



# Parish Matters

The Newsletter of Poringland Parish Council

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Dear Parishioners,

## Welcome to Edition 8 of Parish Matters.

Our big news of this month is the referendum result for the Neighbourhood Plan. All registered electors in Poringland were entitled to vote on whether the Poringland Neighbourhood Plan should be used by South Norfolk Council to help determine planning applications in Poringland. And a massive 92% of those voting agreed that it should!



*John Henson & John Joyce after the referendum success*

Now, not only do developers have to take account of our policies, we also get 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which developers have to pay. Our policies were created thanks to everyone who fed back to us, both via informal soundings and statutory consultations. And the plan couldn't have been brought together without the hard work of our committee, which was made up of both councillors and members of the public. **Thank you everyone!**

**New Play Areas.** The Parish Council is currently working with both Norfolk Homes and Big Sky Developments with regards to play provision in the south west of the village. Both developers are obliged to provide play provision in this area, and both have been good enough to come to us about what would be best in these areas for our village. Play provision shouldn't be a 'one size fits all' service and we look forward to reviewing the plans to see what is best for Poringland.

**Council Opportunities.** There are both councillor and staff vacancies at the Parish Council this month. There was insufficient support for a by-election as a result the resignation of Peter Lowndes-Burt from the council, so the Parish Council is now free to co-opt a new councillor as soon as is practicable. Expressions of interest to be a councillor can be sent to the Clerk.

We are also recruiting for a new Assistant Clerk to join our office staff. There is more information in our application pack that can be found here: <https://www.poringlandparishcouncil.gov.uk/staff-vacancies.html>

This is a great time to be joining a really pro-active council as we have lots of great projects on the go at the moment. So whether you want to be part of the decision making body or the office team, if you're community minded and can apply your skills to our special village, there may be an opportunity for you at Poringland Parish Council.

We'd like to thank Peter and Allison respectively for their service to the council, and wish them all the best for the future.

**Parish Council Meetings Have Now Moved to the 1st Wednesday of the Month. The Next Meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

**Community Centre Update.** Just like the Olympics, some things are worth waiting an extra year for, and for us it's 'A Celebration of Whitney' – a brilliant tribute to one of the most powerful singers to ever grace the charts. So whether you 'Wanna Dance with Somebody', get 'So Emotional' or find out 'How Will I Know', this will be a great night for all.

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Time** 7.30pm til late

**Tickets:** £15 (includes tribute act and disco)



Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Office, or call 01508 492182 / email [bookings@poringland-pc.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@poringland-pc.gov.uk)

**Community Events Supporting Local Traders.** The community centre has become a new permanent venue for The Clear Company, a community interest company that puts on fayres to support local traders, entertainers, street food companies and craftspeople. These have been running on every second Sunday of the month and have provided great family entertainment. The next fayre is on 12<sup>th</sup> September between midday and 6pm



**And Finally....** It's been such an unsettling year for young people, and as we write this the A' Level and GCSE results are due out shortly. The Poringland Fuel Allotment Trust provides grants to students living in Poringland to help support their further education. To

apply for this, or other grants that the charity provides go to <https://www.thepfac.co.uk/>

*until next time - Keep safe*

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