

# FINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly, duly convened on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Fincham Memorial Hall. Commenced at 7.00pm with Councillor John Delderfield in the Chair.

**Attending:**

Cllr. Shaun Blackmur  
Cllr. John Delderfield  
Cllr. Abigail Desborough  
Cllr. Cathy O'Brien  
Cllr. Barbara Ponder  
Cllr. Dave Stringer

Clerk – Sarah Thorpe

**1. Attendance**

No members of the public were present.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Andy Hudson-Smith, Cllr. Sonja Hudson-Smith and Borough Councillor Mike Howland.

**3. Minutes of the last Parish Assembly on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Draft minutes from the meeting had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. It was agreed by all present at that meeting that the minutes were an accurate account of the proceedings.

**4. Report of the Chairman.**

Cllr. Delderfield read out the following report:

The Parish Assembly, on 25th March last year, was cancelled due to the pandemic. Since then, three Parish Councillors have resigned. David Bennett and Alan Foreman and then Joe Underhill who had been a Councillor for 26 years. Our thanks go to them all for their public service. Their places have been taken by married couple Andy and Sonja Hudson-Smith, and Abigail Desborough. In that time the Parish Council have had 8 meetings, dealing with many issues, on behalf of Fincham residents.

The Parish Council are consulted as part of the Borough Council's planning application process, and the issues this year were; Spa facilities at Timbers hotel and restaurant; alterations at 2 Main Road; alterations at 14 Boughton Road; alterations at Fincham Hall, Swaffham Road; conversion of outbuilding at Old Post Office, High Street and alterations at Sycamore Lodge, High Street.

The Speed Activating Messaging Sign (SAM2) and the Community Speedwatch team had to be stopped because of the Covid pandemic, but have now been reinstated. A new location for the SAM 2 has now been set up, in the 40mph section of the A1122, at the west end of the village. Volunteers to join the Community Speedwatch team would be most welcome, and should contact the Parish Clerk.

Finally, your Parish Councillors carry out various tasks, on Parish issues, not just attending Parish Council meetings, but volunteering to undertake the many duties associated with maintaining and running the village in the interests of the people of Fincham, for which I sincerely thank them all.

Fincham residents are most welcome at Parish Council meetings, and are asked to report any concerning issues to the Parish Council.

**5. Report of the Borough Councillor.**

Cllr. Howland had been unable to attend or provide a report for health reasons.

**6. Report of the County Councillor.**

Cllr. Long was not present and no report had been provided.

**7. Open Forum.**

No residents were present.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.05pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_