

FINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly, duly convened on **Wednesday 22 March 2023**
at **Fincham Memorial Hall**, High Street, Fincham, King's Lynn, PE33 9EJ.
Commenced at **7.00pm**. Chaired by Councillor John Delderfield

Attending:

Councillors: J Delderfield (Chairman), A Desborough, C O'Brien, B Ponder, Cllrs S Blackmur, A Hudson-Smith & S Hudson-Smith, D Stringer

Borough Cllr M Howland

Clerk (Locum) – K Walker

Press: 0

Public: 6

1. Attendance

As above

2. Apologies

None

3. Minutes of the last Parish Assembly held on 23 March 2022

Accepted by all as true record of proceedings & signed by Chairman

4. Reports

4.1. Chairman of the Parish Council - Cllr. J Delderfield read out the following report:

Since the last Parish Assembly, on the 23rd March 2022, the Parish Council have had 5 meetings, dealing with many issues, on behalf of Fincham residents.

In January 2022, Sarah Thorpe, the Parish Clerk for 8 years, became ill and was no longer able to carry out her duties. The role of parish clerk is a legal requirement for a parish to function, consequently a locum clerk needed to be appointed to enable the Council to continue. Kate Walker was subsequently appointed until the Parish Clerk returned to work. Unfortunately, and sadly, Sarah died at the end of 2022.

The Parish Council are consulted as part of the Borough Council's planning application process, and the issues this year were;

Amendments to new properties being built at Talbot Manor Gardens.

Conversion work on outbuildings & stables at Fincham Hall.

Construction of a property between 'Highfield' and 72 High Street.

Extensions and alterations at Church Farm, High Street.

Demolition of two barns, and construction of two new properties at Church Farm, High Street.

Construction of replacement front porch at 22 Churchill Crescent.

The Speed Activating Messaging Sign (SAM2) was active every other month until last October, and the alternate months at Crimplesham Parish, with whom we jointly own the equipment. It had become increasingly physically difficult to manage, and it was decided to halt the process for six months pending alternate handling arrangements.

The Community Speedwatch team were active on 18 occasions since the last Assembly. As a result 56 speeders were reported to the police. Volunteers to join the Community Speedwatch team would be most welcome, and should contact the Parish Clerk.

Finally, your Parish Councillors carry out various tasks, on Parish issues, not just attending Parish Council meetings, but volunteering to undertake the many duties associated with maintaining and running the village in the interests of the people of Fincham, for which I sincerely thank them all.

Signed:..... (Chairman)

Date:.....

Fincham residents are most welcome at Parish Council meetings and are asked to report any concerning issues to the Parish Council.

4.2. Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk - Borough Cllr. M Howland read out the following report:

LIDL have finally got their planning approval for an ECO Store on the edge of Downham Market, this land had originally been earmarked for industrial use and I am led to believe the land had not been purchased yet, as Lidl had only bought an option to purchase, subject to planning approval.

In the past 12 months 400 residents have opened their Homes to Ukrainian refugees.

There will be an application from Medworth for an incinerator on the boundary between East Cambridgeshire & West Norfolk, which the Borough and County are opposed to and have reinstated our decision to support Wisbech who are currently at the interested party submission hearing stage. If approved I am led to believe that it will not affect your village due to the distance involved.

In the years 2022/2023 £32,687 has been awarded for 81 community projects supported by Councillors across the Borough and I am pleased that Fincham were one of the recipients for new chairs and help towards new toilets, all of the Grant money for Airfield Ward for this financial year has been taken up we look forward to next year.

E-mail sent regarding the new collection service for hairdryers, toasters and small electrical items and as before place them on top of either black bins or re-cycling bin (not garden bin).

I am delighted that the new toilets have been finished and what a difference it makes, with the new defibrillator having recently been installed, and the flooring in the Village Hall you must all be very pleased with the results.

4.3. Norfolk County Council - Cllr. Long was not present and no report had been provided

5. Open Forum

A member of the public asked about recycling and was advised to contact BCKLWN for clarification on how and where to recycle specific items

Meeting closed: 7.09pm