Parish Council Report

By the time you read this, we will be nearing the end of another busy and productive year for the Parish Council. We have welcomed some new Councillors onto the Committee and said goodbye to one or two as well.

As you may already know, our former Parish Clerk, Catherine Moore, also left us in August to pursue some new opportunities. The Clerk role is key to enabling the Parish Council to provide an efficient and well managed service to the community. During her time with us, Catherine was responsible for the delivery of a wide range of projects and initiatives within the Parish, including bringing ‘The Vision’ to a reality with the Community Land Project, introducing the Neighbourhood Plan and generally transforming the Parish Council into a more modern and interactive body. Her knowledge of the workings of Parish Councils has proved invaluable to both Councillors and community alike and we are sad to see her go. We would like to wish Catherine every success with her new role and for the future.

This is also the perfect opportunity to introduce our new Parish Clerk - Faye LeBon. Faye will be joining us in January from her current role as Clerk to Swanton Morley. Faye brings with her a wealth of experience, particularly in neighbourhood planning. We look forward to welcoming her to the Poringland Parish. We would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Rachel McCarthy and the team (Lisa, Sara and Stephanie) for holding the fort whilst recruitment of the new Clerk has been underway.

On behalf of the Councillors and the team, we would like to wish everyone in the village and surrounding area a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to seeing you in 2019!

Community Land Project
The Community Land project is, at its name suggests, a 14 acre site behind The Ridings that has been earmarked to deliver a range of facilities to the community, including allotments, a running track, a ‘Men’s Shed’ area and a village green. A masterplan has been agreed (you can view it http://poringlandparishcouncil.gov.uk/community-land-project.html)

September saw Council representatives meet with the appointed architect, and plans to make the vision into a reality are progressing through the transfer of the land from Norfolk Homes.

Neighbourhood Planning Update
An important milestone was reached in September on the journey to the adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan for Poringland. Two public consultation events were held to share the first draft of the policies that will eventually make up the Plan. Over 200 people came along to see the displays, ask questions and give their feedback, which was very positive overall. This has all been collated and was shared with the Neighbourhood Plan Committee at their October meeting. Each policy is now being reviewed in light of the feedback and the draft Plan will be ready to view in the New Year – copies can be sent out upon request, or collected from the council office.
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Website: www.poringlandcommunitycentre.co.uk

For further information on any of our events or to book the Community Centre for your own private function please contact Rachel at bookings.poringlandcc@gmail.com, call 07770351794 or find us in the Parish Office.

2019 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS!

The Events Programme for 2019 at the Community Centre sees our best and busiest year yet!

Saturday 16th February – George Michael Tribute “Rob Lamberti” SOLD OUT!

Saturday 25th May – Black & White Ball starring “Swing”, a fantastic 3-piece group performing the best of the Rat Pack era, (plus a little Buble & Connick Jnr), featuring the ever popular Dale Bullimore, and Aaron Bolton, leading man of “Frankie’s Guys”. Charity raffle & auction in aid of The Nook Appeal.

Saturday 13th July – Village Fete

Saturday 7th September – “Rule The World” Take That Tribute

Saturday 5th October – Olly Day & The Nigel King Band Cabaret

Saturday 26th October – Family Halloween Party Night

Saturday 30th November – Craft & Gift Fair

Ticket details for all of these events will be released in January when they will be available to purchase. Further events will be added throughout the year so keep a look out! If there are other events or acts you would like to see, or if you'd like to put your own event on then please get in touch.

Following the huge success of the outdoor table tennis table outside the Community Centre, we’re extremely pleased to announce that it has now been formally adopted!

This is all thanks to South Norfolk Council and Table Tennis England to whom we are very grateful to have been chosen as a host village. The table and equipment were all provided free of charge so this was and will hopefully continue to be a real asset to village life.

Bats and balls are still available from the Parish Office so by all means continue to use it so stave off the winter cold....