

# Welcome

Poringland Parish Council will be given some land by Norfolk Homes in the near future, behind the Community Centre, off The Ridings.

As part of the 'Section 106' legal agreement associated with Norfolk Homes' ongoing development of new homes in the village, they will be handing it over to the Parish Council, who will become permanent legal owners within the next twelve months.

We have a unique opportunity to provide new community facilities on this land and we would like your views on what these should be.

## Have your say

These boards tell you more about the Community Land Project and the work that has been done so far. Please ask us any questions you have and share your ideas with us (there are comment forms to collect your suggestions).

We invite your comments for this first stage of the consultation process by Friday 29th January. We will share the initial findings with the parish at a public meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd February at the Community Centre, where we will invite further comments.

There will be a number of opportunities to have your say before a decision is made on which facilities will be provided on the land. This is a long-term project and we look forward to receiving your ideas and feedback throughout.

## Thank you for coming



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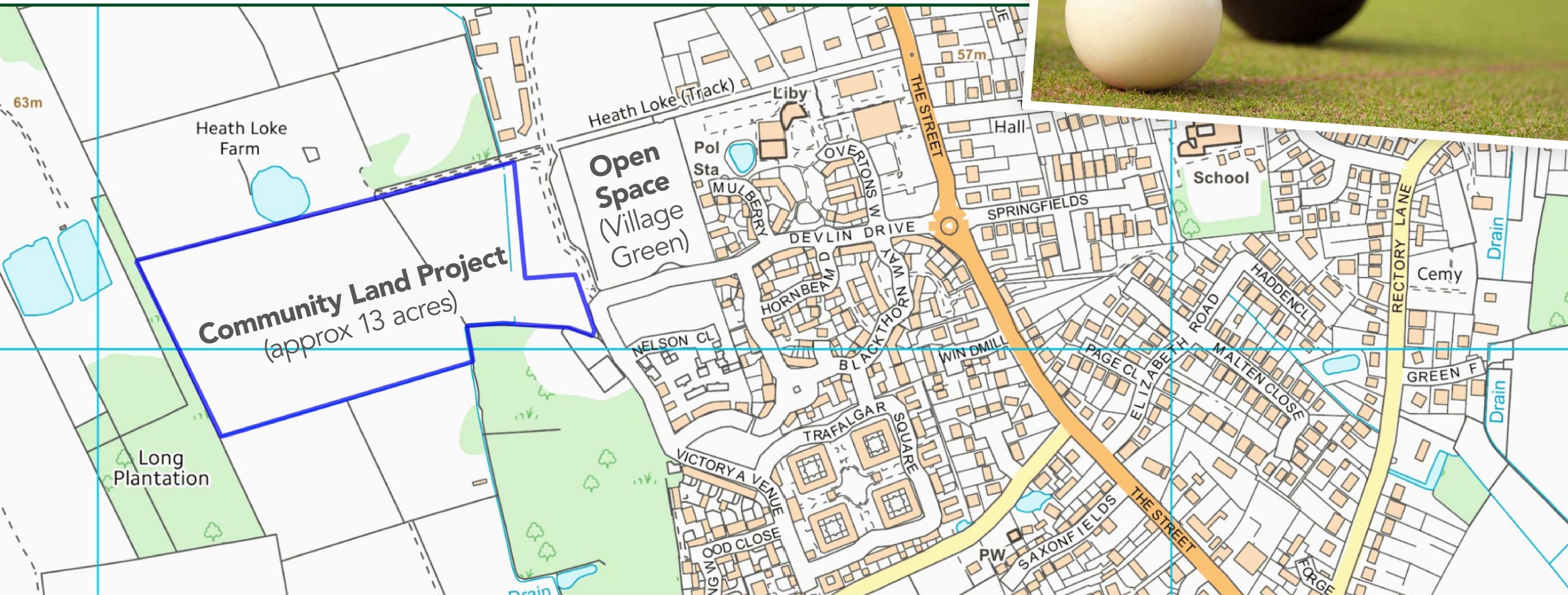
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Please tell us your thoughts and ideas – fill in one of our comment forms today.

# The land

The Community Land Project site is behind the Community Centre, off The Ridings. It is approximately 13 acres or just over 5 hectares. At a later date, the Council will also be given the wetland and woodland south of the Community Land Project site. It is expected that this will remain as a community open space.



# Project background

In April 2015, a Feasibility Study was produced by FMG Consulting and GT Architects on behalf of the Parish Council and South Norfolk Council to see what facilities could be provided on the Community Land Project site.

The study looked at the strategic need for facilities in the area, the current and future demand, project options, business plans, and financial and delivery implications.

