

# Brundall Sports Hub

Update March 2024

This is the eighth 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

## **Component 1 – 3G Pitch, floodlights and car park**

The pitch has been operational for 9 months, opening in June 2023, in partnership with our selected operator, The Community Sports Foundation.

Since opening 1,248 bookings have been made which equals 1,571 hours of usage.

### Currently Availability

- Mondays
  - 5pm-6pm full pitch
  - 6pm-7pm ½ pitch
- Tuesdays
  - 5pm-6pm ¼ pitch
  - 8pm-9pm ¼ pitch
- Wednesdays
  - 5-6pm full pitch
- Thursdays
  - 5pm-6pm ½ pitch
- Saturdays
  - Ad Hoc availability after 11:15am - full pitch

## **Component 2 – Changing facilities with community room**

As previously shared, Brundall Parish Council appointed H Smith & Sons (Honingham) Limited as the contractor for the construction of the building, through a process managed by Real Consulting on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Community Building which will 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.

Construction is on track with completion expected in mid-2024 and is on budget.

The 1st fix is completed and the 2nd fix has commenced. The dry lining and plastering is complete. Flooring to the wet areas is ongoing and the ventilation is installed. The kitchen installation is underway and the final decoration should be completed soon as can be seen from the images.



## **Project Funding**

Brundall Parish Council previously shared project costs and funding sources in the December 2023 update.

As part of that update we were unable to confirm the final grant source due to the application going through the final stages of approval.

We are delighted to confirm that the Football Foundation - the charity of the Premier League, The FA and Government have provided a grant of up to £249,108 to enable the delivery of this project.

Their ethos to transform communities and the lives of individuals through delivering outstanding grassroots sport facilities aligns with our original project objectives and we are delighted to have them as a key part of our project.



Our consultants, Real Consulting, have now instructed the contractor, H Smith & Sons (Honingham) Limited up to the full contract value to enable completion of the project.

This grant is in addition to the grant of £460,573 provided by the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB) in 2023 towards the pitch and the building.

### **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](mailto: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.