

Minutes of the meeting of the **Brundall Parish Council Recreation and Wellbeing Committee** held on Monday 8th June 2026 at 7.00pm in the St Laurence Centre.



In attendance: Cllr M Savory (Chair) Cllr P Gabillia, Cllr L Britt, G Buckley (Cremer's Meadow), J Barrington (Brundall Memorial Hall), S Harper (Brundall parkrun)

Clerk: Mrs. C Dickson

Members of the public: 0

Housekeeping

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr M Savory was proposed by Cllr Buckley and seconded by Cllr Gabillia. As no other nominations were received Cllr Savory was unanimously elected Chair.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr G Abbott, J Lovatt (Guides), C Norburn (Scouts), Rev D Hanson (Yare Valley Churches)

3. Declarations of interest

None received.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Recreation & Well-being Committee meeting held on 30th April 2026 were APPROVED as a true and correct record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes

6. Send any survey information for Brundall Village Park to Groundwork East - completed

6. Public Participation

Comments were made about the driving and parking during the Lions garage sale. The **Clerk** was asked to contact the Lions to request they promote walking rather than driving.

A member of the public was bitten by a dog, although it is not known if this was related to the garage sale. Perhaps also request dogs are kept on a short lead.

7. Chairmans Report

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 18th May. Kevin Wilkins was re-elected as Chair. Continuity while big projects are ongoing was considered important. Joe Warns was re-elected as vice-chair.

Membership of the committees and working groups remained mostly the same.

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan has been going on for a long time and it is now at the draft stage. A consultation on the draft plan opens on the 24th June, with a launch event at the Memorial Hall, and runs until the 10th August. A lot of work has been put into getting to this stage and the committee would like to thank those who have contributed.

8. Updates from other Council Committees

a) Land Management

The Church Fen boardwalk has been repaired.

A dangerous Lime tree on Church Lane was removed.

Poplars at Cremer's Meadow were discussed with the committee approving reducing the number gradually over the next 5 years. They are not a native species, are very tall, and can fail without warning indicators.

Countryside Park – ongoing issues with dog waste not being picked up by owners. A draft management plan was received but it not yet ready for publication. It was well received. Several orchard trees needed to be replaced. The **Clerk** was asked to check how the trees were damaged. The circular bench that used to be outside the Memorial Hall will now be located in the orchard.

The parkrun report sent to this committee was discussed. The green waste will not be removed off site but can and will be moved away from the paths. Improvements to the car park surface is being investigated and will be discussed at the next LM committee meeting on Thursday.

New grit bin Nursery Avenue was approved and has been installed.

An annual footpath and right of way audit is being considered.

The Community Payback Team spent a day helping the Tree Advisor at Low Farm Wood and did a really good job.

b) Environment Committee

Meeting on the 21st May. Jo Warns was re-elected as Chair.

A Biodiversity Working Group survey highlighted a fall in the number of Goldfinches at the allotments. It was believed this was due to a reduction in available fruit so it was agreed to allow fruit trees that are not on individual plots to grow as high as 3m. Trees on plots are only allowed to be 2m.

The biodiversity improvement area at the Cemetery is doing really well.

A pre-planning application for work on the eastern path at Church Fen was submitted to the Broads Authority and they have confirmed it does not require planning permission.

The pond at the Countryside Park will need a planning application. It is just within a surface water flood zone and therefore a flood risk assessment is required. An alternative site has been considered but may also have problems.

9. Updates from Recreation and Wellbeing Organisations in Brundall

a) Brundall Memorial Hall

Nothing to report.

Members of the Parish Council met with trustees to update them on progress with Brundall Village Park and talk about future plans for the Memorial Hall. The BMH field extends further North than expected. It was a productive meeting.

b) Brundall Bolts

No report received.

Their end of season awards were presented yesterday, which was well attended. The AGM will be held next week. A new team will be starting in September which means they will have teams from under 8s up to 16.

c) 1st Brundall Guides

No report received.

d) Yare Valley Churches

No report received.

e) Communications Group

Receiving more feedback from other committees which is helpful for the Facebook posts. Usually we have 4 posts per week. Feedback generally comes from the same sort of posts eg potholes, road closures, hedge trimming.

f) Brundall Newsletter Group

Distribution of the newsletters was discussed. J Barrington takes the newsletters to the health centre and will make sure Brundall Home Hardware are supplied.

g) Brundall parkrun

See report below.

h) Friends of Cremer's Meadow

The Welcome Day is on the 20th June. The refurbished hut will hopefully finished and open. Refreshments and activities will be available.

i) Brundall Scouts

No report received.

