

# **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

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## **Parish Council Report**

The last three months have been spent focussing on the budget and council tax for 2018/19 – and the Parish Council is pleased to report that we have set a budget with a 0% increase on the parish's portion of your council tax. The number of houses continues to grow, allowing us to set our budget against increasing financial needs, while spreading the charge across more houses.

In November 2017 we welcomed over 100 members of the public to the Parish Council meeting to discuss the application for 165 dwellings on Burgate Lane, which the Parish Council objected to. We now wait for confirmation of the date that this will be heard by South Norfolk Council, and we will be sending representation to object to what we consider an inappropriate development.

On other news, South Norfolk Council decided not to recommend a merger of Poringland and Framingham Earl Parish Councils. Residents of Framingham Earl put forward their views that they were happy with the current arrangements, and we hope that going forward the two parishes will continue to work together well, as we have done in the past. However they did agree that the new development north of The Ramblers will become part of Poringland in May 2019. We continue to work on the transfer of the open space land in Rosebery Park, off Shotesham Road and hope that this will be completed soon and available for everyone to use.

Finally, we are looking forward to the installation of the play markings in the tarmac area next to the Devlin Drive play area. Kindly funded by Anglian Water, South Norfolk Council, the Sand and Gravel Charity, the Fuel Allotment Charity, the Five Plus Magazine and the Parish Council, the area will feature a roadway, an agility trail, and a number snail. We hope the youngsters of the village enjoy it!

## **Neighbourhood Planning Update**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Public Involvement Day on 4<sup>th</sup> December, or who gave their feedback through the other channels available. The Committee is sifting through the results and identifying the key themes that are important to the community. We have definitely seen that traffic and road safety is a concern for many people, however the good news is that lots of you like facilities such as shops, recreational areas and community spaces.

The next stage will be to produce a questionnaire to delve further into these issues. You should receive this on your doormat in the coming weeks, and it will be available for you to fill in online as well, if you prefer. It is important that as many people as possible return the survey (either hard copy or online) as this will decide the policies in the Poringland Neighbourhood Plan – and we want it to be right for <u>you</u>.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the process, please email Stephanie Ayden, Project Officer – poringlandneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com.

## **Community Land Project Update**

Another exciting item on the agenda at the moment is the Community Land Project, delivering facilities to the 14 acre site behind The Ridings. As previously reported, the Council agreed the masterplan for the site, based on all the feedback received in the public consultations, and this can be seen at

http://www.poringlandparishcouncil.gov.uk/community-land-project.html and following the link under 'September 2017'.

We are currently appointing a consultant to take us through the planning process, which we expect to take around 12 months. We would prefer to apply for full planning permission (which includes the detailed designs) rather than repeat work by initially looking at outline permission, so taking a little longer at this stage will mean the site can be delivered more quickly later on. We continue to take names for allotments, with around 35 listed at the moment. These will be offered first come, first served, with preference to Poringland

residents. Email us if you would like to be included.

## **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

Website: www.poringlandcommunitycentre.gov.uk

For further information on any of our events or to book the Community Centre for your own private function please contact Rachel at <a href="mailto:bookings.poringlandcc@gmail.com">bookings.poringlandcc@gmail.com</a>, call 07770351794 or come in and see us in the Parish Office.



### **INDOOR CAR BOOT SALES ARE BACK!**

Bookings are being taken now for all of our

spring Indoor Car Boot Sales, now running on Saturdays from 9:00am-12:00pm....

February 10th, March 24th, April 14th & May 12th. These are always popular so don't leave it too late! Pitches are £7.00 which gets you a table and a 3ft space either side for clothes rail etc. Set-up is from 8:15am. If you'd like to book please get in touch. Put the dates in your diary if you're after a bargain - there's always plenty on offer on the 25+ tables filling the hall, plus our wonderful in-house Cafe will be open throughout for breakfast, lunch and snacks.

#### **SOME GREAT NIGHTS COMING UP!**

Our fabulous flagship **80s NIGHT** returns on Saturday
17th March. Come and
celebrate the greatest
decade and re-live the best
music, decor and snacks,
treat yourself at the retro
tuck shop and go crazy in



the themed photo booth; all for just £10.00! Doors open at 7:30pm and the bar will be open right through until midnight. This is always a great party night and tickets will sell fast so get in quick if you'd like some.



On Saturday April 21st, we see the return of the fantastic FRANKIES GUYS - the absolute best Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons tribute act on the circuit! This was a brilliant night

last year and this one promises to be even better so come along and enjoy the timeless classics alongside a fantastic disco in a glorious cabaret environment.

We will also welcome back the hilarious **OLLY DAY** on Saturday 30th June alongside celebrated sixties band **THE DREAMERS**, so a great end-of thepier style cabaret which promises to be a great night of music and laughter.



Tickets for both these events are £20.00 with food available to buy on the night. Truly superb entertainment right on your doorstep! We're extremely lucky to be able to get acts of this calibre in the village environment so please support them to enable them to continue. You don't need to book a full table, just whatever tickets you might like. We expect both nights to sell-out so reserve your place now.

#### PERFECT FOR KIDS PARTIES

I see and hear a lot of people saying that the Community Centre is expensive for children's parties.... we're not!! We offer all casual hirers 30 minutes either side of booked time so typically as a local resident all you will pay for a 2 hour party space is £32.50! That's for a bright and airy room, big enough for most bouncy castles and fully air-conditioned if desired, with all tables and chairs laid out ready for you upon your arrival - no hassle involving key collections, no needing to locate or put up furniture, no cleaning afterwards. Use of the kitchen is only £5.00 extra and that includes use of the industrial dishwasher, hot water direct from the urn and all crockery. We are extremely busy as a Community Centre now though and we get booked up very far in advance (typically up to 4 months for Saturdays) so don't leave it too late... Get in touch anytime for a quote.