



Fincham Parish Council Newsletter

Autumn 2018

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!

ALLOTMENT PLOTS TO LET

We currently have several vacant plots at our allotment site on Marham Road. Each plot costs £21 per annum and is approximately 150 square yards but half plots are also available. Water is on site. Please contact the Clerk on the details overleaf if you would like a plot.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME

We are pleased to advise you that the scheme has now started, hopefully this will have an impact on speeding motorists. We still only have six volunteers, which is the minimum required, so are looking for more residents who would like to get involved.

Trained volunteers are issued with a speed radar gun, two Community Speed Watch signs and

reflective jackets. Speed checks are then carried out in 30mph limits, working to Community Speed Watch guidelines.

Returns are completed and the information is passed to Norfolk Constabulary for action.

If you are able to help, or would like further information, please contact the Parish Clerk on the details shown overleaf.

30MPH SIGNS FOR REFUSE BINS

The Parish Council has agreed to purchase self adhesive A4 signs, which can be put on residents refuse bins. If you live within the 30mph speed limit area, and would like these signs for your bins, please contact the Parish Clerk on the details shown overleaf. These signs act as a reminder that motorists are within a 30mph speed limit area.

SPEED ACTIVATED MESSAGING (SAM2) SIGN

Cllr. O'Brien produced a report at the last Parish Council meeting on the data collected by the SAM2 sign when it was installed on Marham Road during July and August.

A trial was carried out to judge the impact of the sign; figures recorded showed that the number of vehicles travelling at 35mph and above was reduced when the sign was in place and functioning normally.

The full report is on the Parish Council website under 'Reports.'

PARKING ON THE HILL

The Parish Council has received complaints from residents living on The Hill, which is opposite the Church, about vehicles being parked in an irresponsible manner and sometimes blocking access for residents.

We would like to ask members of the public to consider residents when leaving their vehicles parked on The Hill and ensure that they are not causing an obstruction.

Your help in this matter is appreciated.

TABLE TENNIS OR CARPET BOWLS

Alive Leisure has informed us that they could assist with helping to obtain equipment to set up Table Tennis or Carpet Bowls in the Memorial Hall.

If you would be interested in getting involved with either of these activities please contact the Parish Clerk on the details overleaf.

If there is sufficient interest equipment could be borrowed and a club could be set up which would probably run during the daytime.

RAF MARHAM SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Senior citizens living in the parish who are interested in attending the lunch this year, which is on Wednesday 5th December, should contact the Chairman, John Delderfield on 01366 348136. A note of your details will be kept; if you are nominated you will receive an invitation or your details will be kept for next year.

FINCHAM CHARITIES TRUST

We have been asked to inform you that all households, in which there is a resident of 70 years plus, are entitled to money each Christmas from the Fincham Charities Trust.

When you or a neighbour reach 70 years old please phone Joe Underhill on 01366 347406 to give him the details.

COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT PLOT

If you would be interested in getting involved in a community allotment plot then please contact the Parish Clerk on the details overleaf. If there is sufficient interest then a scheme could be set up with the Growing Communities Project.



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 three meetings are on:

Wednesday 28th November

Wednesday 23rd January 2019

Wednesday 27th March

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

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman:

John Delderfield 01366 348136

Councillors:

David Bennett 07979 693033

Shaun Blackmur 01366 347345

Alan Foreman 07492 091098

Cathy O'Brien 01366 347279

Chris Perry 01366 347692

Barbara Ponder 01366 348021

Joe Underhill 01366 347406

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**

REPORTING HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Residents can report issues affecting the roads and footpaths to the Highways Department by telephone on: 0344 800 8020; via Email: highways@norfolk.gov.uk or on the website: www.norfolk.gov.uk

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

MOBILE POST OFFICE

Situated in the lay-by opposite Fincham Memorial Hall on:

Monday and Thursday 11:30 to 11:55
Tuesday and Wednesday 9:15 to 9:45

MOBILE LIBRARY

Route number DER 243 calls in the village on Tuesdays, normally every four weeks. The next visit is scheduled for **20th November** 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 Barbara Ponder on 01366 348021.

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