

Broadland District Councillor Report for the Brundall Annual Parish Meeting – 7 April 2025

This report outlines the activities of the two district councillors for Brundall Ward (Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming) over the last year.

We have attended all of the Main Council meetings at Broadland District Council which continues to be run by a partnership of Liberal Democrat, Labour and Green councillors.

Cllr Davis is a member of the Cabinet and holds the Environment Portfolio which covers a wide remit including waste and recycling, community protection and environmental quality, regulatory services, food safety, burials, public health protection and nutrient neutrality.

Cllr Davis is a BDC representative on the following organisations: Broadland Futures Initiative Elected Members Forum, Community Rail Norfolk, Broads (2006) Internal Drainage Board, Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance, Norfolk Climate Change Partnership, and the Norfolk Waste Partnership.

Cllr Laming has a place on the following committees/panels: Planning, Overview and Scrutiny, Communities Housing and Planning, Awards and Standards.

We have attended nearly all of the main parish council meetings for Postwick, Brundall, Strumpshaw and Cantley and cluster group meetings (at which representatives of local parish councils meet to share ideas and current issues). We have raised issues on their behalf and submitted regular update reports.

We corresponded with residents over a wide range of matters such as planning and enforcement issues, light pollution, highways concerns mainly related to pot-holes, road safety and bus service provision, waste collections and fly tipping.

We have commented on a number of planning applications and planning appeals where appropriate, both in the ward and in neighbouring wards, and called in contentious applications to the BDC planning committee.

We have submitted responses to several consultations including the Norwich Western Link planning application, the NCC Rail Consultation 2024, the government's National Planning Policy Framework Consultation, the NCC Shaping Norfolk's Libraries consultation, the government's consultation on Enabling Remote Attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings, the NCC Short Journey Travel Habits Survey, the NCC Budget Consultation and Street Light Consultation, Norfolk Police Budget Consultation, the NCC Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025 Public Questionnaire and the government consultation on Devolution in Norfolk and Suffolk.

Cllr Davis has put his members Ward Grant of £1,000 towards improvements at the Buckenham and Hassingham Social Club hall which included new flooring in the toilet area, repairs to the entrance doors, improvements to the fire exit door with push bar and replacement of a missing window panel.

Cllr Laming put her members Ward Grant of £1000 towards the now completed internal improvements for Brundall Memorial Hall which included replacing the current patio doors with bifold doors, removing the post that is in the centre of the room, and redecoration.

Cllr Laming applied to the BDC Community Grant Scheme in October 2024 on behalf of Brundall Memorial Hall Committee, who were awarded £9000 towards the cost of making external improvements to the Memorial Hall which will be carried out later this year.

We have attended the following events and meetings: Brundall Armistice Day and Remembrance Day services, the 80th commemoration of D-Day flag raising ceremony at the Horizon Centre, the event to unveil the new village sign in Postwick, the Pride Flag Raising at the Horizon Centre, the Yare Valley Churches Institution service for the Rev David Hanson at St Laurence Church, Brundall, the Town and Parish Summit held at the Horizon Centre, the Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care System Conference at the Kings Centre the BDC Community at Heart Awards evening, the official opening of the Brundall Sports Hub, the A47 “Start of Works” event held by National Highways and the contractor, Galliford Try, the Norfolk Landscapes Conference and Exhibition, the Norfolk Flood and Drought Summit and the Norwich Society Conference on Adapting our City for Climate Change.

Brundall is the chosen BDC Ward for the Fast Followers Net Zero Climate Change project run by the Norfolk Climate Change Partnership. It is one of 7 communities involved in Norfolk. The ambition is to make it easier for residents to: make changes to properties so they are more energy efficient, use greener ways to travel, and create and access renewable energy. Cllr Davis has been assisting the managers and consultants of this programme. He has actively supported the successful funding bid submitted by Postwick parish council to the new Greater Anglia Customer and Community Improvement Fund for a study to explore the feasibility of a cycleway linking Postwick and Brundall.

Cllr Davis attended a session on World Cafes and used the methodology to run a community consultation for a new village hall in Cantley and to assist with a café in Reedham.

Cllr Davis has continued to liaise with National Highways managers re the increase in volume and speed of traffic through local villages in relation to the A47 dualling works. Additional signage has been erected to encourage drivers to slow down through local villages.

(submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming 25/3/25)

Abbreviations:

BDC – Broadland District Council; NCC – Norfolk County Council