



Fincham Parish Council Newsletter

Spring
2023

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023



With local elections due to take place on Thursday 4 May 2023, there are lots of opportunities to become a Borough or Parish Councillor. Anyone interested in standing as a candidate should read the information on the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk's website.

Councillors play a key role in the borough, representing the people that elected them and providing a voice for the community. They help shape services for the benefit of local people. People become councillors for different reasons, including:

- They are concerned about the local area in which they live and want to ensure their local community is provided with the services needed and its interests are taken into account
- They are concerned about one particular issue
- They may already be involved with the community and see the next step is to become a councillor

Fincham Parish Council has 8 available seats. Existing councillors must re-apply and anyone else interested can also apply. To find out more about becoming a **Parish Councillor** please visit www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/beaparishecouncillor where you will find links to nomination papers and further information from the Electoral Commission as well as guidance on who can stand, how to complete nomination papers, spending and donations and campaigning.

Nomination papers need to be submitted to the Electoral Registration team at the **Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk** offices, **in person**, from **21 March 2023 and by 4pm on 4 April 2023**. It is best to telephone to **make an appointment** and to **submit papers well ahead of the deadline** so that there is time to make any changes that might be required.

Further assistance can be obtained by calling **01553 616773**, e-mailing elections@west-norfolk.gov.uk or contacting the Clerk.

What we do & how we can help

These are just some of the things the Parish Council deal with:-

- Allotments
- Planning
- Reporting pot holes, damage to roads, foot-paths or verges
- Rights of way
- Streetlights
- Dog waste bins
- Village events
- Practical solutions to village problems
- Local government or democracy matters

If you have something affecting village life, please get in touch (contact information overleaf) we might be able to help!

AGRICULTURAL ALLOTMENTS

As well as our garden allotments we also have a limited number of large agricultural plots.

We may have some availability coming up so if you would be interested in renting a larger plot please get in touch to express your interest.

E-mail the Clerk on finchampc@gmail.com

VOTER ID

People wishing to vote in the local elections, taking place in West Norfolk on 4 May 2023, will need to show ID at the polling station to receive a ballot paper. If they don't have an accepted form of ID they will need to submit an application for a Voter Authority Certificate through the online portal, at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk, or by submitting a paper form to electoral services at the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1EX. The **deadline** to apply for free ID before the May elections is **5pm on 25 April**.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Newsletters are hand delivered by Councillors to every home in Fincham. If you could help by delivering a few within your close vicinity please get in touch

Applicants can also call **01553 616773** or e-mail elections@west-norfolk.gov.uk for more details

SPEEDING / VOLUME OF TRAFFIC / SIGNAGE ETC

We have recently received a few comments about speeding and the volume of traffic passing through the village. Unfortunately neither are the responsibility of the Parish Council. However, we do what we can to help by operating a SAM2 machine and Speedwatch scheme. Highways restrictions mean signage or other traffic calming measures might have been considered but may not possible on some roads or locations



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

The Parish Council meet bi-monthly at Fincham Memorial Hall.

The next two scheduled meetings are:-

Wednesday 22 March 2023

(Annual Parish Assembly followed by an Ordinary Meeting)

Wednesday 17 May 2023

at 7.00pm

Public & press are invited to attend.

Please come along & see how your Parish Council help make Fincham a better place to live.

The agenda for each meeting is placed on the notice board & website about 5 days before the meeting.

Residents are able to address the Council near the start of the meeting but may only speak thereafter with the permission of the Chairman.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Clerk (Locum)

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Parish Councillors

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Abigail Desborough 07957 965623

Andy Hudson-Smith 01366 348302

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Borough Councillors

Mike Howland 01366 387461

Geoffrey Hipperson 01366 348277

County Councillor

Brian Long 01945 430169

REPORTING HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Please report issues affecting the roads & footpaths directly to the Highways Department:-

Website: www.norfolk.gov.uk

E-mail: highways@norfolk.gov.uk

Telephone: 0344 800 8020

Providing photo/s will assist in locating it & help give an idea of the scale of the problem.

BUS TIMETABLE

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Leaves **Fincham Church** at **10:42am**, returns from **Hollies Car Park, Downham Market** at **13:15pm** back to Fincham via Shouldham.

For continued service please keep using the buses

CHURCH NEWS

The service rota is:-

2nd Sunday - 11am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday - 9.30am Holy Communion

2nd Thursday (February-November) - 10am Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

The bell ringers practice on Tuesdays when numbers permit. They are looking for new members, particularly in preparation for the Coronation. Contact Pam Wakeling on 01366 500429 for details.

MOBILE POST OFFICE

Situated in the lay-by opposite the Memorial Hall on:-

Monday & Thursday - 11:30 to 11:55

Tuesday & Wednesday - 9:15 to 9:45

MOBILE LIBRARY

Route number EDE208 calls at Fincham on Tuesdays, normally every 28 days.

Visits are scheduled for **21st March, 18th April & 16th May** at the following locations & times:-

Stop 36 - Lay-by opposite the Memorial Hall - 16:45 to 17:00

Stop 38 - Churchill Crescent - 17:05 to 17:15.

This information is subject to change or amendment

For all enquiries please call 01603 222303.

MEMORIAL HALL

The Memorial Hall is available for hire.

For information or to make a booking please contact

Barbara Ponder on 01366 348021

Website: finchamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk