

Broadland District Councillors Report for Brundall Parish Council Meeting – 25 November 2024

Cllr Laming attended the BDC Community at Heart Awards evening on 24 October 2024 and learned about some truly inspirational people and projects who go above and beyond to support others. Elizabeth Cameron from Strumpshaw won the Lifetime Achievement Award for 50 years of community work - huge congratulations! and there were amazing nominees and winners from all across the district. The event was sponsored and supported by Clarion Housing, Clarion Futures, Veolia, HSBC, Richard Wills Training Associates, Loads4Less, McKibbin Management Consultants, Citrus Security Shredding and Royal Norwich Golf Club.

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/community-heart-awards-2024>

Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming attended the official opening of the Brundall Sports Hub on 26 October which has a state of the art 3G pitch. Brundall Parish Council and other partner organisations put in a huge amount of work to reach this stage and it was funded by the Greater Norwich Growth Board and the Premier League Football Foundation.

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/news/brundall-sports-hub-opening-ceremony>

The Net Zero Communities Project in Brundall Ward is progressing well. Conversations within the ward have identified the main issues of interest to people focus on energy efficiency, clean heat and power and transport. The next phase will involve creating local case studies, conducting a survey to reach families and younger people who have had less input so far, and the provision of clearer energy advice to residents.

On 5 November BDC Cabinet agreed to accept government funding of £8.85m for Local Nutrient Mitigation to address nutrient pollution in the Broads and Wensum catchment areas. This will help to enable plans for some housing developments to move forward.

Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Jess Royal (Lingwood & Burlingham) attended the A47 “Start of Works” event held by National Highways and the contractor, Galliford Try, at their South Walsham Road office base. A number of parish councillors also attended from the local area. Presentations were given explaining the work being carried out followed by a site visit to where the flyovers at each end of the dualling are to be built. The need for adequate and correct signage for road diversions was stressed as was the need for National Highways to liaise closely with NCC Highways on future road diversions. Several other issues were raised regarding minimising the impact of the works on local villages.

Cllr Laming and Cllr Jess Royal (Burlingham Ward) attended the Licensing Service on 11 November for Rev Jane Morris St Peter’s Church, Lingwood for the Lingwood benefice

Cllr Davis and Cllr Laming attended the Armistice Day Service on 11 November at The Shard in Brundall, and also the Remembrance Day Service held on 10 November at St Laurence Church in Brundall

Cllr Davis attended the Town and Parish Council Summit at the Horizon Centre on 13 November. The next Town and Parish Council Forum will be held on Tuesday 7 January at 1.00 pm.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Sarah Taylor, gave a presentation on 12 November to the BDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee on her role. Any members of the public can contact her about policing issues. For more information the link is:

<https://www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk/>

BDC Officers are working closely with Housing Associations to share appropriate information and ensure service provision is of high quality. New tenant satisfaction measures have been introduced as a measure of performance.

BDC are working on improving customer experience, to ensure that every contact with the council meets the needs of residents.

The government is running an open consultation on enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings. It closes on 19/12/24. Do fill the consultation in if you have a view on this.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings>

BDC are promoting local shopping this Christmas. Send a Love Local Christmas photo in by 17 December for a chance to win a Christmas Hamper

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/business/market-towns-visitor-economy/make-it-local-this-christmas/love-local-christmas-in-broadland>

BDC are running a budget consultation which is open until 20 December. For more information and to have your say go to

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/council/broadland-district-council-budget-consultation-202526>

BDC is offering a free mental health awareness training session on 5th December 6-8pm at the Dussindale Community Centre, Thorpe St Andrew. Open to community groups, small businesses and keen residents who care about where they live and work and understand the importance of talking about mental health and well-being. This is part of the Mindful Towns and Villages project. For more information go to

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/mindful-towns-villages> To book a place go to: <https://forms.office.com/e/tQasbwdFn9>

BDC runs an exercise referral scheme called Broadly Active which offers a range of supervised sessions with qualified and experienced professionals. The scheme can help people to lose weight, strengthen muscle, reduce the risk of falling and help manage or improve a range of medical conditions. For more information see <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/broadly-active>

Postwick with Witton PC has been successful in their bid to secure funding from the Greater Anglia Customer and Community Infrastructure Fund to carry out a feasibility study for the upgrade of a walking, wheeling and cycling route between Postwick and Brundall railway stations. The Greater Norwich Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) identifies the scheme (GN/07) as a cycling and walking route using quiet roads and existing public rights of way to provide wider connectivity between Postwick and Brundall. The tender for the study has been issued with a deadline of submission by 20/12/24. The feasibility report to be submitted by the end of March 2025. Postwick PC has established a sub-committee chaired by Cllr Julie Smith. They, and the appointed consultant for the study, will be keen to work closely with Brundall PC and local landowners.

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming on 25/11/24)