It suggested that one of the following mixes of facilities could feasibly be provided:

- Floodlit full size 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP)
- Cricket square and pitch
- Floodlit Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) or 2 tennis courts
- Skate/BMX park
- Graffiti wall
- Clubhouse
- Adult grass football pitch
- Floodlit training 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP)
- Skate/BMX park
- Graffiti wall
- Clubhouse



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A draft report was produced, which we want to review in light of the facilities you would like to see on the land, which could include more or different facilities to those the study looked at.



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# Your ideas

We will need to make sure that the facilities we choose are needed and would be supported locally, as this is vitally important to the project's success.

The Feasibility Study suggests that a new facility in the village will provide the growing population with more opportunities to engage in sporting and physical activities. This in turn has secondary benefits including a healthier lifestyle, reduced obesity and increased mental well-being, as well as positive economic and environmental impacts. This meets the strategic goals of many organisations, both leisure-specific and non-sporting.

Here are some ideas for the types of facilities that could be provided on the site.

## Let us know what you think!

- **Floodlit full size adult grass football pitch**  
This pitch would meet the Football Association's Step 7 Ground Grading requirements. The study says "there is limited requirement for additional grass football pitches in Poringland." Do you agree?

- **Floodlit full size 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP)**  
The Study says "consultation has shown that both Poringland Wanderers FC and Stoke United FC will be very interested in utilising the facility for both training and matches. As a result, we believe a 3G main pitch would be a better alternative than a floodlit grass main [full size] pitch."



### ■ Cricket square and outfield

The Study says “Brooke Cricket Club has identified the site as a ‘Plan B’ to hire and therefore we believe there is not adequate demand for a pay and play cricket square and outfield.” What do you think?

### ■ Bowling green

The Study says that “Bowls England believe any facility at the site should replace the current facility if the club agree, and provide better ‘off-green’ facilities. This should not be considered an additional provision.”

### ■ Clubhouse

This could house four changing rooms, officials’ changing room, a first aid room, a kitchen, a small office space, toilets and a bar/social area.

### ■ Two cricket nets

### ■ Floodlit MUGA or two tennis courts

A Multi Use Games Area is a sports court or block of courts that can be used for a variety of different sports and provides a cost-effective facility where there is a wide range of sporting demands. There are no tennis facilities within a 5-10 minute walk of the village. Would you use tennis courts?



### ■ Skate/BMX park

The Study says “there are circa 795 children under the age of 16 and there will be an influx of families with young children as a result of the new housing development so there will be a need for activities for this target market”. Do you think a skate/BMX park would be a popular choice?

### ■ Graffiti wall

A graffiti wall would enable artists to express themselves legally and could bring a splash of colour to the site. Do you know someone interested in graffiti?

### ■ Allotments

Would you like to see allotments in the village? These would be managed by the Parish Council and would be available to local people to rent.

### ■ Cemetery space

Some of the land could be used as a new cemetery area.

### ■ Open space

We could leave the land simply as green open space for informal leisure use – what do you think?



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## What else?

All of these options are just ideas and we’re keen to hear of any other suggestions for the land.

**Please fill in a comment form and tell us what you think...**

# Questions and answers

## Q. When will the facilities be built?

The timings depend on what facilities are chosen and when funds can be raised. It may take some years to develop the whole site, depending on what is going to be built. This is likely to be a long-term project.

## Q. Who decides what facilities we get?

The Parish Council will manage this process but it is very much a collaborative project. We are keen to involve local residents in the decision-making process and so we will take into account people's suggestions as well as what is physically feasible in terms of delivery. We will also have input from South Norfolk Council and their expert consultants such as planners.

## Q. How much will all this cost?

We have been advised how much some facilities could cost by consultants employed by the District Council however until we know the final mix of facilities, we're not sure. We will seek professional advice on this and carry out a full financial analysis to make sure it is financially viable and sustainable.



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## Q. How will the facilities be funded?

We will need to raise funds for the facilities. This could be done through applying for grants and carrying out fundraising within the community.

## Q. Will there be jobs available at the new facilities?

Potentially yes, it all depends upon what facilities are provided.

## Q. Will you have to apply for planning permission?

Yes, we would have to apply to South Norfolk Council for planning permission for any facilities proposed.

## Q. What will you do with my ideas/suggestions?

The Parish Council will be compiling the feedback we receive during the initial consultation phase into a report to share with the community. This will help to decide which facilities local residents would like to see provided on the land. The feedback will be shared with the District Council and their consultants, although all data will be anonymous.



## Q. Can I help to fundraise?

Yes. We will need to raise funds for the new facilities and we would be very grateful for any help with this.

## Q. How can I keep updated on the plans?

Regular updates will be given at Parish Council meetings, which members of the public are welcome to attend. Information will also be available on our website [www.poringlandparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.poringlandparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Any more questions? Please ask us, write it on your comment form or email [clerk@poringlandparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@poringlandparishcouncil.gov.uk)