BROADLAND GREEN PARTY GREENNEWS BRUNDALL & AREA VILLAGES



Cllrs Eleanor Laming & Jan Davis

Summer 2023

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

We would like to say a big "Thank You" for returning us as your district councillors in the local elections earlier this year. It was tremendous to have your support and, as always, we will work hard to represent your views and concerns. Please contact us if you have queries or issues related to district council services and we will do our very best to help. Our contact details are at the bottom of the page overleaf.

EXCITING NEWS FOR BROADLAND!

Not only did we win our seats with a comfortable majority, but the Green Party won two more seats in neighbouring Burlingham & Lingwood and Plumstead wards. With the Conservatives losing seats in other wards this meant no single party was in overall control of the council. The political parties entered into a short period of negotiations to decide how the council was to be run.



A Strategic Partnership

The outcome of the negotiations was a Strategic Partnership of Greens, Liberal Democrats, and Labour Councillors to run Broadland District Council. The partnership has 26 seats out of the total of 47 seats on the council. This is a great chance to develop new policies for residents and to run the council efficiently taking into account climate change and the need to protect our environment.



OUR SUCCESSES

We have been working on various issues raised by constituents.

Sewage discharges After several meetings and site inspections, Anglian Water appear to have solved the problem of sewage overflows onto the RSPB Mid-Yare reserve.

Level crossing gates Following lobbying of Network Rail, the substandard pedestrian gates on the Church Road level crossing in Cantley have been replaced with more robust metal gates that now work effectively and safely.

Park & Ride We report overleaf on successful lobbying for the reinstatement of the Postwick Park & Ride service.

JAN AND ELEANOR WORKING HARD FOR YOU

DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE & BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCY

On the 27th July the UN Secretary-General António Guterres' stated "the level of climate inaction is unacceptable. Leaders must lead. No more waiting for others to move first. There is simply no more time for that..... It is still possible to avoid the very worst of climate change..... But, only with dramatic, immediate climate action. We have seen some progress But none of this is going far enough or fast enough. Accelerating temperatures demand accelerated action."

On the same day the UN Secretary General made his statement Broadland District Council declared a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency. It is a statement to declare we are serious about doing what we can to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change. The motion was put to the main council and adopted on a majority vote. The motion read:

1) Council recognises the dangerous and accelerating effects of unmitigated climate change and ecological destruction for Norfolk.

2) Council resolves to declare a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency.

3) Council resolves to take action accordingly within the limits of its resources and powers and report back annually on progress.

Reinstatement of Postwick Park & Ride

Following a campaign by Green campaigners and local residents, Norfolk County Council will open Postwick park & ride from Monday 4 September. The service will run every 20 minutes starting at Postwick at 07.30am and with the last journey back from the bus station at 18.10pm, Monday to Saturday.

Fares across all five Norwich park and ride bus services will be cheaper from September 2023, to make it more affordable to travel car-free into the city centre. All-day travel tickets will cost £3 for adults, £2 for concessions and 17-19-year-olds, £1.50 for children aged 5-16 and under fives go free. There will be a £1 fare for extra passengers when travelling with a paying customer.



Postwick Park & Ride

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: <u>reception@broadland.gov.uk</u>

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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