

Broadland District Councillor Report for Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood Parish Council Meeting – 19 March 2026

At BDC Main Council on 19 February 2026 the following were approved:

The Revenue Budget for 2026/27 was agreed. There will be no rise in Council Tax and Broadland is one of the very few councils who are not raising tax in the coming financial year.

The Band D level of Council Tax is to remain at the same level as it was in 2024/2025 and 2025/26 which is £134.91 for General Expenditure. The Band D level of Council Tax is lower than it was last year at £0.83 for Special Expenditure.

The Capital Strategy and Capital Programme for 2026/27 to 2030/31 were approved. The total cost of the 5-year capital programme comes to just over £15m and will be continually reviewed to ensure the council obtains value for money.

The Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2026/27 was approved.

BDC approved an updated Safeguarding Policy. This follows a full review of the current safeguarding arrangements and an update in procedures. The updated safeguarding policy will be published on the BDC website.

BDC approved a new policy for Waste Services. This reflects current and upcoming legislation in relation to the government's waste and recycling reforms and sets clear service standards for the district. Councils now need to consider the introduction of Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility payments and Simpler Recycling measures. Clear standards are set out for contamination, side waste, container provision and assisted collections.

The Greater Norwich 5-year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2026-2031 and the Annual Growth Programme 2026/27 were approved. The projects funded by the pooled Community Infrastructure Levy in Broadland are:

The Blofield Park Community Centre £500,000

The Nest Padel courts project £150,000

BDC agreed to approve and adopt the new Council Delivery Plan 2026 to 2028 which supports the Council Plan 2024 to 2028. The two-year delivery plan gives detail on the project that BDC will deliver to achieve its vision and priorities and runs from April 2026.

BDC agreed to establish two planning related working groups. These include an Enforcement Oversight board and a Development Management Review panel.

BDC agreed to adopt the Rackheath Neighbourhood Plan (Revised for 2024/25) with the examiner's modifications. The plan can be viewed here:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/asset-library/1.-rackheath-np-review-submission-plan.pdf>

BDC agreed to adopt an updated Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption strategy which was last approved in 2023. The Strategy sets out the approach to minimise the risk of fraud and corruption occurring, and the actions it will take if fraudulent activity is suspected and identified.

Cllr Davis 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.

Broadland District Council's community Annual Big Litter Pick is now open. Community groups, schools and businesses can take part between now and 31 May. All registered groups will receive £50 for taking part and helping to keep the district clean, and 10 participating groups will have the chance to receive £250 to reinvest in their community. For more details go to:
<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling/keeping-streets-clean/volunteer-litter-pick-area/big-broadland-litter-pick>

Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood parish council has made an application to BDC to designate a Neighbourhood area for the purposes of developing a Neighbourhood Plan and this has now been approved.

The BDC Dog Warden Service has received the RSPCA Gold Paw Print Award for their service provision for the fourth consecutive year. This recognises excellence in the stray dog service provided by the council

The BDC Handy Person Service won **National Handy Person Service of the Year** at the Healthy Housing Awards. The service operates across South Norfolk and Broadland and provides minor repairs, falls prevention equipment, safety fittings and domestic abuse sanctuary scheme support for residents.

On 11 March BDC hosted a Business Breakfast for over 100 business owners. BDC is committed to supporting local enterprises in the district. Since the launch of the Business Builder programme in 2022 it has supported 472 businesses and awarded £2.3m in grants.

A new Let's Go! Visitor economy initiative will launch in Summer 2026. This will showcase beautiful walking routes across the districts and highlight nearby independent businesses to boost visitor numbers and tourism.

13 community led environmental projects across Broadland have been awarded funding through the BDC Future for Nature Fund, with additional support from some Section 106 developer contributions taking the total investment to over £60,000. The fund supports a wide range of initiatives designed to restore natural habitats, capture carbon and improve public access to green spaces, empowering communities to play an active role in protecting and enhancing the district's natural environment.

Congratulations to all those awarded grants in Brundall Ward which include:

Brundall Parish Council - awarded a grant of £5000 to create a pond at the Countryside Park

Cantley Parish Council - awarded a grant of £4700 to restore an existing pond forming part of a circular walking route.

Strumpshaw Parish Council - awarded a grant of £3440 to create a 2km circular walk around Buckenham Woods

Bookings are now open for Tots 2 Teens events in the Easter Holidays. For more information and to book go to:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/community-safety/community/tots-2-teens>

(Submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming on 19/3/26)