

# PORINGLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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#### NOTICE OF MEETING AND SUMMONS TO ATTEND

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Poringland Neighbourhood Plan Committee at 7pm on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at Poringland Community Centre.

The business to be transacted at the meeting is as follows:-

- 1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence
- 2. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda and applications for dispensations

Members are invited to declare personal or pecuniary (prejudicial) interests in any items on the agenda. It is a requirement of the Parish Council (Code of Conduct) that declarations from a Member include the nature of the interest and whether it is pecuniary or an interest other than pecuniary. In the case of a pecuniary interest being declared and no dispensation being sought or approved, the member must disclose the interest and withdraw from the meeting when the item is discussed. If any Member has made a public comment and/or reached a predetermined view prior to attending a meeting it could invalidate the Council 's decision, therefore the Member concerned cannot take part in any discussion and an interest must be recorded.

- 3. Minutes of the meeting held 20th December 2017
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
- 5. Adjournment for public participation
- 6. Initial Consultation Responses: Discussion Paper
- 7. Next Stage of Consultation: Key Themes for Questionnaire
- 8. Set Date for Session to Develop Vision, Aims and Objectives of the Plan
- 9. Any other Neighbourhood Planning matters the Committee wishes to discuss
- 10. Date of next Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018, 7pm, Poringland Community Centre

Dated the 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Clerk

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee Wednesday 20th December 2017 7pm Poringland Village Hall

**Present:** John Henson (Chairman)

John Joyce (Vice Chairman)

John Hodgson
David Hewer
Lisa Neal
Anne Barnes
Roger Webb
Lorraine Matthews
Trevor Spruce

Catherine Moore (Parish Clerk)
Stephanie Ayden (Project Officer)

Jason Parker (Consultant Parker Planning Services)

Mark Thompson (Consultant Small Fish)

Also attended: None.

## 1. Apologies or Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Charles Auger, Tim Boucher, Sarah Lovelock, Carl Pitelen and Marie Charles.

# 2. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda and applications for dispensations

There were no declarations of interest.

# 3. Minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were considered and agreed. Proposed by David Hewer, seconded by Trevor Spruce, all in favour.

### 4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

## 5. Adjournment for public participation

There were no public comments made.

# 6. Feedback on the success and learning points from the Public Involvement Exercise

Overall, the event was considered a success and a positive and productive engagement/awareness raising exercise for visitors.

It was noted however that the audience mainly comprised of older retired residents, who were overall resistant to change. It was agreed that other groups, such as working professionals and businesses, needed to be targeted to ensure we have evidence representative of the Poringland population.

## 7. Next stage of consultation

Some discussions followed around how best to engage with harder to reach audiences, and ideas were put forward. These included an article in the next Five+ newsletter, creating a bespoke Facebook page for marketing / communications purposes and to get discussion going online, whilst ensuring

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opportunities for face to face meetings (such as drop in sessions for harder to reach audiences such as parents of young families and businesses) were available.

A questionnaire was seen as a logical next step which could explore views and preferences on a range of initial proposals. It was noted that younger residents and businesses may like this option, which is why their views are important. It was suggested that the questionnaire could also explore whether residents wanted Poringland to remain as a village or to become a town.

#### 8. Facilitated session

Mark Thompson gave a short presentation to the Committee on Vision and Aims and how best to approach these within the context of a drafting the Plan. This led to several ideas and approaches being put forward, and it was agreed to hold a separate meeting early in the New Year for committee members to formulate our vision statement, aims and objectives. This would be arranged by the Project Officer.

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# 9. Any other Neighbourhood planning matters the committee wishes to discuss

It was confirmed that site specific allocations should be coming forward in the New Year from South Norfolk Council, and would be shared with the Committee. It was noted from this that the Committee was not obliged to allocate land for potential development in Poringland's Plan. Instead, a criteria based approach could be adopted.

### 10. Date of next meeting:

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There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15pm.

