

Brundall Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting 7 April 2025
Chairman's Report

The year under review has seen significant progress for the Council with the formal opening of the Sports Hub building and 3G sports pitch providing much needed additional recreational facilities in the village. This is an outstanding achievement for the Council following a lengthy period of planning, preparation and funding.

The Parish Council has not only continued to deliver its 'business as usual' but has continued to develop projects to enhance local amenities. We held a strategy day in October to help us prepare our plans for the future, and we recently started working on a review of our Neighbourhood Plan.

It is also encouraging that reports at this Annual Parish Meeting from community organisations demonstrate the vibrancy of local facilities and community life in Brundall.

The Council has continued to deliver its normal substantial business through the sub committee and working group structure and I am grateful for all the work that councillors, the clerks, co-opted members and Friends Groups put in as we regularly report at our council meetings. This includes the significant workload associated with managing our existing facilities at the Countryside Park, Church Fen, Cremer's Meadow and the Cemetery.

We have also continued to extend and professionalise our social media management during the course of the year which has created greater engagement with the community and local residents and working with Brundall Memorial Hall and Yare Valley Churches this now includes a bi-monthly newsletter.

We are appreciative of the ongoing work and regular reports from our county and district councillors. We will be monitoring closely the proposals for local government reorganisation and devolution as the year progresses.

We were concerned to see the closure of Springdale Care Home in Autumn 2024 and although we have been reassured it is expected to be replaced with a care facility this has yet to be confirmed, or any timescales. We will continue

to campaign for the enhanced provision of care for older residents in Brundall, as set out as a policy in our Neighbourhood Plan

In addition to 'business as usual' we are continuing to work on the Brundall Village Park project which will be delivered on Land East of the Memorial Hall under a Section 106 agreement with the developers. This work remains in the planning and preparation stage, pending when the land and funding becomes available under the agreement although we note that building work on Phase 1 will start imminently.

This year has seen further change within the clerking team, but since October 2024 we are fortunate to have a settled team of our clerk, Claudia and two deputies, Rachel and Clare and wish them well as they continue to develop and support the council.

We have seen the departure of two councillors, Chris Whitehouse and Julie Mickelburgh and thank them both for their service, dedication and contributions to the council. We welcome Ken Applegate and Paul Wooldridge as new parish councillors.

As we move into a new business year, the Council's agenda remains busy not only to deliver our normal service but also to focus on priorities such as road safety and the further delivery of recreational projects. I am grateful for everyone who contributes to our mission.

Kevin Wilkins

Chairman

Brundall PC

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