

Broadland District Councillor Report for Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood Parish Council Meeting – 16 July 2026

Polling day for the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner will be on Thursday 16 July 2026. For more information and for a list of published candidates go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/news/norfolk-police-and-crime-commissioner-candidates-have-been-published>

Residents of Old Catton will also be voting on the same day to elect a new Norfolk County Councillor. It is a requirement at these elections for all voters attending polling stations to take a form of photo ID with them, such as a driving licence, passport or bus pass.

Cllr Laming attended the BDC flag raising ceremony for the Armed Forces on 22 June at the Horizon Centre.

Plans for Local Government reorganisation are progressing. It is expected at present that legislation (the Structural Change Order or SCO) will be laid before parliament in Autumn 2026. Councils are working on a joint basis voluntarily to prepare for this. An Implementation Board and Programme Team has been formed, and individuals have been recruited to key roles. Informal Joint committees are being established with first meetings due in July.

The draft modified Brundall Neighbourhood Plan is now out for pre-submission consultation (Reg 14) from 24 June to 10 August 2026 and the link to the consultation form is here: <https://brundallpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/neighbourhood-development-plan/>

The documents can be viewed here:

- [Modified Brundall Neighbourhood Plan](#)
- [Brundall Design Guidance and Codes](#) (Appendix)

Supporting documents:

- [Data Profile for Brundall](#)
- [Strategic Environmental Screening](#)
- [Habitat Regulation Assessment Screening](#)
- [Regulation 14 Statement](#)
- [Local Green Space letter](#)

The Norfolk Community Safety Partnership has launched a Safer Norfolk Survey 2026 on crime and antisocial behaviour, with the aim of giving residents a chance to shape decisions that affect their community and improve access to services. It is open until 24 July. To complete the survey which takes approximately 5 minutes visit: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/safernorfolk26>

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 is reviewing existing policies and producing a new Regulatory Enforcement policy 2026 to 2029, with a clear overarching framework. 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.

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.

BDC Cabinet is reviewing the treasury management activity for the financial year 2025 to 2026, and the activity of the Nutrient Mitigation Fund which provides credits to release planning approvals.

The council is looking to adopt a new Sex Establishment and Sexual Entertainment Venue policy with a schedule of fees and charges. The new draft policy has been drawn up following a review of the previous policy and a consultation which was carried out over 12 weeks from late 2025 to early 2026. The council has not received any applications since 2011 and does not currently have any relevant licensed premises.

BDC is planning 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.

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.

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming on 10/07/26)