



# Fincham Parish Council Newsletter

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## What we do & how we can help

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

- Allotments
- Planning
- Rights of way
- Streetlights
- Dog waste bins
- Footpaths
- 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!

## FACEBOOK

Like or follow us to keep up to date with key Parish Council or related information



Fincham Parish Council does not respond using Facebook, so to contact us please use the 'Send E-mail' button

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

In order to re-establish a Community Speed Watch scheme in Fincham we need a new Coordinator & team. All roles are voluntary

### We Need Your Help



If you can help, please get in touch

## PRECEPT 2024/25

The Precept is the amount of money paid to us by the Borough Council, collected from your Council Tax. It's our main source of income. To meet increased costs & balance the budget for expenditure with the budget for income it's been agreed to set the precept at £11,370. Using latest taxbase figures this represents a Band D charge of £59.34 which is an increase of 8.35% (9p weekly) from the previous year

## TROD (an informal footway)

A TROD planned for the A1122 (from Garage to Black Drove) is part completed & useable



We plan to apply for additional funding to enable the remainder to be completed in the future, as spiralling costs meant we were unable to complete the work in one go

## DOG WASTE



**PLEASE** be a responsible dog owner and clean up after your dog.

A reminder that dog waste can be put in general waste bins, or domestic waste bins providing it is double bagged

Dog fouling can be reported at:-

<https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/>

(search: dog fouling then follow the 'Report dog fouling' link)

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHEMES/INITIATIVES

There are various grants available through the Borough Council for improving home insulation which will reduce energy bills immediately and in the long term.

To find out if you are eligible (you don't have to be on benefits to qualify), please contact **Jacob Medlock**, the Housing Standards Officer (Energy Efficiency) for the Borough Council on:-

**01553 616227** or

[jacob.medlock@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:jacob.medlock@west-norfolk.gov.uk)

Alternatively contact your Borough Councillors who will be able to direct you:-

**Cllr Pallavi Devulapalli**

[cllr.pallavi.devulapalli@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.pallavi.devulapalli@west-norfolk.gov.uk)

**Cllr James Moriarty**

[cllr.james.moriarty@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.james.moriarty@west-norfolk.gov.uk)



## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

The next two scheduled meetings are:-

**Wednesday 20 March 2024**

(Annual Parish Assembly followed by an Ordinary Meeting)

**Wednesday 22 May 2024**

**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  
Mobile: 07710 996682

### Parish Council Chairman

Cathy O'Brien 01366 347279

### Parish Council Vice-Chairman

Shaun Blackmur 07745 371197

### Parish Councillors

Abigail Desborough 07957 965623  
Richard Desborough 07769 171408  
Barbara Ponder 01366 348021  
Dave Stringer 07500 046120  
Janice Lunan 01366 347460  
Rodney Underhill 07464 614256

### Borough Councillors

James 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](mailto: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 - 11:00am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday - 9:30am Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The church is open 9.30am - 4:00pm daily & has a selection of books & puzzles available. There is also a food bank box which would gratefully receive any donations.

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 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 EDE 208 calls at Fincham on Tuesdays, 4 weekly.

Visits are scheduled for **20th February, 19th March, 16th April, 14th May & 11th June** 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](http://finchamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)