

Brundall Parish Council Land Management reports to be considered

Name of organisation/group: Brundall parkrun – Countryside Park

Date: June 2024 Meeting

Highlights for sharing

The month of May has seen sunshine, blue skies, blossom and lots of smiling faces at the Countryside Park – with 4 successful events held. These saw good numbers attend, with 122 participants (25 volunteers) on 4th May, 102 (26) on the 11th May, 103 (19) on the 18th May & 94 (30) on the 25th May.

The course has been firm and dry, and adding warmth and sunlight into the very wet Spring has seen a *lot* of grass growth! At the time of writing, we are (again!!) looking to the skies as the sunshine has been replaced by the heavy showers of the Whitsun weekend, but the course is currently holding up very well.



Issues you wish Land Management to discuss

Following discussions earlier in 2024, both the Countryside Park Users Group, and the Environment Committee have agreed *in principle* to the purchase and application of up to 4 tonnes of sand. This sand to be used on the 'parkrun route' to improve access and safety for walkers and runners in the wetter winter months.

For Agenda Item 806b regarding the purchase and application of sand on the 'parkrun route', we like to would propose the following simple '**Winter Maintenance Plan**' for the winter of 2024-5.

We would propose a simple path maintenance regime as follows for areas of the course that become slippery and dangerous (largely corners, and all areas limited and distinct – we will

not work widely on ALL of the course). Both the Method and Timing outlined below are based on our experience of managing events through the last two winters.

Method:

1. Fallen leaves and twigs to be raked away from the 'cut path'.
2. Area aerated with garden forks.
3. Up to One Tonne at a time of sharp Sand spread thinly – paying respect to previous concerns about *volume* of sand in parts of the course.

Timing:

We would propose to do this three times – around 15th Nov, 15th Dec & 15th Jan, but request permission to potentially do so a 4th time with an additional application in the event of a challenging or wet period.

Resources Required:

The work outlined above would be undertaken solely by parkrun volunteers.

We ask the Parish Council to approve a budget to purchase the sand (Deputy Clerk to kindly confirm how much the One Tonne provided in the Winter of 2023-4 on c. 15th December 2023 cost the Parish to guide the Budget required).

Process:

We seek approval for this as a one-off Annual Plan, which can then be reviewed by Land Management Committee in the Summer of 2025.

If this Annual Plan is approved, we would propose that a parkrun Run Director would liaise directly each time with Deputy Clerk to order sand to be delivered. A parkrun Run Director would attend on the day of delivery to the Countryside Park.

Help requested from within Land Management groups

None at this stage.