Poringland Community Land Project – An Update

June 2026

Poringland is fortunate to have a large area of community land for residents to enjoy. The Parish Council owns the land and is committed to providing a number of different elements to encourage more people to enjoy the space. The Council is currently working to discharge the planning conditions so that work can begin in earnest.

The key parts of the project are:

- Allotment space
- Play and recreation
- Community Orchard
- Wildflower meadow
- Meadow area
- Woodland
- Event space
- Path network

Rough overview of the space – Poringland Community Land

The Community Woodland remains an integral part of the area and has recently been thinned to reduce density and competition for light, water, and nutrients.

The Community Orchard was planted in the spring and has a number of local fruit varieties which will provide the community with 'scrumping' opportunities in the coming years. The area is currently fenced to protect the young trees from deer.

It is hoped that the allotments will be ready for spring 2027. The Council is working with its consultants to get the groundworks ready – a passing place and car park is required.

Play space and, in particular, a skate park have long been part of the master plan. The funding for these elements remain a challenge, but the Council is hopeful that installation of this equipment will start in late 2026 or early 2027.

Working with a team of local volunteers, the Council is creating a wildflower meadow. This area will also provide a dog-free space and a relaxing place to sit and enjoy the surroundings.

Tommy and Rodney with Ben Goldsborough MP in the wildflower meadow.

A formal path network will be developed which will allow easier access to the area, particularly through the winter and for those with mobility issues. It is hoped that we might encourage a parkrun as a result…!

Our ever-popular fireworks night will take place on November 7th. We hope you can join us – we've booked good weather.

Our Ranger Team is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Community Land and has been busy keeping things tidy and safe. If you see them about, give them a wave or stop for a chat – they like to stay in touch with the locals and are always happy to get feedback or share their knowledge.

If you have questions or would like to get involved, please contact the Clerk, Ben Bethell, on 01508 492182 or email clerk@poringland-pc.gov.uk or speak to one of our councillors or staff.