



# Fincham Parish Council Newsletter

Autumn 2021

## We can help!

- Report pot holes or damage to roads, foot-paths 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 PLOT TO LET

We currently have one vacant plot at our allotment site on Marham Road.

Each plot costs £21 per annum and is approximately 150 square yards but a half plot is also possible.

Water is on site.

Please contact the Clerk on the details overleaf if you would like the plot.

## PLEASE HELP OUR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Fincham Community Speed Watch are still carrying out check and reported at the last Parish Council meeting that they had referred 19 offenders during their 8 sessions since the July Parish Council meeting. This service is proving to be very effective with the number of offenders decreasing over time.

The team is still in ur-

gent need of additional volunteers, as they currently only have 6 members, which is the minimum number needed to run the service. This means that if anyone else leaves the service could have to stop.

Please contact the Clerk, on the details overleaf, if you would like to know more or wish to become a volunteer.

## SPEED ACTIVATED MESSAGING SIGN (SAM2)

At the last Parish Council meeting it was reported that 82,543 vehicles had been logged for the latest period of 4 weeks from 2 July to 29 July, when the sign was placed in the church layby. Almost 69% of vehicles were above 30mph.

It was noted that 13 vehicles were recorded at speeds above 85mph.

## NEW TREE ON THE GREEN

We are considering options for an additional tree to be planted on the green opposite the church.

In time the cherry trees will need to be removed so we are thinking about a Rowan tree which will grow to fill the gap.

Please contact the Clerk on the details overleaf with your views.

## RECYCLING AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

We are still waiting for the clothing recycling bank to be installed at the Hall.

The Hall will benefit from recycling credits of £65 per tonne, for clothing collected so please make use of the bank when it arrives.

We are also hoping to install a box for recycling printer ink cartridges. More news on this next time.

## A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Fincham Chorus and Christine Bennett (noted soprano) present A Christmas Concert, in St Martin's Church on Saturday 11th December at 7.30pm (guest pianist John Human). Cost £5, (to be paid on entry) including mulled wine & mince pies. Raffle. Proceed in aid of church. Enquiries 01366 348136.

## FINCHAMS CHARITIES TRUST

We have been asked to inform you that all households, in which there is a resident of over 70 years, or any widow/widower of any age, are entitled to money each Christmas from the Fincham Charities Trust.

If you believe you are entitled to this and have not received it previously, please phone Joe Underhill on 01366 347406 to give him the details.

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY YOUR LOCAL DOGS TRUST AT SNETTERTON

Canine Care Card scheme, is a **free** nationwide network of rehoming centres service for dog-owners whereby, in the event of their death or illness, they will look after your dog, providing them with all the care they need until they can find a responsible, loving new home for them. This is often a great concern to the elderly, as their dog may be their only friend and companion – Dogs Trust can give them peace of mind, knowing that their canine companions future is safe, should the worst happen to them. Every year, they care for more than 14,000 dogs at their

and they never put down a healthy dog. They also provide free talks to local community groups across all of East Anglia. These talks cover their varied work, where they come from and hope to be in the future. There are no fees for these talks so contact them if you believe that your local club would be interested. For further queries, or to discuss a talk, please contact Emily Matthews by email on [emily.matthews@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:emily.matthews@dogstrust.org.uk) or phone 01953 497912.



## MEETING DATES

All Parish Council meetings are now taking place in the Fincham Memorial Hall from 7.30pm. The Press and Public are invited to attend any meeting. The agenda for each meeting is placed on the notice board and published on the website about 7 days before the 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 ordinary meetings are on:

**Wednesday 24th November 2021**

**Wednesday 26th January 2022**

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:

**Shaun Blackmur 01366 347345**

**Abigail Desborough 07957 965623**

**Andy Hudson-Smith 01366 348302**

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**Cathy O'Brien 01366 347279**

**Barbara Ponder 01366 348021**

**Dave Stringer 07500 046120**

### Your Borough Councillors are:

**Geoffrey Hipperson 01366 348277**

**Mike Howland 01366 387461**

### Your County Councillor is:

**Brian Long 01945 430169**

### Clerk:

**Sarah Thorpe 01945 430930**

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## REPORTING HIGHWAYS ISSUES

We would like to encourage residents to report issues affecting the roads and footpaths to the Highways Department by telephone on: 0344 800 8020; via Email: [highways@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:highways@norfolk.gov.uk) or on the website: [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk)

If possible please provide a photo of the issue as this will help the Highways Department to locate it and also give them an idea of the scale of the problem.

## 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 NEWS

The bell ringers have resumed short practises and intend to alternate between a Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening practise for the time being please contact Pam Wakeling on 01366 500429

The service rota is: 2nd Sunday 11am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion

2nd Thursday 10 am Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Coffee morning 2nd Wednesday 10am-12pm

The church is open daily 9.30am - 4pm and has a selection of books and puzzles available.

## 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

We understand that the service is currently running. Route number EDE208 calls in the village on Tuesdays, normally every four weeks. The next visit is scheduled for **30th November** 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.

Please note this information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquiries about this route please call 01603 222303.

## MEMORIAL HALL

**The Hall is open and available for bookings. Strict hygiene rules are in place and all government legislation on Covid 19 restrictions are being followed.**

**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](http://finchamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)