**CHAIRMAN** 

# **Poringland Neighbourhood Plan**

Report produced for the purposes of review/discussion by Neighbourhood Plan Committee, arising from first Public Consultation Event, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Around 1000 comments, suggestions, observations and ideas have been collected from the local community in response to three questions asking them what they liked and disliked about living here, and what improvements could be made.

These comments have been grouped into key themes, and this report will give a summary of those findings within each theme, and indicate some possible points for further discussion/research.

### What people like most (343 comments)

Theme	%
Facilities / Amenities; shops, schools, community centre, health centre,	
play areas and activities	
Semi-rural location, friendly community with village feel	
Green spaces, clean environment, good walking, peaceful and good for	
children	
Location and proximity to Norwich, A47 bypass, Suffolk and coast	
Public transport	
Feeling safe, low levels of crime	
Diversity of buildings and community	
Family friendly – good schools and play areas, plenty of activities for	
children	
Dark skies/low light pollution	

#### Sample comments:

- \*Good amenities. Shops, GP, petrol, garage, chemist, farm shops etc
- \* Community Centre and Library
- \* Good selection of clubs/classes
- \* Location. Close to Norwich. Close to the countryside and the Broads.
- \* Excellent schools and associated child care. High school walking distance for our daughter.
- \* Being part of a village.
- \* Peaceful where we are, at the moment!
- \* Friends are here, feels peaceful and safe.

### **Discussion points**

Poringland is clearly considered a good place to live with plenty going on ... many comments were around preserving what we 'have' by way of green fields and local amenities, and trying to manage/hold off future developments so it doesn't detract from the village feel. Is this possible?

Are the facilities we have adequate for a village the size it is now, and the size it will be in, say five years? Comments in the next section indicate concerns about this.

Ideas to support a straining infrastructure include: Metrics to actually project village population size in five years to assess demand against current resources regarding, for example, school places and doctor/patient ratios; plus could we have a NHS drop in centre to take strain off GP; current measure to manage infrastructure pressure include safer/more parking specifically around Community Centre, both High and Primary Schools and Pharmacy; are our play areas attractive to pre-teens (8-12)?; could we have more independent shops or a purpose built shopping centre. The semi-rural location is clearly important – how can it be enhanced, preserved and made more accessible? Use it or lose it?

What makes a village feel friendly – do we have enough opportunities to mix outside of the community centre? Could we set up a community garden or allotments to integrate different demographics? A leisure centre/swimming pool is a popular option for many. But what would this do to traffic through the village?

Location is both a plus and a minus – one main road through village and no natural alternative. Can the reliance on cars be challenged?

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### What people like least (276 comments)

Theme	%
Pace of size of development	20
Pressure on village infrastructure	
*Traffic - volume	15
Loss of village feel/fear of urban sprawl	
Roadworks	
*Traffic – speed	5
*Traffic – dangerous parking/inadequate parking	5
*Traffic – noise and pollution	
Urban sprawl/loss of greenbelt	
Inadequate facilities for size of village (post office, recycling, health	
centres)	
*Damage to road surfaces/erosion of verges/lanes	
Patchy provision of public transport (routes and times)	
Loss of habitat for wildlife/hedges/trees	
*Poorly designed road/traffic network	
Footpaths and streetlights inadequate/unsafe	
*Volume of lorries through village	

### (35% of comments related to traffic)

Sample comments:

- \* Too much development. Village is losing its identity. Too busy now.
- \* Traffic through the village and along Rectory Lane/Hall Rd as cars try and 'beat the traffic' in the High Street.
- \* Local amenities struggling with increase in size it takes longer to get an appointment to see a GP for instance. Primary school is building on its 'green space' to accommodate increase in pupil numbers.
- \* We feel our daughter is less safe walking to/from school due to increase in traffic.
- \* Needs to be more provision for young people such as youth groups providing various activities, or skate parks etc.
- \* Poor cycle path. Needs improvement and better commitment. Especially as many children cycle to/from school here.
- \* All the building and it's getting busier and it's ruining the countryside.

