

# Fincham Parish Council

## Newsletter

Winter 2017-18



### 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

The Parish Council still believes that it would help to reduce speeding if we had a Community Speed Watch Scheme for the village. We need a minimum of six volunteers to start the scheme and so far we have five residents who have volunteered. Ideally it would be good to have more than six, but we need at least one more volunteer to start.

Volunteers are trained to use speed guns, one acts as the coordinator

and is the point of contact. The group are issued with a speed radar gun, two Community Speed Watch signs and reflective jackets. Volunteers then carry out speed checks in 30mph limits working to Norfolk Constabulary's Community Speed Watch guidelines.

Returns are completed logging various details such as vehicle registration mark, make, model or colour. These are then sent into the Safety Camera

Partnership team. Registered keepers, whose vehicles are observed breaking the speed limit, will have their details recorded and receive a warning letter requesting them to keep their speed down. Those who persistently offend, and live in Norfolk, will be notified to the local Norfolk Engagement Officer for Police action.

Please contact the Parish Clerk to volunteer or for further information.

### Speed Activated Messaging (SAM2) sign

Cllr. O'Brien produced a report at the last Parish Council meeting to provide feedback on the data collected by the SAM2 sign during its period installed opposite the Memorial Hall and near the Church.

The data recorded shows an average of just under 6000, to slightly over 7500, vehicles travelling along the A1122 every day. The volume of traffic shows peak times of between 7-9am from the west and 5-7pm from the east; there are fewer vehicles over the weekend, as could be expected. Between 5.53%

and 8.05% of vehicles were travelling above 35mph.

During the time the sign was placed in the layby opposite the Hall there were two occasions where there were temporary traffic lights, which would have affected the recorded speeds; and whilst the sign was in the layby near the Church it was the Christmas period and therefore there may well have been less people travelling to and from work and school.

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

### RAF Marham Information update meeting

Cllr. Perry attended a meeting for Parish Councillors in December and a report from this meeting is on the Parish Council website under 'Reports.'

RAF Marham intend to hold another information event, for all residents in the local area, in the spring to give further details of the new runway.

We will inform you of the date and time as soon as we are made aware, but please keep a look out for information on our notice board, at the Memorial Hall, and on our website.

### REPORTING OF HIGHWAYS ISSUES

As previously advised the Parish Council regularly reports issues affecting the roads and footpaths to the Highways Department of Norfolk County Council.

Residents can also report issues directly by contacting Highways.

Telephone: 0344 800 8020  
Email: [highways@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:highways@norfolk.gov.uk)

### 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.



## 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 two meetings are on:

**Wednesday 28th March**

(Annual Parish Assembly from 7.00pm followed by an Ordinary Parish Council meeting)

**Wednesday 23rd May**

(Annual Parish Council Meeting AGM)

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**

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## 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 **13th March** 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 [jazzercisekingsslynn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jazzercisekingsslynn@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)