

Broadland District Councillors Report for Brundall Parish Council Meeting – 22 July 2024

The Town and Parish Council Forum meetings continue to be held online monthly. These meetings are recorded now and will be circulated. The next one is on Wednesday 7 August at 2.00 pm and will feature a presentation on Natural Flood Management.

- The following topics were discussed at the Town and Parish Council meeting held on 9 July:
- Annual Play Area Inspections: favourable inspection fees may be arranged through BDC by being added to a Schedule the Council has with ROSPA, who will carry out the work. This is likely to be of interest for parishes paying in excess of £75 for Inspections.
- Bottle Bank Initiative: BDC is introducing a joint working agreement between the District Council and town/parish council on the installation of bottle banks across the districts. The district council organises the operational running of the bank. The town/parish council provides a suitable location for siting and are responsible for the general management of the site. In return the District Council make a yearly payment of £50 per bank to the town/parish councils known as “Adopter Payments”.
- The benefits of the Bottle Bank scheme are:
- Collect a high-quality recyclable material.
- Generate income for the local authority through recycling credits and for the town/parish councils through Adopter agreements.
- Look out for a survey to be circulated to express interest in joining the Bottle Bank scheme.
- Volunteers are being sought to be interviewed for a Town and Parish Councillor recruitment video. Contact Ella.wilkinson@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk if you are interested.

A Town and Parish Forum Summit meeting will be held on 13 November 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. Please forward any agenda item suggestions to Andy Sexton
andy.sexton@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

A new First Bus Green Line bus route (17) started running on 23 June 2024 which serves the Broadland Gate Business Park and stops near the entrance to the Oaks housing development.

BDC have purchased two Zephyr air quality monitors. These will provide the council with real-time, detailed measurements, allowing comparison of air quality in different parts of the district.

Bookings for Tots2Teens Summer sessions are now available. For more information on how to register, book onto sessions, and to see the brochure, follow this link:
<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/tots-2-teens>

The WH Smith, Post Office, M&S and Costa outlets are no longer in place at Gridserve at Broadland Gate. Cllr Laming spoke to a staff member on 10 July who said that they are expecting a Costa outlet to be reinstated in the next 2 weeks, together with some sort of food retail outlet at a later date.

The Beverley Road Residents Association in Brundall has been awarded a BDC Get it Started Grant to set up a Beverley Community Orchard. They aim to improve the biodiversity and community benefit of shared “amenity land” spaces on Beverley Road, Foster Close, and Parker Close, by planting wildflower areas, reducing mowing, and planting community orchard trees. They would also like to formalise and support an area where children on the street currently play football without any goalposts. The funds of £300 will go towards trees, topsoil, goalposts and anything left over will be spent of wildflower seeds.

Cabinet has approved the Productivity Plan for BDC which will be submitted to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. This looks at how the council has transformed the way it delivers goods and services, how it uses technology, and how it can make efficiency savings and work with central government. The plan will be published on the BDC website. The draft plan can be viewed here under item 11 of the Cabinet Agenda 16 July 2024

<https://democracy.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=143&MId=907&Ver=4>

Cllr Laming attended a Community Links Network Meeting on 15 July. This team are part of the Help Hub and aim to bring together community groups and provide them with resources. They are providing a new Community Toolkit and will be hosting quarterly meetings. All Community Group representatives in the district are welcome to get involved. If you would like more information please contact: Lauren Harris Community Capacity Officer 01508 533936 lauren.harris@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

The BDC Enhancement Awards scheme is now open for nominations from 15 July. These awards recognise and celebrate projects that have significantly improved existing buildings or brought buildings back to life, while enhancing Broadland’s built environment and preserving the unique character of the district. By highlighting exceptional projects, the Council aims to raise design standards in the area. Judging will take place in September, with winners invited to an awards evening in October at the Horizon Business Centre. To nominate a project, submit eight photographs and a short statement (no more than 100 words) explaining why it deserves the award. Send your entries to chris.bennett@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk by 12 August 2024. For queries regarding your entry, contact Chris Bennett at 01508 533828.

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming on 21/7/24)