

PARISH MATTERS

PORINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

November/December 2022



FIREWORKS 2022

Thank you to everyone who came out on 5th November to enjoy the fireworks.

Despite the weather it was another great success and the Parish Council are very proud to be able to put on such an amazing community event. We were pleased to be able to make more tickets available this year and it was another sell-out.

A huge amount of work goes into organising the event, not just by the office and caretaking staff but also the Councillors themselves who spend many hours behind the scenes prepping and planning for the big day. Several Councillors, along with a trusted team of volunteers, provided help on the big day itself, with special mention going to Councillor Carl Pitelen, his son Jake and Councillor Sean Curtis who gave up several days of their time to ensure everything ran smoothly. A mention must also go to those who helped clear the site the following day in the pouring rain to make the site ready for all to enjoy again on Monday morning.

Special thanks go to Ben Burgess, A Farrell Contracting, Spruce Landscaping, Kidner Farming, S Raney Tree Services, Aldis Farm shop, and Winkworth Estate Agents.

As always, we welcome any feedback, and plans for fireworks 2023 are already well underway.



Christmas Light Switch On Sunday 4th December 2022 from 4pm

It is with great pleasure that we will be holding the Christmas light switch on again this year at the Community Centre. There will be plenty of carols and singing from the amazing Can't Sing Won't Sing choir, and the children of Poringland Primary School, along with a performance from Harriet May Performing Arts.

This year we will also be holding a raffle to raise money for EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospice) with some fabulous prizes including a gift voucher from the Hippodrome Circus.

We invite everyone to come and join in the fun, meet Father Christmas, and indulge in a free mince pie or two. The bar and cafe will also be open serving lots of yummy delights, mulled wine and hot drinks.



The Santa Sleigh Run Sunday 18th December 2022

We are pleased to announce that we have received confirmation from the North Pole that Santa will be paying another visit this year to Poringland.

His sleigh will be making its way round the village on Sunday 18th December 2022.

The route and timings will be announced closer to the time so keep an eye on our social media pages for more updates.



COMMUNITY LAND PROJECT

The final designs for the community land project have been produced and we are currently at the pre-planning stage with South Norfolk District Council, ahead of submitting a planning application in the very near future.

We are excited to report that some of the resources planned include:

- Skate Park
- Allotments
- Zip Wire
- BMX Pump Track
- Multi Use Sports Court
- Small Pavilion
- Walking/cycling trails





Pick Up Your Dog Poo

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, following a visit to Poringland Primary School by Councillor Tim Boucher, posters designed by the children have been made into signs. The winners were announced in a morning assembly last month.

These are due to be put around the village shortly so please keep an eye out and remember to pick up your dog poo.

Parish Council End of Year Round Up

As the year draws to an end, now is a good time to reflect on some of the achievements of the Parish Council this year.

Firstly, we have welcomed our new Clerk, Charlotte Hummel, who joined us in April and has been instrumental in moving the Council forward on many of our planned projects, notably the community land project.

The community centre had a much-needed face lift this year, in particular CC's cafe with a fresh lick of paint, and new commercial kitchen. Mulberry Field Playground is due an upgrade and the public consultation was well attended, all the feedback from the children is currently being collated ready to present at the December Council meeting.

Community engagement is always high on the Parish Council's agenda and this year has seen our Vice-Chair and the Clerk visiting both the high and primary schools to get feedback from the children on the community land project, and issues that concern them in the Parish. We look forward to doing more of this in the coming year.

This year has seen the Council hold a number of events including the Jubilee celebration held at the community centre. This was well attended, and it has been decided to hold a Summer Fete in 2023, along with the fireworks, and Christmas events.

This year also saw the unfortunate event of the fires in July, we were proud of the council staff who jumped into action opening up the community centre as an emergency rest centre. This allowed a number of parishioners and their pets somewhere safe to wait, with refreshments provided and any other assistance needed at the time. Poringland parishioners showed an outpouring of support with donations of food and other much needed supplies, along with the pet crates and beds, and let's not forget the generosity shown towards the just giving page set up for those whose homes were affected by the fire. The Parish Council are still trying to contact some of those who were affected to be able to distribute the funds that have been raised, if you have been affected, please contact the Clerk on 01508 492182.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and prosperous new year

Community Centre & Café

The Community Centre will be closed for Christmas and New Year from Thursday 22nd December 2022, and will be reopening on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Don't forget to make the most of CC's Cafe and make a visit for some festive goodies, handmade on site by the Cafe staff. The Cafe is open 9am-2pm, Monday to Friday and serves a range of hot and cold food, so why not pop in and enjoy what we have on offer.



Don't forget you can also follow what the Parish Council are up to on social media



PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

DO YOU CARE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE AND ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY?

DO YOU HAVE THE COMMITMENT AND TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

We are currently looking to co-opt a parish councillor. This is a voluntary role and you should try to be available for monthly meetings as well as being able to assist on at least one advisory group.

Please contact the Clerk for further details

Email: clerk@poringland-pc.gov.uk
Tel: 01508 492182



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 11th January 2023
7pm at the Community Centre

Please note the Parish Council meeting will be held a week later than normal in January 2023.