



# Fincham Parish Council Newsletter

Summer 2019

## Role of the Parish Council and how we can help

### 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 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.

As we have just completed the Parish Council elections it seemed like a good time to explain what we do and areas where we can help.

The Parish Council is made up of 8 elected unpaid members who live in Fincham and represent the village on various matters. It is the third tier of local government, the other two being the County Council and the Borough Council.

We usually meet on the fourth Wednesday of every other month at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Our next meeting is on 24th July. We discuss a variety of issues which affect the community. The agenda for each meeting is published about a week before the meeting and is available on our website and notice board at the Memorial Hall. The public is very welcome to attend, and are encouraged to comment during the open session every meeting. If you would like to raise an issue to be included in the agenda for a meeting then please contact the Parish Clerk on the details shown overleaf.

We are responsible for the following:

- providing some of the general maintenance in the village
- the nature reserve
- the allotments
- village sign maintenance
- footpath boards and notice boards
- seats on the village green and in the churchyard

- village gateways
- street lighting
- litter bins
- dog waste bin
- vehicle activated speed sign
- speed activated messaging sign

The Council makes comments on all planning applications and although the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk make the final decision they take the Parish Council's views into account.

The Council regularly discusses local issues such as the condition of local roads and footpaths, knowing that this is an area of concern for residents.

We are aware that speeding motorists are a big issue in the village and that is why we purchased the Speed Activated Messaging equipment (SAM2), Vehicle Activated Speed Sign and Village Gateways. We regularly report back to residents on the information gathered by the SAM2 monitor. The Parish Council was instrumental in setting up the Community Speed Watch Scheme which is run by volunteers, three of them are Parish Councillors. The scheme only started a few months ago but already we are receiving comments that it is making a difference.

We also know that many of you like to take walks around the village. We are very lucky to have a number of Public Right of Way footpaths within the village and surrounding ar-

ea and we pay a contractor to cut some of the footpaths across the fields so that access is maintained. Details of the Circular Walk are still available on our website if you are interested in taking this route. We have just arranged for an additional cut this year.

The Council works with other principal authorities and can report issues such as flooding, planning concerns, overgrown trees, footpaths, drainage, roads, street signage, and speeding to the relevant authority on behalf of residents. However, residents are also able to report these issues themselves and details of how to do this are shown overleaf.

We are governed by regulations and policies which set out how Parish Councils must operate and you will find details of these on our website. Unfortunately there are some things which we are unable to deal with, but we always inform residents of the situation if they get in touch about issues outside our control.

We try to keep residents informed of what is going on in the village in our quarterly newsletter, which is delivered to every household. Our Parish Council website has details of our activities and how to contact us.

If you think we can help on an issue, or would like to know more please get in touch with the Clerk on the details overleaf.



## MEETING DATES

All meetings below take place at Fincham Memorial Hall. The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend any meeting. Residents can address the Council near the start of the meeting but may only speak thereafter with the permission of the Chairman.

The next two meetings are on:

**Wednesday 24th July**

for an Ordinary Parish Council meeting from 7.30pm

**Wednesday 25th September**

for an Ordinary Parish Council meeting from 7.30pm

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**

**Barbara Ponder 01366 348021**

**Dave Stringer 07500 046120**

**Joe Underhill 01366 347406**

### Your Borough Councillors Are :

**Geoffrey Hipperson 01366 348277**

**Mike Howland 01366 387461**

### Your County Councillor Is:

**Brian Long 01945 430169**

### Clerk:

**Sarah Thorpe 01945 430930**

**Email: [finchampc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:highways@norfolk.gov.uk) or on the website: [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **2nd July** 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 [jazzercisekinglynn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jazzercisekinglynn@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](http://finchamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)