



Parish Matters

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Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Edition 10 of Parish Matters.

Autumn is upon us, and we've taken this opportunity to formally celebrate the Parish Council taking on the Community Land, just off The Ridings. You may have noticed lots of new activity down there recently. We've done some clearing and some fencing, and on 16th September we welcomed the Norfolk Wildlife Trust to help us spread some green hay to create a wildflower meadow on the area closest to The Ridings. We are grateful to all the local volunteers who also helped out with this project.

But as we are lucky enough to have this lovely area of open space, we have decided to run a community firework event. We hope that this will reduce the number of 'garden fireworks'. These can be numerous, uncoordinated, run over several days and can cause prolonged distress. We're making sure people are aware of the start time of our fireworks so they can take measures to protect pets and others who may not like fireworks:

Date: 6th November 2021

Time Gates 5pm, Fireworks 7pm

Tickets: Advance Price: £5 adults, £3 children, £15 family (2 adults, 3 children). Babes in arms, free.

On the Night Price: £6 adults, £4 children, £20 family (2 adults, 3 children). Babes in arms, free.

There will be so much more than fireworks. We'll have a bonfire going and some great local businesses supporting us. Zaks and Redwell to name drop, but there'll be other great food and entertainment. And look to the skies before the fireworks start!



Advance tickets are available from the parish office or via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/poringland-community-fireworks-tickets-189839825027>

Tickets on the day will be available from the gate (cash only) and from the community centre between 4pm and 5pm for card payment.

Would You Like to Launch the Fireworks?

We are running a raffle in advance of the event and the lucky winner will get to press the button to launch the fireworks. All proceeds go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Tickets are £1 per strip and available from the parish office.

Please don't bring sparklers to the event. They will be difficult to see when we are clearing up the next day, and we don't want to miss any. They then pose a potential risk to dogs that may be on walks on the field afterwards.

For any information about this event, please contact the parish office on 01508 492182.

Parish Council Meetings. At our council meeting on 6th October, we trialed some new technology that allowed members of the public to join the meeting digitally. This is a different set up to our remote meetings held during lockdown. The technology was a great success and we will be publicising links for our future council meetings. We hope that this makes our meetings more accessible in the future for those who cannot come to the community centre.

Parish Council Meetings Have Now Moved to the 1st Wednesday of the Month. The Next Meeting will be on 3rd November 2021

Check Your Deeds. The Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance was created in response to the flooding in December last year. One thing they are looking at is the problem of blocked ditches as the cause of some localised flooding. If your property is on the boundary of a ditch, it is worth checking whether you have a responsibility for keeping it clear under what is known as 'Riparian Rights' If you have a watercourse or ditch running through your land or along the boundary of your property you are likely to be the riparian owner or joint riparian owner, unless the watercourse is known to be owned by someone else. If the land on the other side of the watercourse is not in your ownership you are presumed to be the joint riparian owner together with the landowner on the other side. In the case of joint riparian ownership each party is presumed to own up to the centre line (the middle) of the watercourse and therefore is responsible up to this point. Part of your Riparian responsibilities is to keep the ditch clear of any matter that could cause an obstruction.

To make matters a little more complicated, sometimes the fencing of a property may not be the legal boundary as defined in the property deeds. If a property is adjacent to a ditch or indeed a boundary tree, a previous owner (including developers) may have moved the boundary fencing to make these features appear outside the property. We are appealing for property owners to check their deeds as you are likely to be responsible for any problems with boundary features like hedges or ditches.

Men's Shed Building. A proposed new Men's Shed on the community land was delayed. We have supported a new Shed on the playing field on The Footpath. The Men's Shed team has been successful in obtaining a £90,000 grant to jump start this project. The project doesn't just involve a new Shed, it will involve outdoor projects and facilities for the whole community. We look forward to seeing the project move forwards.

Community Centre Cafe. The Parish Council has been successful in obtaining a grant to support the upgrade of the community centre kitchen. The kitchen is well suited to people hiring the community centre, but is not as functional as it could be for the increasing success of the community café.

And Finally.... After two years of great festive entertainment, there is much talk about what the Parish Council will be doing for Christmas this year. Keep an eye out for announcements coming soon 😊

Until next time - Stay safe

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