### **Discussion points**

Whilst development is inevitable, it is felt that the 'big executive estates' are not in keeping with the village. Bungalows, starter homes for first time buyers, smaller properties for older downsizers and integrated affordable housing could make for more diverse housing.

Smaller developments preferred than 'big estates'.

How can we protect against sprawl and becoming Greater Norwich?

Traffic network and flow through village needs reviewing. More crossings, traffic lights and calming measures. This is perceived as having more of an impact on people's day to day lives than the possibility of more housing.

Could it be made easier and safer to cycle and walk instead of driving, both within the village but also to Norwich. Improve footpaths / build a network of pathways and cycle paths – bear in mind needs of people with disabilities / young children. Encourage the use of cycles with good security facilities.

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### Ideas for improvements (225 comments)

Theme	%
Traffic and road safety	28
Alternatives to cars (cycle paths, footpaths, car shares)	18
Stop further developments/Assess impact now and in five years	16
Ensure diversity of builds to meet different needs	11
More shops and amenities	11
Boost health and fitness facilities	7
Meet family needs (pre-school, pre-teens and teens)	5
Preserve natural environment and habitat for wildlife	4

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- \* More green spaces for children, families and everyone to enjoy the countryside and wildlife. Maybe managed tracks and trails like High Ash Farm.
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- \* More provision for young people, as above.

### **Discussion points**

Urgently review traffic flow and implement more safety / calming features.

Assess (using metrics) growth of village population and what new infrastructure is needed (schools, GPs etc) Improve what's available by way of shops and outlets – independent retailers welcome (plus a launderette, a charity shop, bank and a second pharmacy.

Resist giving in to the dominance of cars was one comment. Widening roads just makes for more traffic – would it be better to make Poringland a cycle friendly village?

Bring a broader ranger of amenities into village to reduce times when cars are needed ... outdoor gym/leisure centre welcomed; improve bus routes and timings so more of village is served. Encourage car sharing.

There were comments about building on community events and introducing things seen elsewhere that bring people together – an under 10s football team, Scouts and Rainbow clubs for younger children, outdoor activities for people to attend (bonfire night was as example). Communal gardens (and gardening) and a chance for different age groups to mix.

These measures – whilst outside the remit of a neighbourhood plan – would help keep a village feel and protect against the area being developed into a commuter village.

#### **END**

Attached with this report is a spreadsheet giving sample responses to the like most/least change questions. Note: Postcodes, where given, are recorded against comments to enable feedback to be reviewed by location.

# Poringland Neighbourhood Plan Feedback What do people like the most?

What do people like most?

Community feel - things to do

We feel safe and secure in our estate. We have good doctors, library and community centre and other services plus shops

Friendliness of people

Community spirit

Country feel to village, great community spirit

Rural location

Lots of amenities on doorstep; very friendly; enjoy green spaces. Near norwich but with a village atmosphere

Lived here 32 years, was a quiet friendly community; local amenities good

Closeness to Norwich

Been here 62 years. Used to be a lovely community

Lived here 50 odd years, speaks for itself

I live in Caistor St Edmund and see the spread of houses - overspill - not feeling rural anymore which first drew me to south Norfolk

Cinema, Buena Vista social club, WI, WEA and activities at Community Centre Café in Community Centre

Poringland has most services needed, ie schools, shops, doctors, post office etc; it is easy to get into Norwich; good bus service

Community spirit

Proximity to the country side and coast; but far enough away from the city to still feel like a village

A lively friendly village with good services and facilities; parish communications are good and people work hard for the parish

Community spirit

Amenities; location; the fact that it is a flourishing village; happy with the way the village has developmed so far!

