



Fincham Parish Council Newsletter

Summer 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 a few vacant plots 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.

HELP OUR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Fincham Community Speed Watch resumed its activities at the end of March. It was reported that 49 offenders were logged up to 26th May.

The team is looking to recruit additional volunteers. Please contact the Clerk, on the details overleaf, if you would like to know more or wish to become a volunteer.

MORE RECYCLING AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

A clothing recycling bank will be installed at the Hall.

The Parish Council can claim recycling credits from Norfolk County Council, of £65 per tonne, for clothing collected, this revenue will be passed to the Hall, to help with their funding. It is hoped that this will be installed as soon as possible.

PROPERTY WORK IN THE CONSERVATION AREA

We would like to remind residents that if you live within the conservation area you will probably need to obtain planning permission from the Borough Council for any improvements/changes you make to your property or trees in your garden. Please see our website for further information on the conservation area.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUR NATURE RESERVE

Fincham Nature Reserve, which is situated off Black Drove, is in need of maintenance to ensure it is kept in an appropriate condition.

We are looking for volunteers who might be willing to help with occasional work including raking of grass.

If you can help please contact the Clerk on the details overleaf.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

We need more testimonials from residents who have used the footpath from Boughton Road to Barton Bendish or the circular walk via the Nature Reserve.

We wish to get these footpaths added to the NCC definitive map.

Please complete the form on our website and return it to the Clerk.

HEDGEHOG WARNING SIGNS

We still have a few hedgehog warning stickers for wheelie bins.

The cost is £2 each and if we make any profit from the sale of these stickers it will be used to improve hedgehog protection at our Nature Reserve.

If you would like to obtain some of these contact the Clerk on the details overleaf.

SPEED ACTIVATED MESSAGING SIGN (SAM2)

At the last Parish Council meeting it was reported that figures for vehicles travelling from 30-35 mph had been accidentally omitted in the past. When these were included it showed a much higher percentage of speeding vehicles.

Figures for the latest period of 4 weeks from 11th March-8th April, where the sign was placed facing West in the Rectory layby, showed an increase in speeding vehicles from 9.7% to 35.6%.

The full report is available on our website.

GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS

Norfolk Citizens Advice has launched advice from trustees from grant their grants for individuals in need organisations; a feedback link to report out database. You can find this on their of date information, make suggestions of website at www.ncab.org.uk/grants organisations to include, or give feedback

The database is funded as part of on your experience of using the database. the Coordinated Community Support Norfolk Citizens Advice has been Programme and contains mostly small running webinars on using the database. local grant giving organisations that They can provide a recording of one of the operate in Norfolk. webinars, or the resources used so you

The webpage contains brief can run your own in-house. information on how to use the database; a Contact Isobel Abbot, Grant short video demonstration; tips on Researcher, at i.abbot@ncab.org.uk for maximising successful applications with further information.



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 28th July

Wednesday 22nd September

Please join and see how your Council helps to make Fincham a better place to live.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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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 or on the website: 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.

The service rota is: 2nd Sunday 11am Morning Prayer
4th Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Coffee morning 2nd Wednesday 10am-12pm

The church is open every Saturday 10am-4pm for private prayer.

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 has resumed from 12th April. Route number EDE208 calls in the village on Tuesdays, normally every four weeks. The next visit is scheduled for **13th July** 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 has now reopened. 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