

NEWS FROM MULBARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Since the last newsletter there have been 2 councillors to step down from the council, Mark Kerr and Rebecca Harvey. We are very sad to see them leave us, but we are fortunate that Mark is still in a position where he can support the council in some of our ongoing projects.

Good news that Steve Sewell has been co-opted back onto the council after a few months away and he is bringing with him his wealth of knowledge and a hands-on attitude.

There are now only 6 Parish Councillors, out of a possible 11, which can make progress a little slower than we would like. Our January meeting had to be cancelled as we did not have sufficient councillors available to be able to make any decisions legally. So, we are keen to talk to anyone who wants to find out more about this voluntary role. If this is you, please see our website and/or contact the clerk for more information.



MALGA and the Parish Council have been working together to update the terms and conditions for the allotment tenancy. Legislation requires the Council to give current tenants a minimum of 12 months' notice of any changes in tenancy agreement, which has now been done. New tenants will be given the new tenancy agreement, while existing tenants will change in January 2025. We do have plots available at The Swamp, Long Lane and Oakley Park South. If you are interested in taking a plot on, see our website or contact the clerk.



This quarter the council have given a grant of £2,000 to Mulbarton Church as a contribution towards the grounds maintenance and urgent tree works. It is hoped this will help to keep the churchyard in good condition.

In January the Parish Council agreed their budget and precept for 2024/25. The precept is the amount of money the Parish Council will receive from residents through the council tax bill and this year was set at £87,208. This will see band D properties increasing from £61.25 per annum to £64.31, a 5% increase. See our website for more information or contact the clerk.



Last year the Parish Council appointed a Parish Warden who has been a huge help in keeping the village clean and tidy. On many occasions, the council receives reports on large amounts of rubbish around the Common and at The Meadows that the Warden is picking up. To help us keep the village clean and tidy please take your rubbish home or put it in one of the bins provided.



Remember, Parish Council meetings are now the third Monday of the month, usually held at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, see the agenda for more details or contact the clerk. All are welcome to attend.

Join our meeting!