Good bus routes to Norwich

My Neighbours

Close to Norwich

Few unwanted salesmen knowcking on the door

Great medical centre; clean air; nice open spaces

Working and living in a village community

The friendly people; convenient walks on doorstep

Not a lot now

Easy access to the countryside for walking and cycling straight from our house (no need to drive anywhere) – easy access to doctors and Budgens as central (can walk), good community centre (great weekday café – have you tried it?)

# Poringland Neighbourhood Plan Feedback What do people like the most?

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We like the proximity to Norwich and the frequency of the bus service. We also like the ease with which one can walk into the countryside and the attractive surroundings. We also like all the amenities - Library, Community Centre and all that it offers.

Quiet, clean, friendly, safe

Nice play parks

Good amenities, bus service, numerous activities, friendly people and a good community spirit.

I like that Poringland still has a village vibe here but it is still close to Norwich, and that there are quite a lot of local amenities available here. It is a safe area and I find that people are friendly here when you go to the supermarket or local pub.

Near the city with good bus runs

Community centre with classes and events

**Decent Take-aways** 

I am a wheelchair user in Poringland. I like the access to the community centre and Budgens. I would also like to keep a village feel to Poringland if at all possible as well as some more shops.

What I like most about living here is the facilities for people with young children. We enjoy the parks, woods, fishing lakes, groups at the community centre library and the cafe. We also regularly use the playbarn. We have lots of friends and family in the village and use the pubs and takeaways frequently.

We are close to city but still separate, that bit of green belt relieves stress when coming home, please don't let us become joined to Norwich

Location to Norwich

Public transport bus service is excellent

Rural nature of the village - but worried about the strain re: housing and infrastructure

The sense of community. Being asked about the local area like this!

Services such as the school, garage, doctors surgery, library, shops

3. Green spaces, fields, woodland, play areas, walks

# Poringland Neighbourhood Plan Feedback What do people like the least?

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traffic queues (even before waterworks)

all the big new estates, the state of the roads and constant queues of traffic which is getting worse

noise of all the buildings and roadworks

open space and wildlife disappearing

traffic problems - road access to small for volume of traffic; need more traffic lights

expanding too much too quickly

road works; traffic at peak times; more parking needed on developments

the growing building work; traffic stress on all community business and local shops schools and GPs

too much new build too much pressure on doctors schools and too many new roads all leading into stoke road

too much building and too many roads onto stoke road

Poringland has developed vastly and no longer a close knit village; it feels as though every possible piece of land in Poringland has been build on and now is spreading into the smaller villages

trying to cross main road - need traffic lights; pharmacy is very slow, need another one; no swimming pool or adult outdoor gym

I am a little concerned about all the new houses being built; will we have the facilities to cope ie schools doctors etc?

Amount of traffic and congestion around the high school/post office

The over expansion of the village with excessive soulless housing estates; the vast volume of traffic in the village

the large new developments - too many - too soon; danger of losing character of the parish; also village hall ... a lost cause

traffic breaking speed limits especially heavy lorries; early morning on the B1332 from Bungay from 3am

I feel the current level of development is enough! The roads are heavily congested, and noisy (polluting and dangerous)

too much building; loss of woods fields etc which people need for walking and being refreshed

all the new developments

too many houses being built

anti social motorbikes roaring up the hill; now newspaper delivery

main road traffic out of control; not enough shops; no post office; no street lighting in small roads

expansion: too many new builds, too much traffic ... loss of village feel

only one route into the city, which means getting home with the roadworks takes an extra 45 minutes

stop building!

Limited sports facilities compared to other south Norfolk towns and the fact that despite the recent survey regarding the use for the land given to Poringland, the 3rd most popular request was tennis facilities, but this appears to have been totally ignored.

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Too much dog poo esp. in the darker months when dog walkers think they can't be seen (early and late). With no street lights in the St Marys, All St Saints area etc. it stops us from walking after dark and we use the car even for short journeys. Given those roads are also used by lots of children going to school I think it is particularly irresponsible. Maybe better "No dog poo" or one I have seen elsewhere (with picture) "There is no such thing as the dog poo fairy – pick it up!). To be honest I don't tend to use the Poringland Woods either with my daughter (she likes to run free!) and that is the same on occasion.

