

Fincham Parish Council

Newsletter

Winter 2018/19



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

Between September and November 130 offenders have been recorded, at three locations in the village; 103 letters were sent out by the police to these offenders, advising them that they have been observed driving in excess of the speed limit. If they offend a second time—anywhere in Norfolk—then a stronger worded letter is sent to them. If they should

offend a subsequent time—again anywhere in Norfolk—then they have a visit from a police officer and are warned that the police are now closely observing the speed of their vehicle.

We still only have the minimum of six volunteers, so are looking for more residents who could help. Please get in touch if you can spare some time and would like to help.

30MPH SIGNS FOR REFUSE BINS

The Parish Council still has a stock of 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.

PRECEPT FOR 2019/20

The Precept is the amount of money paid to us by the Borough Council, who collect it from your Council Tax. This is the main source of income for the Parish Council.

At the last meeting of the Parish Council a decision was made to make an increase to the Precept of £239 per annum, above the figure which would represent no change for 2019/20. This is to cover the shortfall in our budget which is due to increased costs for services. For a Band D

household this will mean a rise from £42.68 to £43.98 (£1.30) per annum. This figure is still well below the national average which was £64.05 in 2018/19.

The Parish Council were reluctant to increase the Precept by this amount, which represents a 3% increase, but it was noted that there had not been an increase in 2018/19, and it was agreed that in order to maintain services and continue to make improvements this increase was necessary.

SPEED ACTIVATED MESSAGING (SAM2) SIGN

The Parish Council is continuing to collate the data recorded by the SAM2 sign, which is currently located on Marham Road.

Information recorded so far is encouraging and is showing that the sign does have an impact on reducing the speed of vehicles.

The data will be passed to the Police Engagement Officer for them to consider which areas to target by their speed safety camera team.

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 reached 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, has recently been reviewed and updated and can now 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.

REMINDER FOR DOG OWNERS TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOGS

We would like to issue a general reminder to all dog owners to pick up after your dogs when using the footpaths and Public Rights of Way. It is an offence to not clean up after your dog. The Police, in a joint initiative with the Borough Council, operate a fixed penalty fine of £75 for any irresponsible dog owners who are caught.



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 27th March

(Annual Parish Assembly from

7.00pm followed by an Ordinary Parish Council meeting)

Tuesday 7th May

(Annual Parish Council Meeting AGM from 7.45pm)

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

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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 10:45am 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 **12th 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