They held their summer camp over the weekend.

j) Other Village Organisations

Cancer Community Chest held a celebration and presentation event to receive the Kings Award for voluntary services. Jerome Mayhew MP, District and County Councillors, and 100 people were there. They have 40 volunteers who help in their shop.

10. Recreational Facility updates

Planters and picnic tables have been installed at the Sports Hub on the spare area next to the pavilion. Bollards on the verge will be installed between the 24th and 26th June. Dugouts have been ordered with installation starting on the 22nd June.

11. Volunteer Event update

Full Council approved an increase in the budget for the event by £500, to come from General Reserves, as 160 people have confirmed they will be attending.

12. Village signage

No update at present.

Norfolk County Council have upgraded a footpath map at the central Co-Op.

13. Brundall Village Park

The S106 Deed of Variation has not yet been signed. Hopkins Homes bank, HSBC, needs to approve the changes. This delay means the Parish Council is not yet able to sign the contract with the design contractor Groundwork East. However, they are doing preparatory work in anticipation of this taking place imminently. Extra capacity has been programmed into the project schedule to allow for shortened timelines.

A date has been set for a site visit for the working group and Groundwork East to walk where there is no construction currently taking place.

The levels of the Village Green have not yet been finalized and it is not know if Hopkins will be seeding the area.

14. Items for the next agenda

Resting benches along The Street – a potential wellbeing project

15. Dates for the next meeting(s):

10th August 2026

Meeting Closed: 20:02

Signed:

Dated:

9. g) Brundall parkrun

Highlights for sharing

A very good period with busy Saturday mornings since our last update, the last few weeks we have seen high numbers especially over the bank holiday weekends. After a slow start and closure over February we are now hitting around 96 people as our average for 2026 and moving toward 100 as summer approaches.

The last two Saturdays have been very warm, so advising runners and walkers to take it a little easier, and bring water. Hopefully it's cooling down a little more.

The last few weeks we have seen a very busy carpark and we are squeezing in as many people as possible (65 vehicles on Saturday) as well as using The Ram car park and advising people to liftshare, walk or cycle. The Cycle stand is usually overflowing on a Saturday morning, which is good to see.

Preparations are in flow for our 11th birthday on the 20th June.

The Countryside park is starting to get a lot of over growth on to paths, we will keep monitoring and cutting back where there is significant overgrowth (Using only hand tools).

National wise, there has been quite a bit of news around the first person to complete 1000 parkruns. This is a significant achievement, and the national interest shows the passion for parkrun. We don't have anyone close to that number in our ranks, but great to see the national press grabbing the story and promoting parkrun.

Issues you wish Recreation & Wellbeing to discuss

None currently. Have move last week issues to page 2

Help requested from other Recreation and Wellbeing participants

None

Items raised previously awaiting response

- (8th April) Email request sent to Claudia and Kevin to assist with the protocol document. Not clear on next steps and require some assistance to get all sides together ○ (1st June) No further communication on the subject. Been an open action since November.
- (8th April) Countryside park still needs the removal of all trees and bramble waste from across the site or to understand the plan for what is to be done, especially on the overflow carpark and the Travalator (West Side). Unsure who is doing what, but very close to the pathway so some risk to users. ○ (1st June) Lawrence and Sarah said they would action carpark at Countryside Park meeting, NO ACTION is yet to be taken and overflow carpark still has waste. As does the west side.
- (8th April) Feedback on the main carpark from many users, especially older parkrunners. The surface is becoming an increased risk to cars and ankles as large rocks are coming to the surface. We keep removing larger ones, but something to be aware of from a risk perspective. Maybe a wider discussion is required if the surface needs refreshing for all users of the Countryside Park. ○ (1st June) Was discussed at the Countryside Park meeting, and I believe the Landowners meeting. No further communication to us, since photos were sent. Car Park is getting worse, we continue to remove larger stones, as and when we spot them.