

Broadland District Councillor Report for Brundall Parish Council Meeting – 27 July 2026

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Broadland Community Awards until 28 August 2026. If you know someone who has given their life to helping the community, an organisation who has made a difference to people's lives, or someone whose acts of kindness and support have an impact in their local community please consider applying. Shortlisted nominees will be invited to a special awards night on 15 October at the Royal Norwich Golf Club

The categories are as follows:

- **Young Achiever Award** - A young person (aged 18 and under) who has made an exceptional contribution to their community.
- **Community Organisation of the Year** - A community organisation who has made a significant impact to the community.
- **Business in the Community Award** - A local business or commercial organisation that has gone above and beyond to support the local community.
- **Volunteer of the Year** - An individual who selflessly devotes their time and energy to the community.
- **Environmental Champion Award** - An individual, school or community organisation who has made an extra effort to have a positive impact on the environment.
- **Connecting Communities Award** - An individual, school or community organisation that has gone out of their way to encourage communities to come together and promote inclusivity.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** - A person who has dedicated over 20 years of their life to the community, volunteering for the benefit of others and deserves special recognition for their efforts and commitment.
- **Healthy and Active Award** - An individual, school or community organisation that has gone above and beyond in facilitating healthy and active lifestyles.
- **Rising Star Award** - An individual or newly formed community organisation that has recently begun their volunteering journey.

For more information and to apply go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/broadland-community-awards>

Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council (the Greater Norwich authorities) have published their Notice of Intention to Commence Plan Making in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026. A Local Plan Timetable has also been published in accordance with Regulation 8 of the same Regulations. The Greater Norwich Local Plan 2045 will cover the geographical and administrative areas of the above councils, excluding the Broads Authority Executive Area. For more information go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/planning/future-development/local-plans/emerging-local-plan/review-of-the-greater-norwich-local-plan/broadland-district-council-notice-of-intention-to-commence-local-plan-preparation>

The Council ran a High Street Rental Auctions work programme to look at vacancy patterns in Broadland and engage with owners of long-term vacant premise. This is

now complete, but BDC will continue to monitor the situation. High Street Rental Auctions were introduced through the Levelling up and Regeneration Act 2023, with secondary legislation in December 2024, as a new power to help local authorities bring persistently vacant commercial premises back into use. Broadland does not currently have a vacant premises issue of the scale that this legislation was designed to address.

Cllr Laming has awarded her Members Ward Grant funding for a drum kit for extra-curricular use at Brundall Primary School for ongoing use from September 2026.

At the BDC Meeting of the Main Council on 23 July 2026 the following were approved:

Strategic Performance and Risk Report for Quarter 4 2025/2026

This was approved.

Annual Treasury Review Report 2025/26

This was approved

Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing Policy and Fees

The revised policy was approved. The draft policy went out for extensive public consultation over 12 weeks during late 2025/early 2026. The policy together with a schedule of fees and charges associated with its administration and enforcement has been updated to meet requirements. Currently BDC does not have any relevant licensed premises.

Regulatory Enforcement Policy 2026-2029

This revised policy with a clear overarching framework was approved. The policy covers matters such as Community protection, Environmental quality, Food safety and licensing, Planning compliance and Building control. There are no major changes planned to the last policy which dates from 2022.

New Settlement Project Manager

Cabinet recommended that match funding should be sought from the government for a New Settlement Project Manager post, and this was agreed. The contribution from BDC will be £10,000 which will be transferred from an existing budget.

Delegation for Contract Award for Temporary Accommodation Decarbonisation Works

Cabinet agreed on 14 July to carry out work to decarbonise 11 temporary accommodation properties in the district before December 2026 by removing fossil fuel heating systems and replacing them with renewable heating technology and improvements to energy efficiency. Funding for this is to come from an existing Environmental Project reserve up to a value of £310,000.

10 projects in the district were awarded funding from the Future for Nature Fund in 2026. These projects aim to support biodiversity, carbon sequestration or public accessibility to green space across Broadland. Mid-project visits were carried out towards the end of July. Three projects are in Brundall Ward. Those are for

creation of a circular path in Buckenham Woods, creation of a pond in Brundall at the Countryside Park and pond restoration in Cantley.

The Business Builder Fund for 2026/2027 is now open. This programme is aimed at supporting businesses to invest and grow to boost the local economy. Support provided includes grants, support from the economic development team and training. BDC is funding this locally after the national provision was not renewed. For more information go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/business/broadland-business-builder-programme>

BDC is running a School Uniform Swap shops scheme over the summer until 3 September. Residents can donate good-quality pre-loved school uniform items and take what they need, free of charge, helping families to save money and reduce textile waste. The Swap Shops are at Acle Recreation Centre and Sprowston Diamond Centre and there will be more venues at Family Fun Days. For more information go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling/recycling/reuse-recycling-events>

BDC and SNC been recognised nationally for their commitment to supporting victims of Anti-social Behaviour by receiving ASB Help's PLEDGE accreditation. The councils have clear, effective policies and work closely with other partner organisations.

The latest round of the BDC Community Grant Scheme has allocated over £64,000 to 8 projects that will improve local facilities and support community activities across the district. For more information go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/news/64000-to-support-community-projects-across-broadland>

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming on 26/7/26)