

Brundall Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting 8 April 2024
Chairman's Report

The year under review has seen significant progress for the Council with the opening of the 3G sports pitch providing much needed additional recreational facilities in the village. This has been closely followed by the construction of a sports pavilion including a community room which is on schedule for completion in late Spring 2024. These are significant achievements for the Council following a lengthy period of planning, preparation and funding and we are delighted to now be nearing completion of this substantial infrastructure project.

The Parish Council began a new four year term in May 2023 following local elections and has not only continued to deliver its 'business as usual' but has continued to develop projects such as the Sports Hub to enhance local amenities. Reports at this Annual Parish Meeting from community organisations demonstrate the vibrancy of local facilities and community life in Brundall.

The Council has continued to deliver its normal substantial business through the sub committee and working group structure and I am grateful for all the work that councillors, the clerks, co-opted members and Friends Groups put in as we regularly report at our council meetings. This includes the significant workload associated with managing our existing facilities at the Countryside Park, Church Fen, Cremer's Meadow and the Cemetery.

We have also successfully extended and professionalised our social media management during the course of the year which has created greater engagement with the community and local residents.

We are appreciative of the ongoing work and regular reports from our county and district councillors and support from officers at Broadland District Council and Norfolk County Council.

In addition to 'business as usual' we are continuing to work on the Brundall Village Park project which will be delivered on Land East of the Memorial Hall under a Section 106 agreement with the developers. This work remains in the

planning and preparation stage, pending when the land and funding becomes available under the agreement.

This year has seen a significant change for the Council with the previous Clerk, Sharon Smyth, moving to Attleborough Town Council having been clerk at Brundall for 14 years. Following a recruitment process, I am delighted to report that Claudia Dickson has now become our Parish Clerk and Lolly Dawson has been appointed as Deputy Clerk and Asset Manager. We wish them well as they establish our new clerking team.

We have also recently seen the departure of long standing councillor John Warne, who has served on the Council since 2011 and I would like to pay tribute to John for his long and distinguished service to Brundall both as a councillor and former chairman of the Council.

I would also like to make a special mention of Andrew and his team at Brundall Home Hardware who recently won the Broadland 'Retailer of the Year' award at the Broadland Business Awards – well deserved and many congratulations.

We were also pleased to hear on Easter Sunday that the Rev David Hanson has been appointed as the new rector for the parish and we look forward to welcoming him and his family in due course.

As we move into a new business year, the Council's agenda remains busy not only to deliver our normal service but also to focus on priorities such as road safety and the further delivery of recreational projects. I am grateful for everyone who contributes to our mission.

Kevin Wilkins

Chairman

Brundall PC

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