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The overdevelopment of former countryside sites into large modern housing estates. The exceptionally heavy traffic flow through the village. The lack of effective parking restrictions in The Footpath (and St Mary's Road) during the school term making it difficult at times to get in and out of our driveway. The traffic at these times of the day creates hazards of children and other cars.

No street lights, primary school in awkward location for parking etc,Roadworks

Too much building, especially houses with a very low proportion of affordable properties and even fewer bungalows.

Building on agricultural land, even on that previously deemed unsuitable for development, therefore reducing available land for food production. Increasing pressure on existing amenities, surgeries, chemist, schools, policing and increasing traffic. roads. More strain on public utilities, plus the drainage and sewerage

The fact there have been continuous roadworks on The Street for months now is annoying. I've forgotten what its like to drive through Poringland without encountering them. All the new housing estates run the risk of making Poringland into a giant housing estate and just a commuter village. There should be strong restrictions as to how much further development can be allowed here as there is already likely to be pressure on the local infrastructure. One of the things I like about living here is the village feel and frankly I'll think about moving away if that aspect was lost.

The monstrosities that have been allowed to be stuck up & been called new homes which have become a complete blot on our landscape (Mulberry Park)!! If new housing is to be provided at least build the things properly & design them to a higher standard.

Village getting too big

No village spirit

Traffic congestion

# Poringland Neighbourhood Plan Feedback What do people like the least?

### What do people like least?

What I like least is walking up the main Street with my 2 young children. It's such a busy road. Vehicles often travel much quicker than the 30 mile hour limit. The pavements are not very wide in places often due to over grown bushes hedges etc. I worry about the safety of my children every time we walk to and from school. We were also burgled this year so I feel crime is another area that is a problem.

Too many new builds now - lack of green space. New builds increasing strain on local doctors and schools - you have to wait over a month for the doctors and the school classroom sizes are too largeRoad networks is poor - quality to the new main road is very poorly undertaken. 'Speed humps' on the main road - shocking

Roadworks. This shouldn't feature at all but 2.5 years of disruption and hold ups has been very poor for the area and residents. The Anglian Water project should have been better managed to minimise disruption, delays and pollution.

Poor transport links. Bus services are not regular enough and poor in the evenings. They are also very expensive.

The lack of alternative road routes is also a real negative for living here. The country lanes and roads are overburdened as the village grows.

Linked to the first two - the heavy traffic on the B1332.

What would people like to change?

adequate facilities for numbers of residents - ie doctors/schools

to stop more homes being built, improve roads, help schools and other services

bakery and butchers, better park for the children

cycle paths, things for the teenagers to do

large children play area; small shopping centre; another pharmacy

somewhere for teenagers to hang out

better parking for new builds (not just one space); outdoor gym - taken off plan for wasteland

stop building and maintain what we have

swimming pool / leisure centre; fitness

stop some of the building

stop building

schools - more facilities; no adequate infrastructure has been accommodated for; houses that are being build are not in keeping with surrounds

swimming pool and adult outdoor gym and skate/bike park for the youth of the village

we will need better road structure to cope with the increased traffic

increased cycle / footpaths; ease parking concerns around one stop

Less traffic! Less building! A bypass

a forum for different nationalities/ religion to meet in a social environment

fixed camera at the school

additional crossing points between the roundabouts / B1332

no more houses or shops; more police on the beat

no more houses

No more houses being built

Better broadband - fibre optic accessible from our house

a post office Monday to Saturday; traffic lights at shotesham junction; more shops

stop the building of properties

another school - do not expand the current one any further

stop building!

We do like the green around Poringland – maybe within the boundaries there could be more trees and any new building could be on agricultural only land rather than areas with more trees / wildlife areas.

