

Broadland District Councillor Report for Brundall Parish Council Meeting – 22 June 2026

At the BDC Annual General Meeting of the Main Council on 21 May 2026 the following were approved:

Cllr Adrian Tipple was elected as Chair and Cllr Shane Ward as Vice-Chair. Cllr Sue Holland was elected as Leader and the Cabinet team remains in place as before, with Cllr Jan Davis holding the portfolio for Environmental Excellence.

All of the reports referenced below can be found here:

<https://democracy.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=142&MId=1068&Ver=4>

Annual Review of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2025/26.

The O and S committee oversees the decision-making process of the council, investigates areas of local concern and recommends improvements. The report summarised the committee's activities over the past year with a detailed tracker outlining the outcomes of recommendations made and can be viewed here:

Adoption of the Strumpshaw Neighbourhood Plan – Revised for 2025-2045

86.9% of respondents were in favour of the plan in a referendum held on 7 May. The revised plan was approved and now forms part of the statutory Development Plan for the area.

Street Naming Legislation and Update to the Street Naming and Numbering Policy

This adopted policy has been reviewed (the previous one dates from 2021) and revised to reflect new legislation. The alteration of a new street name requires local support, and residents are consulted on any proposals. Following an alteration, another application cannot be made for 10 years except in exceptional circumstances. Usually, street naming and numbering changes relate to difficulties for postal or emergency services in locating properties.

Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Policy

An updated comprehensive ASB Prevention and Response Policy 2026-2029 was approved. The policy reflects changes in recent guidance and legislative changes. The approach to ASB is to identify, manage and reduce it in our communities by intervening early and using a partnership approach which is centred on the victims. ASB cases are becoming increasingly complex and can involve mental health issues, youth vulnerability and substance misuse. The aim is to take a fair and consistent approach, and a range of enforcement tools are available such including Community Protection Warnings and Notices, Criminal Behaviour Orders, Civil Injunctions and Public Space Protection Orders.

Design Code for BDC and SNC – Supplementary Planning Document

This was approved. A 6-week public consultation on this code was conducted from October to December 2025 and minor changes were made. The Code will assist

planners in negotiating the design details of new residential development schemes. It will apply to all residential schemes between one and 500 dwellings. Large scale schemes need to undertake a Master Planning process. It includes a BDC Character Assessment and assessment framework giving guidance on its practical application and provides extra guidance on implementing existing local plan policies.

Notice to Commence Plan Making

The Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP 2045) production process will progress under the government's new plan-making system. A formal Notice to Commence Preparation must be issued by the Council and has now been approved.

The government has offered funding to local authorities who commence plan making by 30 June 2026 and the following timetable will be followed:

The Gateway 1 self-assessment check is due on 30 October 2026

Then Gateway 2 and 3 assessments will be done, followed by a final examination.

All of these will be carried out by the Planning Inspectorate. Assuming the assessments are passed, the GNLP 2045 will be adopted in April 2029.

Housing Enforcement Policy and Civil Penalty Policy

The existing Housing Standards Enforcement Policy has been revised and was adopted. A new Housing Standard Civil Penalty Policy has been developed and was also adopted. These policies have been developed based on national model policies. The Renter's Rights Act 2025 places new duties on the council to enforce a wider range of landlord obligations, with the aim of ensuring that rented housing is good quality, safe and secure. Existing tenancies will become assured tenancies and Section 21 notices or "no fault" evictions will no longer be used. Later there will be a new national landlord database and landlords will be required to be registered. There are new legal duties on councils to take enforcement action in relation to illegal evictions and breaches of the legislation, although the council will work proactively with landlords to reduce likelihood of enforcement.

Women and Girls Safety Charter

This new charter adopted at Main Council aims to make women and girls feel safer and give them the knowledge that there is a support network around them when in public spaces. It is a shared voluntary framework that organisations and individuals can sign up to, to take action to improve women and girls safety, confidence and inclusion. There is national and local evidence to show that women and girls experience disproportionate levels of harassment intimidation, and violence in everyday settings. Violence and sexual offences make up a significant proportion of reported crime - just under 50% of the total. Those who sign up are not subject to new statutory requirements but are encouraged to commit to achievable steps to reflect their role, capacity and sphere of influence.

