

Broadland District Councillor Report for Strumpshaw Parish Council - 15 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 and SNC been recognised nationally for their commitment to supporting victims of Anti-social Behaviour by receiving ASB Help's PLEDGE accreditation. For further information see: [The ASB Help PLEDGE | ASB HELP](#)

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>

A Let's Go initiative has been launched by BDC to help people to explore the local area and help promote the local economy. It showcases places to visit, things to do, local events, attractions, food and drink venues and independent businesses. There are over 30 walks suggested for Broadland and South Norfolk and more ideas for walks and trails will be added over time.

To find out more go to: <https://yes-lets-go.org.uk/>

If you know a local business or organisation who might like to be featured, do ask them to email Lets.Go@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

An update on the revised housing allocation scheme which commenced in March 2025 was provided to the Overview and Scrutiny committee at the end of July. The scheme continues to ensure that all available social housing is targeted at those in greatest need, by providing a clearer banding structure and improved outcomes for those in certain groups such as rough sleepers engaging with support, disabled applicants, care leavers and those from the armed forces community. Regular reviews will continue to be undertaken.

The Overview and Scrutiny committee also received an update on the activities and the spending of the Broadland Health and Well-being partnership. This partnership is a collaboration between organisations to improve the health and well-being of residents. The first strategy was launched in December 2023.

A refreshed strategy for 2026 to 2029 was adopted in March 2026 with the following priority areas:

Access, Integration and Prevention

Supporting good Mental Health

Developing Resilient and Healthy communities

An annual grant is received from Public Health to develop and deliver activities. Several projects are funded by the partnership or are supported by the partnership which include:

Social Moments enterprise at Rackheath which supports families

Fitzmaurice Park run and Lingwood Junior Park run

Mindful Towns and Villages which trains community champions to have low level

conversations around mental health and well-being. Since inception 226 have been trained with 19 communities becoming mindful towns or villages. There are plans to expand this model across the whole of Norfolk.

5 communities in Broadland have been recognised recently as Mindful Villages. These include: Spixworth, Horsham St Faiths, Horsford, Old Catton and Belaugh.

A new 2-year project organised by the Broadland Health and Wellbeing Partnership called All To Play For is due to be set up in Brundall and Aylsham. It aims to engage and support men using free football sessions to help improve men's mental health.

The consultation on the draft Brundall Neighbourhood plan has now finished. A copy of the draft, modified Neighbourhood Plan and related documents can be viewed on the Parish Council's website:

[Brundall's Neighbourhood Plan – Brundall Parish Council.](#)

Any amendments required will be made and then the Plan will be submitted to Broadland District Council and the Broads Authority. A further consultation will be held before progressing the Plan to an independent examination.

BDC has launched a new round of a solar panel and battery scheme to help residents find out how they could generate and store renewable electricity. The scheme, called Switch Together, uses a group buying approach. Registration is free of charge and the deadline is 25 September 2026. For more information go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/housing/housing-advice-support/reduce-energy-bills/switch-together-energy>

Last year Veolia ran a Sustainability Fund in partnership with BDC. One of the successful projects was in Brundall where a £2000 grant was awarded to support the construction of a new wildlife pond in the Countryside Park together with other funding sources. Applications for this year's fund 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>

The process to prepare a new local plan for Greater Norwich is continuing. The scoping consultation is now open and closes on 28 September 2026. This is primarily for stakeholders but anyone with an interest in the Greater Norwich Local Plan area can comment. Baseline data will be gathered, and a Vision and Objectives prepared to shape the content of the Plan.

For details go to: <https://gnlp.oc2.uk>

The call for sites submissions do not form part of the scoping consultation but basic details of the sites received can be found here: <https://gnlp.oc2.uk/document/90>
Comments on these will be invited at a later stage.

For further details on the Greater Norwich Development Partnership and the progress of the plan go to: <https://www.greaternorwichdevelopment.org.uk/>

The Building Futures project operating in Broadland and South Norfolk has supported 97 apprentices in the last two years by assisting employers to take on new

apprentices or upskill existing staff. It will now be funded by both councils until March 2028. For more information go to:
<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/news/scheme-that-has-supported-almost-100-apprenticeship-is-extended>

New Local Area Co-ordinators have been introduced to help people remain independent and connected to their communities by getting appropriate support. They are part of the Help Hub service and the first ones have been allocated to Thorpe St Andrew, Hellesdon, Sprowston and Aylsham. For more information on services provided by the Help Hub go to:
<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/community-safety/help-hub>

BDC is offering a free Community Climate Action Training course for parish councils, village hall committees and community groups across the district. The course has been developed to help local communities gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to take practical environmental action and is accredited by the Carbon Literacy Project. Participants will gain practical ideas that can be applied within their communities and will receive Carbon Literate accreditation upon completion of the full-day course. Training dates are on Monday 2 November 2026 9:00am to 4:30pm or Tuesday 17 November 2026 9:00am to 4:30pm at the Horizon Centre NR7 0WF. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. To book a place contact environmentalstrategy@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk
For more information go to:
<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/environment/community-climate-action-training>

Over 800 volunteers from 36 local groups and organisations got involved in the Broadland Big Litter Pick this year which ran from February to May 2026. They collected around 350 bags of litter which is approximately 2.5 tonnes of waste. Groups were entered into a prize draw to share a £4000 community fund. All groups received some money to help support their organisation. Broadland District Council's litter picking equipment is available throughout the year for community groups wishing to organise their own clean-up events. For more information see:
<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling/keeping-streets-clean/volunteer-litter-pick-area>

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