



PORINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 1st May 2013

7.30 p.m. at Poringland Community Centre, Overton's Way

Chairman of the Council:
Mr. John Ellis

Vice Chair:
Mrs. Angela Beard

Parish Councillors:
Mr. Terry Dartnell
Mrs. Christine Harrison
Mr. John Henson
Mr. David Hewer
Mrs. Jenny Kereama-Ellis
Mrs. Lisa Neal
Mr. Barry Timson
Mr. Christopher Walker
Mrs. Sally Watkins

District Councillors:
Mrs. Lisa Neal
Mr. John Overton

County Councillor:
Mr. Roger Smith

Parish Council meetings
are held on the last
Wednesday in the month
apart from August and
December

Dear Parishioner,

It is with much pleasure that your Parish Councillors welcome you to our 2013 newsletter and thank residents for their continued interest in and support of village community issues. Information about our work as ever can be obtained through contacting our Clerk Caroline Milton on 01508 492182, or email poringland.pc@tiscali.co.uk or by visiting our website at www.poringlandparishcouncil.org.uk.

In addition you can visit the Parish Office located in the Community Centre. Without your views the Council cannot go about its business to ensure the best is done for the benefit of the community.

The Council ensures that the financial requirements for the Parish are continually scrutinised to make the best use of the available funds. It will use every opportunity to apply for any grants that may be available to enhance facilities within the Parish.

Parish Council

It has been good to see an increased number of parishioners at our Parish meetings and to hear their comments during the public part of the meetings. In addition, those attending are able to hear and better understand the varied work of the Council. Please keep coming.

Good use is being made of the Community Centre to provide events/activities for your use and I thank you for your support in its use. The Management Committee are continually striving to get the best out of the facilities for your benefit. Please follow our activity on Facebook and on Twitter @poringlandcc or contact Rachel McCarthy on 07770351794 or email: bookings.poringlandcc@gmail.com

The Welcome Home and Memorial Playing Field

During the last year the Management Committee has been successful in attaining the status of a 'Queen Elizabeth II Field' for the Playing Field; this is incorporated in a Deed of Dedication to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 and a plaque to commemorate the dedication will be affixed to the Pavilion during the summer. The committee is entitled to use the attribution and logo conferred by the Deed in addition to the Playing Field's existing name, but it will still be known as The Poringland Welcome Home and Memorial Playing Field.

The Pavilion on the Playing Field has been extensively refurbished and new play equipment needed to upgrade and revitalise the children's play area is currently being researched and for which funding needs to be sourced. This area has been unusable due to safety concerns for the past few months and is a high priority for the committee

The Playing Field is a valuable asset to our village and the committee is keen to welcome new members with fresh ideas to make the best use of this attractive facility.



The Village Green

The Village Green is located to the rear of the Community Centre where a newly erected youth shelter, which has been constructed by Norfolk Homes as part of their agreement to provide community facilities in the construction of the Norfolk Homes housing development.

Many members of our Community are enjoying the use of this open space and we are currently looking at ways we can enhance facilities for your further enjoyment. Any suggestion would be most welcome, please let us know.

Planning

The Council has been very busy in this past year looking at a large number of various types of planning applications. In addition we have continued in discussing issues around the South Norfolk Council Local Development Framework and making comment on proposed developments in our area, for example the proposed development at Heath Farm between Stoke Road and Caistor Lane.

The Council is very mindful of the concerns of parishioners in connection with increased highway activity, whether vehicular or pedestrian, in an endeavour to assist with the safety of our community.

The Six Strategic Group

The Council has been working with this group in an effort to establish a Youth Council for the six villages that make up this group. Work is currently in its early stages having obtained some initial funding to allow the project to commence. Further information can be found at www.facebook.com/TheSixStrategicGroup

Amenities Committee

The Committee ensured that some of the Village grit bins were changed this year in addition to two new sites being equipped. I know that good use was made of this during the bad weather we encountered earlier in the year.

The Committee gained some funding from Norfolk County Council to enable a dipping platform to be built in the pond at the rear of the Community Centre, which we all hope will be made good use of by interested groups, for example visits organised by local schools to enable our children to learn about our local environment.

Trees

Our Village tree warden has been extremely active during the year, giving advice and assistance wherever possible to ensure our rural environment continues in the best way possible. This has included getting a group of volunteers together to clear rubbish in the Community woodland area situated off Carr Lane.

Thank You

May I thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and your Council looks forward to seeing as many of you as can possibly attend the annual Parish meeting on the 1st May. If you are unable to attend, but wish to discuss any Parish issues please contact our Clerk at the Parish Office.

Finally I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors and the Parish Staff on your behalf for their dedication in supporting and enhancing the facilities in our community.

John Ellis

Chairman, Poringland Parish Council