

District Councillor Report for the Annual Parish Meeting – 9th April 2024

This report outlines the activities of the district councillor for Burlingham Ward (Cllr Jess Royal) over the last year.

I have attended the Main Council meetings at Broadland District Council. On 25 May 2023 a partnership of Liberal Democrat, Labour and Green councillors formed the council administration.

I am a BDC representative on the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) and have attended board meetings throughout the year.

I have a place on the following committees/panels: Environmental Excellence, Appeals, Electoral Arrangements and Member Development. I have attended meetings throughout the year.

I have attended main parish council meetings and have raised issues on their behalf. I submit monthly district update reports.

I have corresponded with residents over a wide range of matters including planning and enforcement issues, tree preservation orders, highways concerns around flooding, road safety in particular speeding, bus service provision, waste collections and fly tipping.

I have corresponded with planning officers and conservation and tree officers regarding planning applications and called in contentious applications to planning committees at BDC.

I supported a motion to BDC to agree to declare a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency at Main Council on 27 July 2023, to take action accordingly within the limits of its resources and powers and report back annually on progress. I supported a motion to BDC on 14 December 2023 asking the Council to Declare Support for the Climate and Ecology (CE) Bill. (a private members bill before the House of Commons which aims to align current UK environmental policy with the need to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030).

I have responded to consultations on NCC Green Spaces in the Greater Norwich area and the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Norfolk.

I supported the increase of the Member Ward Grant to £1000 per council member (a grant that each district councillor has to spend on projects within their wards) and the creation of a Community Grant Scheme for larger projects.

I used my Member's Ward Grant to help fund the purchase of a gazebo for Lingwood Legit's and a defibrillator for Burlingham Cottage Gardeners Association. I applied for the Community Grant Scheme for Hug a Mug café.

I attended BDC Community at Heart awards to support Lingwood residents from Blofield and District Conservation Group (BADCOG).

(Submitted by Cllr Jess Royal 05/04/24)