

Fincham Parish Council

Newsletter

Summer 2020



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!

Covid 19 Pandemic

Please accept our apologies that we were unable to produce our Spring Newsletter but we hope that you understood the situation under the circumstances. We did publish useful information on our website for residents during the lockdown and hope that some of you found this helpful.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME

The activities of the team were suspended by Norfolk Constabulary during lockdown, but they have recently received permission to restart carrying out checks, following a risk assessment being completed.

These checks have just restarted and will now be continuing at the previously approved locations within the village.

FOOTPATH FROM HIGH STREET TO CALIFORNIA

We would like to inform residents that this footpath is not a public right of way but a private footpath to allow access to the properties on California.

Please consider the privacy of residents on California and do not use the footpath as a shortcut between Boughton Road and High Street.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FOOTPATHS

We are aware of a footpath from Boughton Road to Barton Bendish and another one on the circular walk through the Nature Reserve. We believe they have been regularly used by residents but are not officially recognised as they do not appear on the definitive map of footpaths which is held by Norfolk County Council.

We are keen to get these footpaths added to the map so they are not lost for good. In order to do this we need to hear from residents who have used the footpaths.

If you have walked these routes in the past then please print off and complete the testimonial form on our website and return it to us.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

At the last Parish Council meeting, which was held virtually on 22nd July, the Parish Council was pleased to co-opt Mrs Abigail Desborough onto the Council as our newest Parish Councillor.

We all look forward to working with her to help make Fincham a better place to live for residents.

SPEED ACTIVATED MESSAGING SIGN (SAM2)

A report was given at the last Parish Council meeting on the data recorded. Generally, figures for speeding vehicles have reduced since the SAM2 was installed and the start of the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

The data showed that 7.5% of vehicles were above 35mph in March and 10.5% were above 35mph in June.

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

GLASS RECYCLING BANK AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Glass collected in the bank provides funds for the Hall. The money received for all glass collected is passed on to the Memorial Hall. Please use this facility to help the Hall.

FINCHAM CIRCULAR WALK

The Fincham Circular Walk is a walk of approximately four and a half miles starting from the Memorial Hall and taking a route which is roughly parallel with Boughton Road until it reaches the Fincham Nature Reserve and then follows the track off Black Drove, before cutting across the land to return to the Hall.

Information on this walk, which includes a map, was reviewed last year and can still be found on the Parish Council website.

The walk takes approximately two hours at a steady pace, sturdy shoes are recommended. Unfortunately the walk is not suitable for pushchairs.

BOROUGH COUNCIL FOOD WASTE COLLECTION

We have been advised from the Borough Council that food waste bin collections will continue to be suspended for the foreseeable future because of the Covid 19 outbreak.

The latest information from the Borough Council is that they are hoping to be able to reinstate this service from April 2021.



MEETING DATES

All Ordinary Parish Council meetings below are currently scheduled to take place **virtually** from 7.30pm. The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend any meeting. For details on how to join the meeting see the agenda, which is published on the website about 7 days before the meeting, or contact the Clerk. Residents can address the Council at the start of the meeting but may only speak thereafter with the permission of the Chairman.

The next two meetings are on:

Wednesday 23rd September

Wednesday 25th November

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

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman:

John Delderfield 01366 348136

Councillors:

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Abigail Desborough 07957 965623

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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 10:31am returns from Downham Market Morrisons Car Park 1:15pm bus station area, back to Fincham.

CHURCH BELL RINGING

Regular bell ringing practise is Tuesdays 7.00-8.30pm and every third Saturday 10.30am-12.30pm

Also every second Sunday 5.30-6.00pm for Evening service.

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 EDE 208 calls in the village on Tuesdays, normally every four weeks. The next visit is scheduled for **15th September** and will be in the following places for the times indicated:

- Lay-by opposite the Memorial Hall - between 16:45 and 17:00

- Churchill Crescent - between 17:05 and 17:15

PARISH COUNCIL STALWART

On behalf of the Fincham Parish community, the Parish Council sends our sincere thanks, and good wishes, to Joe Underhill for his selfless 26 years service as a Parish Councillor.

The considerable disruption to the way the Parish Council operates, as a result of the Pandemic, decided Joe that it was the appropriate time to resign.

He joined the Parish Council in 1994, and has served continuously since then. He has agreed to share his knowledge and experience of many Fincham issues, with the Parish Council, if needed. Thanks Joe.

MEMORIAL HALL

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, most of the regular user groups of the Hall have been unable to meet yet. The Hall has recently re-opened, under strict hygiene rules.

For 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