

BROADLAND GREEN PARTY

GREEN NEWS

BRUNDALL & AREA VILLAGES



Cllrs Eleanor Laming & Jan Davis

Summer 2022

Brundall, Cantley, Buckenham, Hassingham, Limpenhoe, Postwick, Southwood, Strumpshaw, Witton

Your Green Party Councillors, Jan Davis and Eleanor Laming, have been busy working with parish councils, asking questions and proposing solutions at Broadland District Council. We report on some of the issues being tackled.

AIR QUALITY

Brundall residents rightly have concerns about increased traffic. Road safety is a high priority as is minimising traffic related air pollution. Jan has worked with council environmental officers to support Brundall parish council establish an air quality monitoring project. The scheme now in operation provides average air quality data at 8 locations. The readings can be used to determine if more detailed air quality monitoring and actions to reduce pollution may be required.



Air quality monitoring tubes now located across Brundall



SEWAGE OVERFLOWS

Local residents brought to our attention a long-standing problem of sewage overflows onto the RSPB reserve at Cantley. In liaison with the RSPB, Cllr Jan Davis met several times with Anglian Water managers to raise the concerns. Anglian Water carried out detailed sewer surveys to identify the problem. At a recent site meeting a solution was proposed to improve the capacity of the sewer network and avoid future sewage discharges. Work on the sewer is planned for the Summer.

Working to prevent sewage discharges onto Cantley marshes

PRESERVING OUR GREEN SPACES

Along with many residents we are concerned at the impact of modern development on our natural capital. Tragic biodiversity loss must be addressed. It is essential our existing green spaces and habitats are preserved and enriched. Working with parish councils, Broadland tree wardens, landowners and through the planning system we are trying to preserve existing sites and identifying locations where biodiversity can be supported. We have exciting plans for tree and hedge planting in the Autumn.



Cllr Laming speaking up to retain green spaces and plant more trees & hedges

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PLANNING MATTERS

Housing is halted by pollution fears

EDP 25/04/2022

Planning system needs an overhaul

Local people make their views known but lack power to change the system.

Communities across the land are concerned about similar issues, namely loss of green space and biodiversity, reduction in numbers of affordable houses at late stages of the planning process.

These are the developments that suit the house builders, not those who live in the area, and certainly not the wildlife whose habitats are lost.

EDP 6/04/2022



Broadland councillor Jan Davis. PICTURE: GEORGE THOMPSON.

Broadland district councillor, Jan Davis, said: "Action on this complex issue is well overdue. This is particularly important in the Broads where water quality is vital."

We have corresponded with residents on a range of matters and planning is a key issue. Eleanor had a letter published in the EDP on the 25th April which explained the urgent need for an overhaul of the planning system.

Overdevelopment means not only a loss of green spaces but further damage to nature. Algal blooms due to nutrient overload impacts our fisheries and water ecology. Jan commented in the local media (6th April) on a recent initiative to put a temporary stop to further development until solutions can be found. Any solution, however, must be part of a revised integrated planning system which takes into account the competing demands on our land.

We have represented residents appealing against inappropriate planning applications with recent successes. A development on Oak Hill, Brundall, for example, was refused where veteran oak trees and local wildlife would have been adversely impacted.

Working with parish councils

Jan and Eleanor attend and report to parish council meetings for Postwick with Witton; Brundall; Strumpshaw; and Cantley, Southwood & Limpenhoe. You are welcome to attend meetings which are open to the public.



Working to improve road safety

LOCAL PROBLEM? WHERE TO FIND HELP

BINS & RECYCLING	01603 430534
POTHoles, PAVEMENTS & ROADS	0344 800 8020
HOUSING BENEFIT	01603 430602
PLANNING PERMISSION	01603 430509
CITIZENS ADVICE	0800 144 8848
ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR 101 OR	01603 430488
DOG FOULING	01603 430534

Issues can be reported via the council website: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/>

Alternatively, you can contact the council directly using the numbers above, or phone General Enquiries: **01603 431133** You can also email: Broadland District Council: reception@broadland.gov.uk

To report highways issues: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>

If you're having a problem with council services, get in touch with Jan or Eleanor who will try to help.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Broadland Green Party team can be even more effective working on local issues with your help. Could you:

- **Let us know which issues matter to you**
- **Help deliver newsletters to a street near you?**

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