



Fincham Parish Council Newsletter

Winter 2016/17

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!

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The meeting will take place on Wednesday 22 March at 7pm in Fincham Memorial Hall.

This meeting is open to all residents and is your chance to raise issues affecting the village. This meeting is not a Parish Council meeting.

CONSERVATION AREA IN FINCHAM

The conservation area in Fincham is largely the built up area to the north and south of the High Street, excluding some of the modern buildings. It extends to Fairswell Manor in the east, and a short distance up Marham Road and down Boughton Road on the east sides. To the west it includes the eastern side of Lynn Road as far as Talbot Cottages and the arboretum to Talbot Manor to the north, and to the south it ends at the track to the

south-west of Sycamore House.

Any development in a conservation should be of a high standard. It will need to fit in with the character of the area. The same considerations are given to more minor proposals, such as extensions, which can spoil the appearance of a conservation area.

Within conservation areas, a number of special controls apply and therefore anyone proposing to carry out new development, al-

teration, extensions, installations or demolition should seek advice from the Borough Council Planning Department at an early stage. Special controls also apply to the trees and some may be subject to Tree Preservation Orders. Anyone wishing to carry out work on trees should seek advice from the above Planning Department.

Further information on the conservation area is available on the Fincham Parish Council website.

VACANT ALLOTMENT PLOTS

The allotment plots on Marham Road were looking rather overgrown after last year and unfortunately several tenants decided to give up their plots for various reasons.

We have made arrangements for the Community Payback Team to come in and clear the vacant plots over the winter and early spring and this work has already commenced. The Team are carrying out this work free of charge and have also agreed to help with regular maintenance of the Nature Reserve.

The vacant plots will be available shortly and if you are interested in taking on a plot then please get in touch with the Clerk on the details overleaf. Plots are £21 per annum and there is a water supply at the site.

SPEED ACTIVATED MESSAGING (SAM2) SIGN FOR A1122

The Parish Council has applied for funding from Norfolk County Council to cover half of the cost of a SAM2 sign which would be shared with Crimplesham.

We expect to have a reply to our application by the end of March 2017 with funding being available from April 2017 if we are successful.

PRECEPT

The Precept is the amount of money paid to us by the Borough Council who collect it from your Council Tax.

At the last meeting of the Parish Council a decision was made to make a small increase of £300 per annum for 2017/18 to cover a shortfall in our budget, due to increased costs of grounds maintenance; for a Band D household this will mean a rise from £41.22 per annum to £42.68 which represents an extra £1.46 per annum.

The Parish Council reluctantly agreed this increase to maintain services but did agree that the cost of a SAM2 (see below left) sign should be met from reserves, if this purchase goes ahead with funding from Norfolk County Council.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Parish Council was pleased to co-opt Barbara Ponder from Marham Road and Alan Foreman from Boughton Road to fill the two vacancies.

The second vacancy occurred due to the resignation of Tony Chivers who had been a Councillors since May 2014. We thank him for his service to the village.



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 22nd March

Wednesday 24th May

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
John Delderfield 01366 348136
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 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 **14th 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 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