

Mulbarton Parish Council

Clerk's Report

July 2024



Items not on the agenda (information only)

You asked us to separate bins and benches, so we have moved the bench on the Common, opposite Birchfield Lane, a few metres west.

The number plaques for the allotments are in progress, with The Meadows and Long Lane already complete. If your plot gets an incorrect number, please let the clerk know!

The cost of moving the gates at The Meadows has been agreed and the council is awaiting confirmation of a date for the work to be carried out.

Information to support a speed reduction on the 40mph northern section of Norwich Road is being collected.

The specification for disabled access to the Village Hall site has been agreed, in principle, with Common Steering Group, and is being costed.

Norfolk County Council are looking into the verge cutting of Minnow Way.

Did you know your Parish Councillors are all volunteers? Between them they have a lot of knowledge and experience that they bring to the Council. They carry out actions, discuss and agree on behalf of Mulbarton residents and we are looking for more volunteers who would like to become councillors. You can give as much of your time as you like but we need you to take part in our monthly meetings. If you have an interest in what happens in Mulbarton and you can spare a few hours a month, come along to our meetings or contact the clerk to find out more about joining us.



Items on the agenda

Item 9: Allotments

Oakley Park South

A leak at one of the troughs on Oakley Park South has been repaired. Many thanks to the tenant for letting us know about this.

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Long Lane

The unrented plots at Long Lane have been strimmed.

The gas pipelines are being upgraded at the end of August/beginning of September. The contractor will use land by the communal shed and plot 1, while the works take place.

Swamp

Norse will begin maintenance of the communal areas around the allotment in August.

Meadows

Plots 15 and 17 have been vacated but there is a large amount of waste left on the plots which is being removed. Once the site has been cleared we will be able to start treating the horsetail.

We have a few plots available at Swamp and Long Lane. If you are interested in taking one of these on, please contact the clerk.

Item 11: Open Spaces and Play Areas

Following on from complaints about grass cutting at The Meadows, we are still trying to arrange an on-site meeting with the contractor to discuss these issues.

Arborists are preparing quotes for Meadows and Orchard Park following the tree surveys carried out in July.

Item 15: Community Project

The council has received a draft of the feasibility study with the consultant asking for feedback. The final feasibility study is now due at the end of September.

Item 17: Parish Partnership Scheme

The council had previously agreed that they would investigate using this scheme to help improve road safety near the school. The Parish Council meet with Highways to discuss suitable options and have requested more information from the school.

Item 18: Puddleducks Nursery Garden



We have received another report from Puddleducks that potentially dangerous items are being found in the nursey garden. This time a knife was found by staff

Item 21: Charlie's phone box refurbishment

We've been contacted about refurbishing Charlie's phone box, near The World's End. Volunteers successful maintain the phone box as a well-used library and are hoping for new shelving and flooring along with minor repairs to the outside and repainting. If this is something you think you could help with, either with materials or labour, please contact the clerk.

Item 23: Memorial bench in Village Hall play area

The Social Club are being donated a bench in memory of Edward (Ed) Cooke, who was a valued member of the social club over serval years. The Social Club would like to place Ed's Bench in the Village Hall play area, that adjoins the Social Club patio.