

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 Stringer, Cllr Underhill, Cllr Saxelby, Cllr Claydon, Cllr Blackmur and Cllr Lunan,

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

CC Westman and 0 members of the public were present.

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

26. F076 Welcome from the Chair and Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972 s 85(1))

Apologies received from BC Moriarty, BC Devulapalli

26. F 077 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 078 To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 (in accordance with Standing Order 12a)

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

26. F 079 To Receive Reports from County Councillor and Borough Councillors. (5 minutes each)

CC Mike Westman introduced himself –He expressed that the new bus route had been successful and the number 67 bus route would be operational from the 1st of September. He also mentioned that the new recycling contract has been signed and that WEE recyclables were going to be collected by BCKLWN again after the fire at the processing plant.

26. F 080 Open Forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public. (10 minutes only in total)

No Public in attendance – Cllr Underhill stated that he had been contacted by a MOP to explain that there needed to be a No Through Road sign at Black Drove – as recently Satellite navigation had been instructing drivers to turn up Black Drove when Norwich was there final destination – This will be reported to highways department to see if there is anything that can be done – **Clerk to Action**

26. F 081

Items to note:

The Summer newsletter had now been printed and received -this will be distributed over the weekend.

Item Noted

Signed _____

Dated _____

Agenda Items

26. F 082 The Council resolved to accept the insurance renewal from Clear Councils for 2026/27–
Clerk to action

26. F 082 a Council resolved to accept that the TROD was now complete and that the CIL grant can be closed - **Clerk to Action**

26. F 082 b It was agreed by councillors that the area in the village – the rose garden – has suffered more than most and all the roses are now dead – a public consultation will be sorted to ask the parishioners what trees – shrubs and plants they would like to see there going forward. – **Clerk to action survey**

26. F 082 c The Council have been made aware that the acceptance of Chickens on the allotments has led to a menagerie of other animals arriving at the plots – There has been a rise in Vermin at the site and the council agreed that this may not be the cause but has not helped. The tenants will have new paperwork issued for 2026 onwards due to tenancy rent increases advised 12 months ago as per Allotment regulations and that the plot holders with animals will be asked to remove them. There was also a discussion regarding a reported increase in Deer and Rabbits decimating crops and the council resolved to address this by way of new boundary fencing.

26. F 082 d The Council resolved to sign the lease for the new allotment space – this will now be returned for finalisation with N P Law – **Clerk to action**

26.F 082 e It was resolved by council that no councillor will be paid to distribute the newsletter. They would like to see community volunteers help distribute the newsletter – Cllr Underhill volunteered to do it from Autumn/Winter onwards with offers from others.

26. F 083 To receive reports from Councillors regarding Working Group updates
Biodiversity– Nothing to report

Allotments– A bee orchid had been spotted at the allotments – The probation service has a new lead, and they will be at the allotments in September and October for community payback then finished for the year due to lack of work for them. The hedge row has been weeded and may well be inspected over the coming months after the hedges were donated as part of a larger project – to assess their suitability and condition. The Council would also like to invite plot holders to join the working group.

SAM 2 – The camera is currently on Marham road – there has been some issues downloading the data and Cllr Saxelby is to try and download the Houston Radar software on his phone to assist in this process.

H&S – Checks have been carried out at the Chalk pit – boundary fencing is rotting away and will need new markers and signs – Checks were also carried out on the bins in the village. The sign on Lynn road is still missing – to be reported again

Defib – Nothing to report – all operational

Police SNAP Meetings – Questions / Comments. This item will be removed from the agenda and items will be addressed as required

Newsletter –Ready for distribution by 2nd of August – Suggestion for the next – Conservation Area

Signed _____

Dated _____

26. F084**Planning Consultations:**

New Planning Application Consultations received from Borough Council/NCC.

25-01637-F – Appeal – Email sent to councillors - 11/06/26

Notices of Decision by Borough Council and County Council

26/01081/AG Fincham - Agricultural Prior Notification: Extension to agricultural building for hay and machinery storage - Town Farm, Fincham Road, Wereham, King's Lynn, PE33 9AB

Not Required

Accounts & Finance including:

26. F 085 To Note Balance of Accounts on 1st July 2026

To Note Balance of Accounts - 1st July 2026		
Unity Current Account		£5,327.66
Unity Savings Account		£20,410.41
Total		£25,738.07

26. F 086 To consider/review the payments for July 2026

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP	Supplier/Service					
HMRC	140.19	0.00	140.19	EP	HMRC - Month 3 Contributions - Paid 21/07/26					
Clerk	343.1	0.00	343.10	EP	Clerks Hours - Month 4 - Paid 21/07/26					
Clerk	26.99	0.00	26.99	EP	Clerks Expenses - Month 4 - Paid 21/07/26					
N Power	23.79	1.19	24.98	DD	N Power - Streetlight electric - Inv - in15910738 - Paid 21/07/26					
		0.00								
TOTAL	534.07	1.19	535.26							

26. F 087 To Note money received June & July

To Note Income Received					
Bank Interest			89.18		June(1st Quarter)

26. F 088 To Note – Quarterly Performance against budget and Bank reconciliation for the first quarter

Items Signed and Noted

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

Signed _____

Dated _____

26. F 089 To resolve to move into a closed session, on the grounds of confidentiality in accordance with The Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960, s.1(2)

Nothing to report this month in closed session.

**26. F 090 To receive Items for the next meeting agenda
by Noon on the 22nd of September 2026**

**26. F 091 To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council, scheduled for
Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 7:30 pm at the Fincham Memorial Hall**

26. F 092 Close of meeting: - 8.52pm (20:52)

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 _____