



Fincham Parish Council Newsletter

Autumn 2016

We can help!

- Report pot holes or damage to roads, footpaths or verges
- Streetlight problems or outages
- Planning issues
- Local government or democracy issues
- Put your name down for an allotment
- Suggest practical solutions to village problems
- Rights of Way issues
- Village events

These are just some of the things the Parish Council deal with every day but if you have any issues affecting life in the village, get in touch, we might be able to help!

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you would like to receive future copies of our Newsletter by email, rather than a printed copy through your door, please contact the Clerk to opt-in to this service by providing your name, address and email details.

Newsletters are also available on our website.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

During the last 6 months we have seen major changes on the Parish Council due to the resignation of three long standing Councillors.

In February Stewart Waterston moved away from the village. He joined the Council in June 1996 so had completed almost 20 years of service and acted as Chairman for a significant period of time. In April John Lynskey stood down after almost 10 years on the Council as he was co-opted to the Council in August

2006. In May Roger Farmer, who is also a former Chairman of the Parish Council, stood down after 17 years of service as he was first elected to the Council in May 1999.

There is no doubt that all three of these Councillors have made an enormous contribution to the village while they served the community over a long and consistent period and only too frequently this goes unrecognised. The Parish Council would like to

formally acknowledge the individual effort and dedication that they have undertaken for the people of Fincham and sincerely thank them for their service on behalf of the whole community.

They will all be greatly missed on the Council but we hope they can now enjoy a well earned rest, knowing that they have made a worthy contribution. We wish them good health and our very best wishes for the future.

DOG FOULING AND DOG WASTE BIN

It was reported at the last Parish Council meeting that incidents of dog fouling are occurring in the village. It was reported that this appears to be a particular problem on Boughton Road.

We would like to remind residents that dog owners have a legal requirement to clean up their dogs' waste. Please ensure that any dog waste is bagged and either taken home or placed in a litter bin. If you witness any incidents of dog fouling these can be reported to the Borough Council on 01553 616200 or by emailing CSNN@west-norfolk.gov.uk.

The Parish Council has agreed to purchase a dog waste bin for the area and hopefully this will be installed in the coming months.

NATURE RESERVE

A replacement sign has been purchased and installed for the Nature Reserve. We also intend to install a new sign on the A1122, near the junction with Black Drove, to highlight the location of the Reserve.

If you have the time then please take a stroll to the Nature Reserve and let us know what you think.

SPEED ACTIVATED MESSAGING (SAM2) SIGN FOR A1122

The Parish Council is currently considering the joint purchase of a SAM2 sign with Crimplesham.

As previously advised these signs cost about £3000 and need to be moved to different locations within the area as they cannot be in one place for more than 4 weeks and their batteries need recharging.

Funding could be available from Norfolk County Council under the Parish Partnership scheme and if we share a sign with Crimplesham this could reduce the cost to approximately £750 each.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with moving and changing batteries. If you have half an hour to spare each month and would be willing to help please contact the Clerk.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council still has a vacancy for one Parish Councillor and will be considering co-option to fill this role at our next meeting on 26th October.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor or would like to know more about the role please contact the Clerk before 26th October.



MEETING DATES

All meetings below take place at Fincham Memorial Hall from 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend any meeting. Residents can address the Council at the start of the meeting but may only speak thereafter with the permission of the Chairman. The next meeting is on:

Wednesday 26th October

Please come along and see how your Council helps to make Fincham a better place to live.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors:

Jacqueline Anderson 01366 347240
Shaun Blackmur 01366 347345
Tony Chivers 01366 347577
John Delderfield 01366 348136
Cathy O'Brien 01366 347279
Chris Perry 01366 347692
Joe Underhill 01366 347406
1 vacancy

Your Borough Councillor Is :

Sandra Squire 01945 773283

Your County Councillor Is:

Brian Long 01945 430169

Clerk:

Sarah Thorpe 01945 430930
Email: finchampc@gmail.com
88 Smeeth Road
Marshland St James,
Wisbech
PE14 8JF

BUS TIMETABLE

Fincham Church Mondays to Thursdays, & Saturdays:

Leaves at 10:45am returns from Downham Market Morrisons Car Park 1:15pm bus station area, back to Fincham. Eagles Coaches provide **Tuesdays ONLY to King's Lynn** bus station, service number 18 from Fincham The Swan 10.00am. Returns from KL Bus Station at approx. 1:20pm stage number H bus stop.

Fridays ONLY from Marham:

Surgery bus stop 10:35am, calls at Shouldham, Fincham, Downham Market Bus Station, Morrisons car park. RETURNS from Downham Market Bus Station 12:35pm to Fincham followed on route to Marham then back to other villages as above.

Wednesdays ONLY Norwich Coach:

On 1st and 3rd of the month leaves Fincham 8:50am, through to Marham etc. and leaves Norwich at 13:25pm back to Marham, Fincham etc.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Route number DER 243 calls in the village on Tuesdays, normally every four weeks. The next visit is scheduled for **27th September** and will be in the following places for the times indicated:

- Outside the Methodist Church - between 14:45 and 14:55
- Lay-by opposite the Memorial Hall - between 15:00 and 15:15
- Churchill Crescent - between 15:20 and 15:35.

MEMORIAL HALL DATES

WI meets second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. For further details please contact Sue Westwood 01366 347305

Flower Club meets Thursday afternoons (24 sessions a year.) For further details call Wendy Bell 01366 347644

Jazzercise meets every Monday at 7pm. For further details contact 07909 282165 or jazzercisekingslynn@hotmail.co.uk

Local History Society. For further details contact Janet Lynskey on 01366 347694 or Anna Lynskey on 01366 347440.

Histrionics, drama group, no meetings at present but if you are interested in joining please contact either Roy Claydon 01366 347407 or Jan Trattle 01366 347304

Keep Fit meets every Tuesday evening 6.30pm - 7.30pm. For further details contact Debbie Brooks 01366 500944

Fincham Chorus meets every Thursday at 7pm. New members always welcome, especially tenors. For further details contact John Delderfield 01366 348136

Quiz night is the first Friday of each month at 7.30pm. £2 per person entry fee.

For further details about hiring the Memorial Hall, please contact Janet Lynskey 01366 347694

The Parish Council has a website, which can be found at:
finchamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk