

Dear Resident

Annual Parish Meeting: Wednesday 3rd May 2017, 7.30pm, Poringland Community Centre

On behalf of Poringland Parish Council, I have great pleasure in inviting you to the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 3rd May 2017. The meeting is an opportunity for residents to meet with councillors and other local groups, to discuss issues and raise concerns about our village. These discussions will in turn inform the agenda of the Parish Council for the next 12 months. Many local residents express views on local issues but do not attend Parish Council meetings to ensure that those views are taken on board. The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity for you to do so, particularly those of you who have been, or will be, impacted by the David Wilson Homes development. We hope as many of you as possible will attend and make your views known.

The meeting will hear about the activities of the Parish Council and other local groups over the last 12 months; will hear a financial report detailing how your council tax is spent; and this year, will include representatives of David Wilson Homes, who are currently developing on land behind Norwich Road. **We are being joined by the Managing Director of David Wilson Homes, Robert Holbrook, giving an opportunity for those who have been directly affected by the problems with Phase 1 to discuss their concerns at the very highest level.**

The meeting will also hear updates on the Community Land Project; the current Community Governance Review which is looking at parish boundaries, and which has recently reviewed the district ward boundaries; and from the Safer Neighbourhood policing team in Poringland.

The meeting will close with refreshments and an informal networking opportunity.

We look forward to welcoming you to the meeting on 3rd May.

Yours sincerely

Tim

Tim Boucher

Chairman, Poringland Parish Council



Statement from David Wilson Homes

My name is Robert Holbrook, Managing Director of David Wilson Homes. We are currently building 150 new homes under the development name of Mulberry Park and later this summer we will be opening our next phase of a further 120 homes north of Stoke Road. We are very much aware of our responsibilities to engage with local communities and listen to concerns during construction and I formally apologise if we have failed to deliver on the standards which we set ourselves.

As we continue to carry out development on Mulberry Park and commence development on Phase 2, we will be working very closely with the Parish members to correct the recent issues. We encourage participation in both planning and development and as part of our Phase 2 development we want to hear what you think the senior recreational space for children ages 12 to 18 should include.

We have also a responsibility to directly contribute to local communities, I am pleased that as part of our new phase there will be delivery of Discounted Marketing Homes, which will ensure affordable homes exclusively for the Parish in perpetuity.

Any concerns relating to construction matters please call 01245 232262.

