

Draft Minutes **Environment Committee** held on Thursday 19th February 2026 at 7pm at Brundall Memorial Hall

In attendance: Cllr J Warns (Chair), Cllr G Buckley, Tim Strudwick, Chris Muskett

Deputy Clerk: Clare Watkins

Members of the public: 0

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Duncan Painter

No apologies were received from Cllrs L Mogford or P Woodridge

2 Declarations of interest

None.

3 Minutes of the last meeting 20th November 2025

The minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

4 Updates from the last meeting (not on the agenda) and any further actions required

A Social Media post was created to advise the public of work that will be carried out at Church Fen by the Community Payback Team and the CFWG team to cut back nonnative invasive species.

The Kestel Box and owl box have been installed at the allotment site in the Countryside Park.

A member of the BWG has been co-opted onto the Recreation and Wellbeing Committee to provide environmental and biodiversity advice regarding Brundall Village Park.

All noted

5 Public Participation

None

6 To receive a report on activities by the Biodiversity Working Group including

a) BWG report on activities

The BWG delivered a presentation of work and surveys carried out during 2025. The report contains very useful findings indicating areas where biodiversity is improving and areas where help is required. The report will be added to the website. The BWG has been asked to condense the report so it can be shared at the Annual Parish Meeting. The BWG were thanked for all their hard work.

One of the findings in a survey included in the report is the decline in Goldfinches at the allotment site. This is due to fruit trees on individual plots having to be cut down below a certain height as in the allotment rules to prevent shading on other plots. It was AGREED to ask the chairman of the Brundall Allotment Association if the fruit trees that are not on individual plots and cause shade could be left for the Goldfinches to nest in.

It was suggested that the space between the 2 biodiversity improvement areas at the Cemetery would be an ideal spot for a gifted bench. To be taken to Land Management for consideration.

The BWG requires new members to fulfil their potential. They will write a post for Social Media.

7 To receive an update from the Church Fen Working Group.

The Church Fen Working Group are meeting again on 26th February to discuss their draft Management Plan prior to it going to Land Management

The 2 main issues are the non-native species and the Boardwalk, also to be discussed. The Deputy Clerk has written to the neighbouring landowner to seek permission to manage some of their land within the Nature Reserve.

8 To consider what to do with land outside the Sports Hub

It was suggested that once the bollards are installed on the verges at the Sports Hub the land behind them could be used as a further Biodiversity Improvement Site. To be taken to Land Management for consideration.

9 CSP Pond funding update- Planning permission has been applied for

The BWG have met contractors on site and planning permission being granted the pond will be dug in the summer months.

10 Gardening for Nature event update

Duncan is organising an event for the allotments to be held in the spring. This is now in the hands of Brundall Allotment Association.

11 Brundall Village Park update

The Brundall Village Park group are keen to get access to the site to ensure they and any consultants preparing tenders know what they are dealing with.

12 Draft Management Plans

The Management Plan for Cremers Meadow is going to the March Land Management meeting following the Friends of Cremer's Meadow meeting on 6th March.

The Management Plan for Church Fen is going to the April Land Management meeting.

13 Items for Social Media

BWG recruitment drive

14 Items for the next Agenda

Countryside Park Pond update

BVP update

CFWG update

Gardening for Nature event update

Management Plans

14 Dates for the next meeting(s):

May 21st 2026

August 20th 2026

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm

SIGNED