

PARISH MATTERS

PORINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

April/May 2023



King Charles III Coronation Weekend

Poringland Parish Council have teamed up with Framingham Earl Parish Council to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Camilla.

Following the wishes of His Majesty we will be hosting The Big Village Picnic on Sunday 7th May.

This will be held from 12pm - 3pm at the Community Centre.

Weather permitting we will be holding the event outside but the community centre will be available if the weather is not kind! Whether you are coming as a family or alone, all are welcome to join together for an afternoon of fun and celebration.

We have entertainment from Magician Sean Goodman as well as free face painting and various activities for your children to enjoy. Don't forget to bring your picnic, but we will have our community cafe and bar open selling some fabulously delicious treats!

The Big Help Out will be held on Monday 8th May. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation. As two parishes we will be asking for people to come forward to help with a few projects. These include litter picking, cleaning of benches and bus shelters in the parishes, helping to plant some bulbs and flowers in the cemetery in readiness for Her Majesty the Queens memorial bench.

If you are interested in helping out please contact the Clerk of Poringland
clerk@poringland-pc.gov.uk / 01508 492182
or the Clerk of Framingham Earl
framinghamearlpc@hotmail.co.uk / 01508 493134



Poringland Summer Fair Saturday 17th June 2023

12pm - 6pm

We are delighted to let you all know that Poringland and Framingham Earl Parish Councils are hosting a Summer Fair on Mulberry Field, Poringland on

Saturday 17th June. With the Christmas festivities now a happy memory we look forward to welcoming you to an afternoon of fun and entertainment for all the family!

We have rides, games, food vendors, arts, craft and beauty bars and various local entertainers and performances throughout the course of the day and much more.

We are also thrilled to confirm that we have a special live performance from The Lee Vasey Band who will be on stage later in the day!

We really hope that you are able to join us, for what we hope will be a sunny and entertaining afternoon!

COMMUNITY LAND PROJECT

The final designs for the community land project have been produced. This is following pre-planning advice from South Norfolk Council and the various consultants we have instructed to ensure that we are able to achieve its full potential.

This now means that plans will be submitted to South Norfolk by the end of April.

The Parish Council feel that they have achieved their initial objectives of providing a country park scheme but also ensuring that there are activities that will suit all ages of the community. The final plans are on show at the Community Centre and can also be viewed on our website www.poringlandparishcouncil.gov.uk



PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2023/24

As you will now be aware Poringland Parish Council made the decision to increase its portion of the council tax (precept) for 2023/24 by 8.72% in January. This equates to £104.06 which is an increase of £8.35 per annum (16p per week) for a Band D household (less if you reside in a property banded A-C).

These kind of decisions are not taken lightly but with staffing costs increasing to cover the growth of the parish and the rise of energy costs along with extra maintenance and the added responsibilities the Parish Council are receiving, it was raised to ensure that the parish would still get the service and provisions that they have come to expect from their Parish Council. If you have any further questions about the precept please get in touch with the clerk.

What does a Parish Council Do?

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In the Parish Council office we receive daily phone calls and emails from residents with various concerns or issues. While we endeavour to assist everyone, unfortunately we are not responsible for every issue that is highlighted to us. So what does your parish council do?

The role of the Parish Council is to represent the interests of the whole community. Parish Councils were first established under the Local Government Act 1894. (Parish Councils, despite some associations of the name, do not have a direct connection with churches.) They are the first tier of local government supporting the democratic process. The Parish Council is a corporate body, and a legal entity, and is accountable to the local community. Parish Councils provide a focus for the community to identify concerns and projects, and endeavour to solve them locally themselves.

The Local Government Act 1972 substantially revised the powers available to parish councils. For example, it provided them with the opportunity to raise money through taxation, known as the precept, allowing them to take on various responsibilities. These responsibilities vary between councils depending on the needs of particular communities, but may include public open spaces, play areas, village halls, community car schemes, the provision of litter bins, the maintenance of war memorials, the provision of public conveniences, allotments, the encouragement of tourism, and potentially much more.

The Parish Council as a whole are responsible for ensuring that they achieve the best value for this money, and that it is spent in the interests of the community.

District, Town & Parish Elections 2023

Every four years all current standing Councillors stand down and nominations are made to stand on the Parish Council for a 4 year term. Poringland have 11 seats available and on the 5th April it was confirmed that there was an uncontested election with nine candidates nominated to stand on the



Parish Council. District Councillor nominations have been received and an election will be held on 5th May for you to vote who you would like to have representing you at District level. This will take place at Poringland Community Centre.

The Parish Council would like to express their sincere thanks to Councillor Chris Walker who has made the decision to not stand as a Parish Councillor for another term. Chris joined the Parish Council in May 2003 and has been involved in many of the projects the Parish Council have overseen in the last 20 years, as well as bringing his wealth of financial knowledge to the council finances. To have served the community for twenty years is a remarkable feat and we wish Chris all the best.

Community Café Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for two part time café assistants. Candidates would ideally have experience of working within the hospitality industry but full training will be given.



We are looking for outgoing and enthusiastic individuals to join our busy team. The café is located within the community centre and is open Monday to Friday.

Duties include:

- Setting up prior to café opening and closing of the café in the afternoons.
- Serving customers and preparation of food and drink.
- Ensuring high levels of cleanliness and tidiness in the café and kitchen.
- Clearing of tables and washing up/dish washing.
- To assist management in the ordering of food and drink items.
- Good communication between management and volunteers.
- The successful applicant will need to complete Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate and an Introduction to Allergens (Poringland Parish Council will pay for this).

If you are interested and would like further information please contact the clerk on 01508 492182 or clerk@poringland-pc.gov.uk.



PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Are you passionate about your community? Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas for the council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for co-option.

Make a change and become a councillor. We are currently looking to co-opt 2 parish councillors. 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.

This is a rewarding opportunity to be able to make a difference.

Please contact the Clerk for further details

Email: clerk@poringland-pc.gov.uk

Tel: 01508 492182



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 10th May 2023
7pm at the Community Centre

Please note the Parish Council meetings will now take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month except for August.

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

