

District Councillor Report for the Annual Parish Meeting – 14th April 2026

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

I have attended Main Council meetings at Broadland District Council which continues to be run by a partnership of Liberal Democrat, Labour and Green councillors.

I am the vice chair of the Environmental Excellence policy development panel, and I sit on the Appeals panel and Electoral Arrangements committee. Over the last year I attained my planning training, allowing me to substitute to the planning committee when needed.

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

I have attended nearly all the main parish council meetings and have raised issues on their behalf. I submit monthly district update reports. I have also attend Parish cluster meetings throughout the year where representatives from the surrounding parish councils meet to discuss successes and opportunities.

I have corresponded with residents over a wide range of matters including planning and enforcement issues, highways concerns and road safety, housing concerns, bus service provision, waste collections, fly tipping and biodiversity improvement opportunities.

I have attended and spoken at planning committee meetings for applications in the Ward.

I have corresponded with planning officers and conservation and tree officers regarding planning applications, both on behalf of the Parish Council and residents.

I have corresponded with Galliford Try regarding the ongoing A47 works and the increase in volume and speed of traffic on local roads.

I have used my Members Ward Grant to support Lingwood Community Gardening Group to help improve biodiversity in the village.

In my capacity as Ward councillor, I have attended the Dedication Service of Acle and District Royal British Legion Branch Standard and the BDC Community Awards to celebrate the achievements of Tiny Tots Lingwood.

(Submitted by Cllr Jess Royal 13/04/26)