Homelessness Mitigation Strategic Workstreams – Next Steps

Growth in demand is expected for temporary accommodation due to a rise in homelessness. The main causes of homelessness continue to be: End of private rental, Domestic abuse, Family and friends no longer willing to accommodate, End of a relationship and Other reasons. The council has a plan to act and intervene to reduce the number of applications and limit the time spent in temporary accommodation via implementation of certain projects. BDC has received a funding

allocation from the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) Round 4. Council approved the use of funding in the budget to fund posts in the Housing Team. It also agreed to accept LAHF Round 4 funding and use additional capital funding (£2647,984 in the Broadland Growth Reserve) to purchase 16 temporary accommodation properties and 8 resettlement properties. An additional capital budget of £1m will be created from the Broadland Growth Reserve for the acquisition of further temporary accommodation units with a focus on single-person household provision. Properties will be managed by Broadland Living Ltd.

Administration of the Building Safety Levy

Council has agreed that CNC Building Control will manage and administer the Building Safety Levy on behalf of the council. The funding for this service will come from New Burdens Grant funding from the government.

The BSL is a statutory charge to ensure that developers contribute to the remediation of historical building safety defects. It will come into force for applications submitted on or after 1 October 2026 following the draft Building Safety Levy (England) Regulations 2025. Local authorities are designated as the official BSL collecting agents. There is a list of exemptions to the scheme including NHS hospitals, and hotels for example. CNC is well placed to collect the levy as it delivers a shared service across a number of councils.

Entries for a place to take part in the Marriott's Way run on 20 September 2026 are now open. The 10km trail race starts in Aylsham on the Marriott's Way and finishes in the marketplace in Reepham. The run is flat and mostly off road along the Marriott's Way, perfect terrain for seasoned runners and those new to running due to the softer ground. Runners also get to see the beautiful Norfolk countryside as they run along the old railway line. For more information and to sign up go to <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/leisure/marriotts-way-10k>

The Broadland Biodiversity Strategy was published last year, and the first Biodiversity Monitoring Report has been published highlighting the actions taken across the district to enhance biodiversity, help conserve our natural environment, and the progress being made more widely. To read the report go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/environment/trees-biodiversity/south-norfolk-council-and-broadland-district-council-biodiversity-strategies-2025-30>

BDC is focusing particularly on improving the biodiversity of 10 different sites in the district and more information about them can be found here:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/environment/trees-biodiversity/broadland-district-council-biodiversity-strategy-20252030/how-we-are-improving-our-sites-broadland>

Cllr Davis and Cllr Laming attended an event at Brundall Memorial Hall on 1 June where the Kings Award for Voluntary Service 2025 was presented by Lady Dannatt, the Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, to Mrs Christine Buchanan, the Chair of the Cancer Community Chest, for the amazing work the team of volunteers do in Brundall.

A new Digital Assistant is now live on the BDC website. The Digital Assistant is a simple, easy-to-use tool that can answer common questions, guide users to the right services, and provide responses at any time of day. It has been introduced to improve the customer experience by making it quicker and easier for people to

access council information, without needing to wait or search through multiple pages. To use the digital assistant, go to the website and click on the symbol on the website page called "Chat with Us." For more information go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/digital-assistant>

At the BDC Cabinet meeting on 9 June:

The Finance Report for Quarter 4 2025/2026 was approved.

Overall increased costs caused by inflation and extra demand in some areas has been offset by savings in other areas. The net cost of core services over the year was £14,683m, and £11,854m was spent on capital schemes including the purchase of temporary accommodation, refurbishment of public toilets in Reedham, S Walsham and Ranworth and the purchase of 5 new waste vehicles and Drayton Drewray woodland to extend Broadland Country Park.

The Housing Ombudsman Annual Complaints performance and service report 2025-2026 was approved and will be published on the website. The complaints handling procedure is compliant and robust, and more tenants responded to the Tenant Satisfaction Survey this year

Veolia has launched this year's Sustainability Fund in partnership with BDC.

Applications are invited from community groups and individuals to submit projects to improve their local environments and communities for grant funding of up to £1000.

The closing date is 30 September 2026. For more information and how to apply go to: <https://www.veolia.co.uk/sustainability-fund>

A vacancy has arisen for the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner role. Polling day for this election will be Thursday 16 July 2026. For more information go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/council/elections/upcoming-elections/police-and-crime-commissioner-by-election-date-july-2026>

Residents of Old Catton will also be voting on the same day to elect a new Norfolk County Councillor.

The new Carrowbreck training brochure is now out which covers training courses from July to December 2026. For more information go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/business/training-courses/carrowbreck-house-training-brochure-january-to-june-2026>

The Greater Norwich authorities (Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council, working with Norfolk County Council) are preparing a new local plan (GNLP 2045). An initial Call for Sites went out in February 2026 and a further Call for Sites is now running until 13 July 2026. This process is to identify which sites may be suitable for allocation in the new local plan. For more information go to: <https://gnlp.oc2.uk/>

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming on 21/6/26)