



Parish Matters

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Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Edition 11 of Parish Matters.

What a weekend! As we write this newsletter we are recovering from Poringland Parish Council's first ever firework night. Firstly, we'd like to thank everyone who supported us on this event. After risk assessing the event, we had to restrict the number of attendees to 2,000 people and we sold out prior to the event. We understand that this was disappointing for some, but we hope that those who weren't able to attend got to see them from other areas of the village.



Secondly, we'd like to thank everyone who made this event happen. This list is very very lengthy as it took a huge amount of effort to make this event happen, efforts that were still going on until late on Sunday to tidy the area up. It's not possible to mention everyone who contributed to this event in such a small newsletter, but special mention has to be given to councillors Carl Pitelen and Sean Curtis. Aside from no end of prep work and three solid days on the site, when the event looked doomed due to soft ground (and a stuck funfair) they pulled out all stops to save the day.

There was so much community spirit relating to this event and we're proud to have provided it for the village. If anyone has any feedback, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Bus Shelter Refurbishment. As a Parish Council much of our caretaking time is spent repairing village assets, and sometimes these repairs come from mindless vandalism. After yet another graffiti removal session at the bus shelter by the memorial garden, we decided that if the village really wanted graffiti, we would provide this. And the graffiti artist we contracted to refurbish the bus shelter did not disappoint.



Parish Council Chairman John Joyce admires the new artwork

The Remembrance Service this year will take place at the Memorial Garden on Sunday 14th November, commencing at 10.50am.

Community Café Success. Our café at the community centre has now been operational for over a year.

It provides a welcoming space with home cooked foods and hot drinks. We have some superb volunteers helping in the café, but due to the café's continued success we really need some more. If you enjoy meeting people and spending time in a busy, but fun environment and can spare a few hours, we'd love to hear from you.



Highway Projects. The Parish Council has agreed to apply for funding for some vehicular activated signs to help with driver awareness in our village. Four signs have been agreed that will either make drivers aware of the relevant speed limits in different parts of our village, or road hazards that drivers should adjust their speed to account for. The four signs are expected to cost in excess of £25,000, however, under the parish partnership scheme, if the application is successful, Norfolk County Council will pay 50% of the costs. We will find out in March if we have been successful.



Christmas Event. After the excitement of Firework night, we turn our attention to Christmas. This year we will be looking to run 2 events. The big switch on of the community centre Christmas Tree lights will be on Sunday 5th December, and after the extremely positive feedback from last year, Santa will be returning on his sleigh run around the village on 19th December. The details for these events are still being finalised, but pop them in your diary, look out for our updates, and keep away from the naughty list!

Caistor Lane Proposed Development. Representatives from both Lanpro and Glavenhill Developments attended the Parish Council meeting on 6th November to discuss their proposals for Caistor Lane. Searching questions were asked by councillors of both representatives but the decision of the Parish Council was to reserve any decision on the plans until the actual planning application has been received.

Play Equipment on David Wilson Homes Development. Poringland Parish Council will be taking on the play equipment between Mulberry Park and Clements Gate. The matter is presently going through the legal process and is subject to a site inspection.

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on 1st December 2021

And Finally.... The Parish Council has put out an invitation to tender for an architect or consultant to

design some possible schemes for the community land. The deadline for applications is Monday 13th December and it is hoped to make an appointment early in the new year.

until next time - stay safe

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