

Mulbarton Parish Council

Clerk's Report

September 2024



Items not on the agenda (information only)

Humbleyard Practice will be holding a briefing session in the Social Club at 6.30pm. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Items on the agenda

Item 6.8: 2024/25 budget

The budget is usually confirmed by the Parish Council in December/January, depending on timescales set by South Norfolk Council. At the last meeting councillors discussed items requiring consideration for the budget and as a result a draft budget has been shared with councillors for further discussion.

Item 9: Allotments

All water supplies have been switched off for the winter. During the winter the Parish Council will inspect all allotment sites and appoint contractors for 2025.

We have a few plots available at Swamp and Oakley Park South, if you are interested in taking one of these on, please contact the clerk.

Item 10: Footpaths and Public Rights of Way

Last month the Parish Council received reports of horses using a footpath between The Rosery and the Oakley Park Estate. We have been in contact with EWS, the management company, who have told us they are not responsible for that part of the footpath. We are continuing to research.

Item 11: Open Spaces and Play Areas

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

Item 14: Common Steering Group

The Common Steering Group is due to meet on Wednesday 23 October.

Item 15: Community Project

At the time of writing, the feasibility report has not been finalised.

Item 16: SAM2 data

The latest SAM2 data is available on the website and Facebook page.

Item 17: New fencing around Mulberry Park

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The Village Hall Management Committee have confirmed that they have no issues with the replacement of the fence around Mulberry Park.

Item 18: Parish Partnership Scheme and road safety around the school

The Primary School is to provide Norfolk County Council with their travel plans. Once this has been received a second site meeting will be arranged.

Item 20: Land north of Meadows

At the last Parish Council meeting, councillors discussed taking on the responsibility for this parcel of land owned by South Norfolk Council, situated in Bracon Ash. Mulbarton Environmental Group has been managing the land but has asked the Parish Council for assistance. The councillors are being asked to make their decision about their involvement going forwards. If the council agree to take on the responsibility of grounds maintenance they will need to agree the scope to include in their tender process.

Item 22: Maintenance of the cricket square on Orchard Park

The cricket square has been maintained by a volunteer who has stepped down. The cricket square has not been used since 2022 and the Parish Council has received no interest in it. The Councillors will decide if they fund the maintenance of the square or if it will be included in Orchard Park's regular grounds maintenance.

Item 23: Grounds maintenance

The Parish Council need to agree any changes to the grounds maintenance scope to enable the clerk to seek quotes for 2025.

Item 26: Speed limit from Long Lane, north along the Common, to B1113

The Parish Council have been contacted by residents raising concerns about traffic along this stretch of road. It has been suggested that the speed limit should be reduced from 30 to 20mph. This would result in the 20mph area on Long Lane being extended, past the church to B1113. Norfolk County Council is the decision maker for the speed limits, but the Parish Council may want to enter discussions with them to ask them to consider the reduction.
