



PORINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN 2017-18 – Quarter 1 Update

Poringland Parish Council will publish an action plan annually in May. The Plan will be drawn from the budget which is set in January and which includes project expenditure for the forthcoming year; from matters raised by members of the public and from the Six Strategic Group and other such outside bodies; and from matters identified as important to the community.

Poringland Parish Council will continually review the action plan, and will add any matters as required through the year.

Poringland Parish Council's Key Objectives for May 2017 to May 2018 are:

Action	How identified?	Timescale	Budget	Update
To investigate the process and viability of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Poringland.	Strategic Working Group	Viability: September 2017		COMPLETED In July 2017 the Parish Council concluded that a Neighbourhood Plan was viable for Poringland, and has set up the Committee and entered into the first stages of production. This is now absorbed into the work of the Council.
Update the Parish Plan by re-surveying residents in the Autumn, analyzing the results and issuing a	Strategic Working Group	Survey: Autumn 2017. Results published:		ON HOLD It was decided in July 2017 that this would be put on hold, as the Neighbourhood Plan would take precedence and public opinion

revised Parish Plan via electronic means where possible. To include a section for under 16's.		early Spring 2018.		needed to be focused there.
To consider community governance arrangements suitable for Poringland, and submit these to the statutory consultation process, lobbying for improvements where necessary.	South Norfolk Council / Boundary Commission consultations	March 2018 (end of SNC review)		ONGOING The Parish Council submitted their proposals and were represented at the Electoral Arrangements Review Committee, successfully lobbying for a Stage 2 consultation on a merged Poringland and Framingham Earl Parish Council. This remains ongoing until South Norfolk make their final recommendations.
To consider improvements to the Pavilions at the Playing Field, commensurate with their use, including heating and hot water solutions for the football pavilion, and supporting the football club to provide separate changing and shower facilities as required by the football league.	Welcome Home and Memorial Playing Field Trust	December 2018		ONGOING The Trust continues to engage in dialogue with the Football Club, who are aiming to reconfigure the showers in Summer 2018. The Trust will aim to tie in with this project as the two are interlinked, and there may be opportunities to share funding applications.
To continue engagement with developers in the Parish, including Norfolk Homes, David	Planning process	Ongoing	N/a	ONGOING Dialogue continues with all developers in the Parish.

Wilson Homes, and any new developments that may be proposed within and near the parish boundaries.				
To maintain a strategic overview of traffic matters within and around Poringland, working with The Strategic Six to lobby on improvements, individual matters, and discuss with Norfolk County Council problems of traffic finding alternative routes to Norwich Road.	Six Strategic Group	Ongoing	N/a	ONGOING The Strategic Six continue to maintain an overview of traffic matters in the wider area. Regular meetings are now held with the Highways Engineer to discuss matters, and discussions have taken place about specific traffic issues affecting the parish.
To progress the Community Land Project with a Working Group to work through Phase 1 – blueprint for the provision of community services on the land.	Community Land Project Public Consultation	Long Term	N/a	ONGOING Master plan for site to be presented for approval at the September Full Council meeting. This will conclude the work of this Group, and a new Group will be set up to explore delivery of the various elements.
To work towards the 'Quality' Award with a view to applying for that once the Council qualifies.	Whole Council Strategic Working Group	Ongoing	N/a	ONGOING While no specific work has been carried out as the Council does not qualify for the Quality Award, the work of the Council strives towards

				this.
To continue to improve good governance through the identification of efficiencies and modern methods of working.	Ongoing improvement programme	Ongoing		ONGOING August 2017 - Introduction of new Bookings and Finance software which are interlinked, and which cut out many manual processes.
To continue to improve the offering at the Community Centre, including drafting a general maintenance plan, a scheme of approved contractors (including market testing pricing of contractors currently used) and other general improvements as they become identified.	Ongoing improvement programme. Facilities Strategic Advisory Group.	Ongoing	£25,653 (air conditioning; floor refurbishment; car park extension)	ONGOING Air conditioning installed into office and bar areas. Floor refurbishment scheduled for Christmas 2017 with a two week closure planned. Car park extension is a project in hand, which will be focused on once staff resource becomes available.
To continue to enhance amenity facilities/land within the Parish for maximum community use and to protect the environment, including assessing the need for new / extended Tree Preservation Orders in the Parish.	Open Spaces Advisory Group	Ongoing	£250 (playground markings)	ONGOING Prices being sought and funding identified for the play area markings project. Discussions taking place with Tree Warden regarding TPOs
To offer training and	Training and	Ongoing	£600 2016/17	ONGOING

development opportunities for all councillors and officers of the council.	Development Policy			Appropriate training needs are identified through the appraisal process, and the Clerk attends local and national events to keep knowledge up to date. Training opportunities circulated to councillors, who are encouraged to attend.
To continue to support the Six Youth Council to grow and develop, ensuring engagement in the work of the Council and promoting future involvement in local democracy.	Six Strategic Group	Ongoing		
To consider development of performance indicators as part of the Council's move towards a more strategic outlook.	Whole Council Strategic Working Group	Ongoing	N/a	Next Whole Council Meeting is scheduled for October, where this will be discussed.

Actions agreed May 2017.

Review of action plan May 2018.

Next action plan due May 2018.