WG held an Open Day on the 27th February. 20 people attended, with 8 people registering an interested in volunteering.

They have been looking at ways to improve the school pond, but this has been put on hold by the Head for the time being.

They have also been looking at the duck pond on the Country Park area of the LEMH and how to maintain its wellbeing. We are trying to get access to maintain it until we take ownership.

RW153 Updates on current Committee projects

Brundall Village Park

We are waiting on the reserved matters to be approved. The next stage will be to start the high level design for the 10ha. We need the vision from BMH to progress our plans in order to make sure we aren't duplicating provision. The Clerk will request an update.* The sub group of Cllrs Wilkins, Whitehouse, Savory, and Gabillia will then put together a proposal to bring to this committee.

*Clerk

Safer Journey to School

It is great news that we have the new zebra crossing, it has had a big impact. We

now need the cycle path to get to it. Cllr Savory has emailed Chris Raine (BDC planning officer) as the planning documents state the path will be enhanced but Hopkins Homes have said they are leaving it as an unmade track. We need to push back on this.

The Clerks were asked do some work on the current Public Rights of Way in the village for future reference, a register and condition of current ones, and if it is possible to find old ones no longer marked.*

*Clerks

Warm Spaces

See RW149

Dog bin locations

No report received. To be deferred to the next meeting and Jack Bonham will be contacted for current progress.*

*Clerk

Countryside Park purchase

Reports have been received from the Tree Wardens, Land Management, parkrun, the allotments, and the Environment Committee. We were waiting for the survey results, which have now been analysed. Cllr Savory is drafting a report for the Committee to review, and it will then be submitted to full Council to consider.

*Clerks

The Clerks will look for sources of funding for purchasing land.*

Future location for Snowy's Nursery

Members of Snowy's committee have held a zoom meeting with members of Early Years. They have offered to move the situation forward, initially arranging a meeting of all involved at the school. It is anticipated that there will be some concrete proposals following this meeting.

It is hoped that the involvement of Early Years (with their responsibility for ensuring provision is available locally) will enable progress to be made in good time.

RW154

Update from Recreational and Wellbeing Organisations

Brundall Bolts

Members of the Brundall Bolts committee attended the meeting to raise some concerns. The club is a great success with number of children participating increasing annually, but with this comes increased costs. They are trying to keep the monthly cost to families to a minimum but have fixed costs booking the Sports Hub. Currently they need to block book the time slots for a whole year in order to ensure they are not taken by other clubs but CSF will not give refunds for any unused slots and do not allow BB to sell them on. Some leagues give a full season's fixtures but other leagues, usually for the younger teams, only release 4-5 week's worth of fixtures in order to be able to tweak which teams play each other. This makes planning a whole year's worth of booking the SH impossible without assuming it will be needed for 100% of the time, at considerable additional cost.

The committee advised them to put in writing what they want and how this might be achieved, to submit to both CSF and R&W.

BB want the facility to feel more homely for the club with Bolts branding and 'Home of Brundall Bolts' to be incorporated somewhere/somehow. This will be discussed with all parties once the building is finished.

Problems with car parking was discussed. CSF will be asked to remind users of the facility that there is additional parking at the cemetery if the car park is full. Once the building is finished car parking will be reassessed.

BB would like to hold a tournament in the summer but CSF are resistant to allow this due to the parking problems. BB were advised to submit a written proposal for R&W and CSF to consider. The tournaments would involve using the spare cemetery field as base camp for all participants. This will need to be approved by Land Management.

	BB asked if CSF have contacted the school to offer them free sessions as the Head did not know this was available. It may be CSF are waiting for the pavilion build to finish as the school would be using it at the same time the builders are on site.	
RW155	Updates on Recreational Facilities	
	Play equipment	
	A swing seat is to be replaced on one of the large seats at Brundall Memorial Hall. The cableway chain is showing signs of wear.	
	Cremer's Meadow	
	There were large floods at the entrance to CM at the weekend. The water was rather smelly which went into the main river. The water is very high at the moment so users need to be careful.	
RW156	Items for next Agenda (not for discussion)	
	No additional items.	
RW157	Dates for next Recreation and Wellbeing Committee for Brundall Meetings:	
	April 15 th 2024 June 10 th 2024 August 12 th 2024	
	The meeting closed at 20.15	
Signed as	a true record	