#### What would people like to change?

We also meant to mention that once the new Hospice is built the roads around it should also be traffic calmed. I imagine families of the children could be out walking locally plus increase in traffic for staff and patients families.

We hope the surrounding area will remain peaceful and 'green' out of respect for the families who are going through such a difficult time. I'm sure this is one reason why EACH chose this site.

Good amenities. Shops, GP, petrol, garage, chemist, farm shops etc

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#### No more development! Less traffic!

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A traffic bypass to enable heavy traffic to be directed away from the village centre.

### A public swimming pool.

A reasonable number of small shops with low rents and adequate parking spaces to encourage a selection of small traders/start-ups to enhance the variety of goods and services available to residents of Poringland and the surrounding villages.

An NHS drop in centre to take some of the pressure of the existing medical practices for people requiring treatment for non-urgent ailments etc.

Street lighting in The Footpath.

Group exercise classes outdoors near community centre

Outside gym equipment - adults only

Dad's events at weekends for children's activities

What would people like to change?

NHS dentist

Another coffee shop

More toddler groups

Massive upgrade of "old village hall" as can't consider the childcare there when facilities so poor - maybe more childcare options/nursery in community centre?

More options for takeaway delivery from Norwich (e.g. Dominoes)

Ensuring that there are less roadworks around here. Later and more regular busses would be nice. An available cash machine would be beneficial - the one at Budgens is often broken. Stopping any more large-scale housing developments being commissioned around here.

The village (Sorry, Service Centre) needs either a by-pass or certainly the B1332 needs some relief from such heavy traffic which uses this road.

I now the High School comes under the Framingham Earl council but because locals in our village attend the School & have been to the School & I believe al this country's High Schools should have a swimming pool for pupils & the local community to use! Perhaps with all these huge multi-national firms building in our area a "106 agreement" & "Grants" could be used for such an important cause.

Fewer housing developments

Good restaurant

Having a development (Such as McCarthy Sone) for older people

It would be lovely to have some sort of country park in the village that is suitable for wheelchairs.

I think we also need an accessible post office perhaps in Budgens and a village hall and church more suitable for wheelchairs. I would also welcome a subsidised transport system that can take large wheelchairs similar to the door to door scheme operated in

I think there should be a 20 mile hour limit on the main Street during school run times. The bushes and hedges which take over pavements should be cut back. There should be better Street lighting and they shouldn't be switched off early.

There is a real lack of childcare in the village. I think Poringland would really benefit from a private nursery. I have been lucky having family who can help but for a lot of friends childcare is a big problem. The school nursery can not cope with the number of children in this growing village and does not offer the 30 free hours which 3 year olds are now entitled to. I know people are put off by the green hut playgroup as it's such an old looking building. Also the playgroup is not available everyday.

It worries me that the school is not big enough to cope with the number of children and class sizes are so big. Also the school is taking children that do not live in Poringland. I feel this will mean people who move to the new houses being built in Poringland will not get spaces in the village school.

It also worries me that the doctors surgeries etc will get too busy and appointments will be difficult come by.

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### What would people like to change?

Complete resurfacing of The Street, Norwich Rd, Shotesham Rd and Stoke Road after Anglian Water have created more trenches than on the Western Front! They should pay in compensation for all of the inconvenience we have suffered.

Poringland is to limit HGV's at peak times

Sixth form college

Much better sports facilities: swimming, tennis and fitness gym

#### **Another Chemist**

Improved transport links. Evening bus service, reduced ticket prices and a more frequent service. An ambitious transport plan such as trams or train service (!) and a plan for improved cycle and footpaths between villages and the city.

- 2. Support for independent shops and services similar to cafe's and shops that you might find in The Norwich Lanes or Norwich Market. It would be good to see a wider selection of traders at the indoor market for example to encourage a broader appeal.
- 3. A sixth form centre as part of Framingham Earl High School
- 4. Better relationships between landowners and the village community improved permissions and signs for using paths