

Minutes of Fincham Parish Council

Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 7:30 pm at Fincham Memorial Hall

Parish Councillors in attendance:

Cllr O'Brien - **Chair**, Cllr Underhill – Vice chair, Cllr Saxelby, Cllr Claydon, Cllr Blackmur and Cllr Stringer Cllr Lunan,

Also present: Rob Shaw- PSLCC (Clerk/ RFO)

CC Westman and BC Devulapalli - 0 members of the public were present.

Business to be transacted in accordance with Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, 10(2) (b)

26. F093 Welcome from the Chair and Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972 s 85(1))

Apologies received from Cllr Lunan and BC Moriarty

26. F 094 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and consider any requests for dispensation. (Localism Act 2011 s 31 s33

None

26. F 095 To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 29th July 2026 (in accordance with Standing Order 12a)

Proposed **Cllr Stringer** – Seconded – **Cllr Blackmur** – All Agreed . The Minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

26. F 096 To Receive Reports from County Councillor and Borough Councillors. (5 minutes each)

CC Mike Westman reported that the LGR – Local Government Restructure had been cancelled at a cost saving of £96million to NCC. This came as a great relief as the County Council is approximately £950 million in debt and this would have just added to this. A letter has been written by the deputy leader of NCC to the government to try and recuperate the £1.5 million already spent on the process.

BC Devulapalli reported that she has been appointed to the Governance team at the QE2 hospital. There are currently plans to merge the QE2 with the Norfolk and Norwich and Great Yarmouth trusts to make the running of the hospitals more cost effective.

26. F 097 Open Forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public. (10 minutes only in total)

No Public in attendance

Signed _____

Dated _____

26. F 098**Items to note:**

- NCC Highways have been contacted regarding Black Drove and the Satnav issues – Highways have agreed to look into it.
- Annual Insurance is now in place – documents published
- To Note – Three-year maintenance plan has been resigned for K&M Streetlighting as agreed.

Item Noted**Agenda Items****26. F 099 To Discuss & Approve – Public Consultation for Flower Bed – All**

The council resolved to go ahead with the consultation, and it will be adjusted and then published in the next newsletter – **Clerk to Action**

26. F 099 a To Discuss – Central Connect – New Bus Service – All

The council was informed that the new bus service has been operating with a hail and stop system to prevent any further bus stops needed in the village. It was also mentioned that the service contract has been signed for a two-year period. The feedback regarding the service and the staff has all been positive.

26. F 099 b To Discuss publication of the Winter Newsletter – All

It was resolved that the next newsletter will be in circulation at the end of November or very early December.

26. F 099 c To Discuss allotments – Update on current situation – All

It has been all change at the allotments – Tenants giving up plots, tenants moving around and also new tenancy documents have been sent with updated paperwork to keep up with regulations.

26. F 099 d To discuss and resolve to purchase new battery for SAM2 - All

The Council resolved to purchase two new batteries for the SAM2 camera – it has been agreed that Crimphesham would pay 50% of the costs as the unit is shared with them.

Proposed **Cllr O'Brien**- Seconded **Cllr Underhill** – All Agreed - **Clerk to Action**

26. F 100 To receive reports from Councillors regarding Working Group updates

Biodiversity– Nothing to report

Allotments– Mostly discussed within the meeting Agenda – item 26. F099c

SAM 2 – The camera requires two new batteries as discussed within the agenda item 26. F099d

H&S – Checks have been carried out around the village.

Defib – Nothing to report – all operational

Newsletter – This will be ready for distribution by end of November / beginning of December

Signed _____

Dated _____

26. F0101**Planning Consultations:**

New Planning Application Consultations received from Borough Council/NCC.

NONE

Notices of Decision by Borough Council and County Council

NONE

Accounts & Finance including:

26. F 102 To Note Balance of Accounts on 1st September 2026

To Note Balance of Accounts - 1st September 2026			
Unity Current Account		£2,462.66	
Unity Savings Account		£20,410.41	
Total		£22,873.07	

26. F 103 To consider/review the payments for September 2026

Payments for September 2026 Authorisation										
Payee	Goods/Servi	VAT	TOTAL	DD/	Supplier/Service					
HMRC	201.27	0.00	201.27	EP	HMRC - Employers contributions - Month 5 - Paid 23/09/26					
Wave	63.12	0.00	63.12	EP	Allotment Water - Inv 17013580 - Paid 21/09/26					
N Power	29.86	1.49	31.35	EP	StreetLight Power - Inv A0009232916 -					
TOTAL	294.25	1.49	295.74							

26. F 104 To Note money received.

To Note Income Received				
BCKLWN - Precept		6625.00	2nd Installment	
Allotments		192.00	144 still outstanding	

26. F 105 To Note – Quarterly Performance against budget and to start preparation for 2027/28 budget.

26.F 106 To note that the NJC has now agreed the annual pay rise for Clerks of 3.3% This is to be back dated to April 1st, 2026

Invoices due for payment but received after the publication of the agenda may be considered.

Signed _____

Dated _____

26. F 107 To resolve to move into a closed session, on the grounds of confidentiality in
In accordance with The Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960, s.1(2)

Quote for Fencing of Allotments was discussed and council resolved to move ahead –
Proposed **Cllr Stringer** – Seconded **Cllr Saxelby** – All Agreed – **Clerk to Action**

**26. F 108 To receive Items for the next meeting agenda
by Noon on the 17th of November 2026**

**26. F 109 To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council, scheduled for
Wednesday 24th of November 2026 at 7:30 pm at the Fincham Memorial Hall**

26. F 110 Close of meeting: - 8.59pm

Any business to be considered at a Parish Council meeting must be delivered to the clerk for inclusion in accordance with Standing Order 9b. Please use the “Agenda Item Request Form” and include as much information as possible including any proposal.

Signed _____

Dated _____