

Minutes of the meeting of the **Brundall Parish Council Recreation and Wellbeing Committee** held on Monday 2nd December 2024 at 7.00pm in the St Laurence Centre.

In attendance: Cllrs M Savory (Chair), L Britt, P Gabillia, J Mickelburgh, J Lovatt (Guides), E Mason (Brundall Memorial Hall), C Tunaley (Brundall Bolts)

Clerk: Mrs C Dickson, Deputy Clerk: Ms R Miller

Members of the public: 2 – representatives from Brundall Bolts and St Laurence Church

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Gill Buckley.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Recreation & Well-being Committee meeting held on 14th October 2024 were AGREED as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

None.

5. Public Participation

None.

6. Chairman's Report

At the recent Full Parish Council meeting the employment of a General Operative for the village was discussed. It was felt that the decision to employ an additional person should be considered in detail, therefore further talks will be undertaken before a decision is made.

From the General Operative discussions, it was recognised how much work volunteers do around the village, of which the Parish Council is hugely grateful. The Communication Team will plan social media posts to celebrate and thank all volunteers for their time and hard work.

The Parish Council have agreed to apply for a feasibility study to help determine the cost and location of an additional pedestrian crossing on The Street near the shops.

The Parish Council is going through the process of reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan.

7. To consider the co-option of new members to the Committee as per the Terms of Reference

It was AGREED to recommend to full council the co-option of the following new members:

Eleanor Mason to represent Brundall Memorial Hall.

Jeanette Lovatt to represent the Guides.

Carl Tunaley to represent Brundall Bolts.

8. Updates from other Council Committees:

a) Land Management

3 members of the public have kindly volunteered to manage the flower bed at Cemetery. They have submitted a plan of the work they would like to carry out, which has been passed to LM for approval.

LM would like a memorial rose at the Cemetery.

BCL have raised some maintenance points at The Sports Hub – including vandalised trees and the maintenance of hedges.

Park Run have requested they hold a run on New Years Day at The Countryside Park.

It was requested that if no representative can make the Rec and Wellbeing meeting they send a report via email to the Clerks.

It was reported that there is a bridge at Church Fen that has a damaged plank. Cllr Graham Abbot and the Deputy Clerk have inspected the bridges on the Parish Council's land but were unable to locate the issue. It is believed that bridge in question may be on private land. This will be investigated further. The general state of the boardwalk is ok, although there are several planks which will need replacement in the near future.

There has been a request for all permissive paths to be on the website. This is something the **Clerk** team will action.

b) Environment Committee

The biodiversity group would like to look at a management plan for the meadow and river area of Brundall Village Park, to help make sure any areas of special interest are saved during the development.

9. Updates from Recreational and Wellbeing Organisations in Brundall

a) Brundall Memorial Hall

A representative from Brundall Memorial Hall reported that they hired a skip to clear out many unwanted items from the hall and that their secondhand clothes sale to raise money for the outside flowerbed area was a success. Footfall was good and plans to hold another sale in the Spring are underway.

There was a report of anti-social behaviour by a couple of young people during the recent evenings (playing loud music, taking chairs out of the skip and coming into the hall while hirers were using it). This has been reported to the community police officer.

A community grant of £9,000 has been received from Broadland District Council, to help toward the work required to the outside front of the building. The total project cost is £25,000.

The hall has received a Hot Spot grant from Norfolk Community Foundation to keep the Warm Wednesday's café open until the end of March 2025.

It was discussed that the Memorial Hall has a phased plan in place for the improvement of the hall and its land. With the Parish Council looking to design Brundall Village Park in the future and its proximity to the hall, it was agreed that the representative present their phased plans for the development at the next meeting.

b) Brundall Bolts

2 representatives from Brundall Bolts reported that the new lock on the gate is working well, helping to prevent children from running into the car park.

They have several teams running successfully from the Sports Hub now, including Mini Bolts, youth and ladies' teams. They have requested use of the changing rooms for matches (in particular for the ladies' teams) as well as teas/coffees and a digital clock. BCL will bring these points up with CSF at their next meeting in January.

Ongoing parking issues at the hub were reported, with the car park being full and cars being parked on the verge outside. This will be monitored when new Berryfields Road opens.

There is no direct email address for BCL so all communications need to go via the Clerk at present. A designated email address is being arranged by the **Clerk** team.

c) 1st Brundall Guides

A representative from Guides reported that it had been a busy term. The Guides kindly donated to the Church's pantry donations.

Their annual Christmas district disco is due to take place next week before they stop sessions for the Christmas holidays.

They are hoping that Cllr Buckley will attend a session in the new year to talk to the Guides about the Parish Council and being a councillor.

d) Church

The new Vicar, Dave Hanson, attended the meeting and reported that he is settling well into the Brundall Parish. He is keen to build relationships with groups in the village and has already met with Guides / Snowy's / School / Uniform Group. Dave reported that he is impressed with everything that Brundall has going on and is looking forward to working more with the community.

10. Updates on Recreational Facilities, including any maintenance issues or works planned

Nothing to report. All outstanding issues have been resolved.

11. To receive an update on current Committee projects, including:

a) Brundall Village Park

There remain outstanding issues with the amendment to the S016, which continues to sit with the solicitors to resolve before anything can go forward. **Clerks** to follow up with solicitors.

b) Safer Journey to School

The appeal documents for the Brundall Meadows development stated the current footpath between Highfield Ave and Links Avenue will be enhanced but the current plans only show the cheapest option. The Council would like a safe, well-lit path / cycleway to provide the option for families to use as a safer journey to school route, rather than using The Street.

c) Future location for Snowy's Nursery

No update.

d) Public Rights of Way

There has been a request for all permissive paths to be on the website. This is something the **Clerk** team will action. They were asked to look at the path at the bottom of the Dales and investigate whether it can be registered as a PRoW.

12. To consider a parish newsletter

The new Vicar, Dave Hanson, reported that many older parishioners have asked about a village newsletter, as they are missing out on information due to not being on social media. The church used to produce Yare Valley Voice but do not have the funds or manpower to do so at present.

It was AGREED that a working party of the Deputy Clerk, and representatives from Church and Memorial Hall will meet on 10th December at 10.30am to discuss options.

13. To receive information on a feasibility study for a cycleway from Postwick to Brundall Gardens station.

Postwick Parish Council reported that they have been successful in a bid for funding for a feasibility study to create a cycleway from Postwick to Brundall Gardens station. They will keep the Parish Council informed of the progress.

14. Items for the next agenda

Phased plans from Brundall Memorial Hall

Update on the newsletter

Social Media update

Public Right of Way

15. Dates for the next meetings:

10th February 2025

Meeting Closed: 19.58

Signed:

Dated: