

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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Poringland Parish Council March 2017

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Parish Council Report

Poringland Parish Council is pleased to welcome a new councillor, Trevor Spruce, who joined the Council in November 2016. Tim Boucher has taken over as the new Chairman of the Council, with David Gooderham appointed as Vice Chairman. The Council will continue to drive forward with exciting projects and improvements to both the community and the Community Centre – see below for information regarding some of our recently completed projects, and improvements to the delivery of services in your village. The Council continues to consider planning matters as a statutory consultee, and has objected to the proposals for 120 new dwellings in Phase 2 of the Heath Farm development. The Council will always put across the views of the community including concerns about both on-site and off-site drainage, as well as the clustering of social housing and the dominance of the new properties on the existing street scene. Have a view on this? Why not attend a Council meeting (last Wednesday of the month) and put your point across?

War Memorial Dedication

On 8th November 2016 around 70 invited guests (including the Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk) and members of the community gathered to dedicate the new war memorial. The memorial has been well received and will form a lasting tribute to the fallen of the parish. Finishing touches to the landscaping and signage will be completed in the summer of 2017.



Budget and Council Tax

In January 2017 the Council set their budget and council tax. A considerable increase in the tax base (the figure used to calculate the Band D council tax, as the benchmark for council tax bills) means that the Council has been able to increase the precept and deliver more services and improvements, with residents only seeing a 1.78% increase. The Council expects to see a considerable growth in the number of properties being added to the tax base in the coming years, and actively scrutinises the figures to ensure that they are fair and accurate.

Grass Verges

The Parish Council has entered into a delegated agreement to cut the grass verges in the parishes, receiving funds from Norfolk County Council to do so. The verges (those classified as 'urban') will be cut on a three weekly basis, a significant improvement on the current 5 cuts per year.

New 'Respect Your Neighbourhood' Zones

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In January 2017 the Parish Council launched the first of their 'Respect Your Neighbourhood' zones at the Welcome Home and Memorial Playing Field. The initiative, brought to the parish in association with Norfolk Police, will see signs erected in open spaces owned by the Parish Council - reminding users of the rules for that area and making it clear that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. The signs will give the Police more authority and

allow targeted policing of known problem areas. The distinctive blue signs were kindly funded by South Norfolk Councillor Lisa Neal as part of her ward member budget.



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COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Website: www.poringlandcommunitycentre.gov.uk

For further information on any our events or to book the Community Centre for your own private function please contact Rachel at bookings.poringlandcc@gmail.com, call 07770351794 or come in and see us in the Parish Office.



WHAT'S ON AT YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE? HAVE FUN WITH LEGO!

We are delighted to be chosen as the Norwich venue for the Brickologists Young Engineers for a Lego Fun Day on Saturday 22nd April. This is a fantastic opportunity for local children to enjoy a fully interactive play session with Lego, Duplo and K'Nex sets available to build, a huge 'free build' area, car racing, challenges, competitions and much more! K-Teas Cafe will also be open throughout.

There are 2 sessions on the day (10:00am-1:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm) with places limited and sure to sell out. Tickets need to be booked direct by emailing brian@brickologists.org and are priced at Child (4+) £8.00, Accompaning Adult £5.00, 2 Adult + 2 Children Family £22.00, 3 Children + 1 Adult Family £25.00 and 3 Children + 2 Adult Family £30.00. Children under 4 go free and all children under 16 must be accompanied.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Following the success of last year's Street Picnic, the 10th birthday of the Community Centre will be celebrated with a Village Fete on the green behind on Saturday 8th July 2017. If you are a village group who might like to have a stall and/or showcase your work please contact us. Further details will follow so watch this space...

GETTING MARRIED....?

On Saturday 29th April 2017, we will be seeing our very first Wedding Fayre. From 10:00am - 2:00pm come and peruse a



variety of stalls including photographers, caterers, wedding prop hire, hair, beauty, wedding dresses, cake decorators, florists, entertainers, bouncy castle hire and much, much more! There will also be a fashion show of the "Pink Couture" collection and K-Teas Cafe will be open throughout. Don't forget as well, we are the perfect 'blank canvas' venue for wedding receptions, with a huge space to accommodate and cater for up to 240 guests, all tables and chairs laid out according to your requirements, our staffed bar included in the price, plus the option to add our raised stage, commercial kitchen and decorative fairylights. With prices starting from only £200.00 please contact us to discuss your bespoke requirements.

OH WHAT A NIGHT!!

In a brilliant coup for the local community, on Saturday 23rd September 2017 we will be hosting "An Evening with Frankie's Guys" Party Night. Frankie's Guys are a leading Frankie Valli & The Four Season's tribute act who offer a fast paced, energetic live concert with slick choreography, charm and charisma, plus a bit of audience participation! The night will run from 7:30pm - midnight and will be a full evening's entertainment from the group and a disco, with photo opportunities with the band, bar and food available to purchase. For only £18.00 this is a fantastic opportunity to see a real quality group who typically play at theatres and venues such as Potters, so get your tickets **NOW** before they sell out. Please contact Rachel on the details provided.

SCHOOLZ OUT!

Following the run away success of both 80s and 70s Night we will be going back to the nineties with a School Disco 90s Night on Saturday 22nd July 2017. A fantastic way to celebrate the end of term without the kids! £10.00 per ticket includes authentic 'lunchtime snack', tuckshop, bar & photobooth, and much more! Promises to be a great, fun night out to welcome in the summer holidays and don't forget to dress as either your 90s favourite or in your school uniform! For tickets please contact Rachel.