District Councillor Report for the Postwick Annual Parish Meeting – 17 April 2026

This report outlines the activities of the two Broadland District Councillors for Brundall Ward (Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming) over the last year.

We have attended all the Main Council meetings at Broadland District Council which continues to be run by a partnership of Liberal Democrat, Labour and Green councillors.

Cllr Davis is a member of the Cabinet and holds the Environment Portfolio which covers a wide remit including waste and recycling, community protection and environmental quality, regulatory services, food safety, burials, public health protection and nutrient neutrality.

Cllr Davis is also a BDC representative on the following organisations: Community Rail Norfolk, Broads (2006) Internal Drainage Board, Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance, Norfolk Climate Change Partnership, and the Norfolk Waste Partnership. Cllr Davis also chairs the Broadland Futures Initiative which brings together representatives of the Environment Agency, Broads Authority, and local councils to consider the management of flooding in the Broads area over the next 100 years. He is also a substitute member for the Greater Norwich Local Plan meetings.

Cllr Laming has a place on the following committees/panels: Planning, Overview and Scrutiny, Communities Housing and Planning, Awards and Standards.

We have attended nearly all the main parish council meetings for Postwick, Brundall, Strumpshaw and Cantley, the Cluster Group meetings (at which representatives of local parish councils meet to share ideas and current issues) and the BDC Town and Parish Council Forum meetings. We have raised issues on their behalf and submitted regular update reports.

We corresponded with residents over a wide range of matters such as planning and enforcement issues, pollution, highways concerns, mainly related to road safety and bus service provision, waste collections, dog waste bins, and fly tipping.

We have commented on many planning applications and planning appeals where appropriate, both in the ward and in neighbouring wards, and called in contentious applications to the BDC planning committee.

We submitted responses to several consultations including the Future East survey on Local Government Reorganisation, the NCC consultation on the merger of Cantley Primary school and nursery with Freethorpe Community Primary School, the public consultation by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on Local Government Reorganisation proposals for Norfolk, the Broads Authority consultation on a revised Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document, the government consultation on the new draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the government's technical consultation on Reform of Planning Committees and the NCC Consultation on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

Cllr Davis has funded repairs and improvements to the community telephone box in Postwick using some of his £1000 Members Ward grant. The box is used as a community library offering books, puzzles and games to residents of all ages. Part of his Members Ward grant also went to Giggles Toddler group based at Brundall Memorial Hall.

Cllr Laming awarded her Members Ward grant of £1000 to Snowy's Nursery and Pre-School for refurbishment of the existing outdoor learning area and provision of new outdoor learning equipment including a mud kitchen unit and wooden play shed/house for the children to use all year round. The work was completed in the 2025 school summer holidays.

Cllr Davis applied to the BDC Community Grant Scheme in 2025 on behalf of Brundall Scout Group, who were awarded £15000, the maximum amount possible, towards the cost of refurbishing the toilets at Brundall Scout Hut to create unisex facilities with disabled access.

We have attended the following events and meetings:

Brundall Armistice Day and Remembrance Day services, the VE Day Flag Raising ceremony at the Horizon Centre and also the VE day evening service at Postwick Parish Church, the VE Day inter-generational event at Cantley Village Hall, public meetings on the merger of Cantley Primary school and nursery with Freethorpe Community Primary School, the BDC flag raising for Armed Forces Day at the Horizon Centre, the Marriott's Way 10km run, recycling events such as the Summer School Uniform Swap Shop, the Summer Reading Challenge at Brundall Library for children and young people, to hand out certificates and medals, Blofield Courthouse to meet some of the Wellbeing Champions who have completed their training on Mental Health Awareness as part of the Mindful Communities programme, the Town and Parish Council in person Summit at the Horizon Centre, a successful district recycling event for small electrical items and textiles to help residents to reduce waste and recycle more, the BDC Community Awards at the Royal Norwich Golf Club, the Broadland Country Park Breaking Ground ceremony for the park visitor centre which signalled the beginning of its construction, a workshop at Lingwood Village Hall on the new BDC Future for Nature Fund, the official opening of the new, totally rebuilt, Broadland Waste and Recycling Depot at Frettenham which is operated and managed by the BDC assigned waste contractor, Veolia, the Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care System Conference, the Viking Centre in Sprowston which was awarded this year's BDC Enhancement Award, a Norfolk Warm Homes Team and BDC Communities Team event at Brundall Memorial Hall, some of the Neighbourhood Policing meetings for the Acle area and the BDC Chairman's Civic Reception at the Horizon Centre.

Cllr Davis helped to secure £25,000 from the Greater Anglia Community Fund for Postwick parish council to carry out a feasibility study to upgrade the footpath between Postwick and Brundall Gardens railway station to a cycleway.

Cllr Davis has continued to liaise with National Highways managers re the volume and speed of traffic through local villages in relation to the A47 dualling works, and particular issues relating to disruption to local traffic routes during the sugar beet

campaign. He attended a meeting at the end of February at Lingwood Village Hall which gave an update on the current progress of the A47 dualling project and upcoming planned works including the installation of new bridge structures.

Throughout the year there has been a significant focus on government plans for Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation. This does herald one of the biggest changes in local government in Norfolk for 50 years with the planned dissolution of BDC as a council due in 2028. We have engaged with the consultation process throughout and will work to ensure that the interests of Broadland residents are represented.

(submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming 8/04/26)

Abbreviations: BDC – Broadland District Council; NCC – Norfolk County Council