



Fincham Parish Council Newsletter

Summer
2023

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS / COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Local elections took place on Thursday 4 May. Fincham Parish Council had 8 available seats, 5 of which were filled by an uncontested election.

Your Parish Councillors for the next 4 year period are:-

Abigail Desborough
Richard Desborough
Cathy O'Brien
Barbara Ponder
Dave Stringer



It leaves 3 vacancies which can be filled by Co-option. The Co-option Policy (including the application process) can be viewed on the website or by contacting the Clerk . For consideration at the July meeting, applications must be received by 14 July.

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!

NEW BENCH



Located in the lay-by opposite the Memorial Hall.

We hope you will enjoy using it.

It is dedicated to our former Parish Clerk, Sarah Thorpe, who sadly passed away in December 2022.

ALLOTMENT / WOODCHIP REQUEST

We currently have one vacant plot at our allotment site on Marham Road. Please contact the Clerk on finchampc@gmail.com if interested.

If you have any woodchip please let Cllr Barbara Ponder know (number overleaf) as we are in need of some at the allotments.

DEFIBRILLATOR

We recently purchased & installed a defibrillator at the entrance of the Memorial Hall. In an emergency the 999 operator will provide callers with the code.



FACEBOOK

We now have a Facebook page! Search 'Fincham Parish Council'. Please like, follow & share.

SAM2 RETURN / THANKS

Thanks to two new volunteers we are pleased to let you know our SAM2 is back & operational in Fincham on alternate months.

We would like to extend our thanks to the previous volunteer, John Delderfield for his many years of dedication & help in connection to the SAM2.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

The next two scheduled meetings are:-

Wednesday 26 July 2023

Wednesday 27 September 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)

E-mail: finchampc@gmail.com

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Parish Council Chairman

Cathy O'Brien 01366 347279

Parish Councillors

Abigail Desborough 07957 965623

Richard Desborough 07769 171408

Barbara Ponder 01366 348021

Dave Stringer 07500 046120

Borough Councillors

Jim Moriarty 07917 591668

Pallavi Devulapalli 07833 531378

County Councillor

Brian Long 01945 430169

REPORTING HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Issues affecting roads & footpaths can easily be reported to the Highways Department using the link: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>

It can be done without registering/logging on. Providing photo/s will assist in locating it & help give an idea of the scale of the problem.

Alternatively e-mail: highways@norfolk.gov.uk or call: **0344 800 8020**

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. Contact Pam Wakeling on 01366 500429 for details.

MOBILE POST OFFICE

Situated at the Memorial Hall car park 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, 4 weekly.

Visits are scheduled for **11th July, 8th August, 5th September, 3rd October & 31st October** at the following locations & times:-

Stop 32 - Memorial Hall car park - 16:45 to 17:00

Stop 34 - 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