

Mulbarton Parish Council

Clerk's Report

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Items not on the agenda (information only)

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.

There has been no further progress with the hiring options of the MUGA (multi-use games area).

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

A request for additional "Duck" warning signs has been sent to Highways and we are awaiting their response.

The specification for disabled access to the Village Hall site is being discussed with the Common Steering Group and the Parish Warden.

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.



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Item 9: Allotments

We are pleased to say that MALGA are starting a community allotment at Long Lane allotments. If you would like to get involved, please contact MALGA for more information.

There is just one invoice that remains unpaid. The invoice has been emailed, left on the plot and hand delivered. The plot is being cultivated. No response has been received.

Grounds maintenance of Swamp has been appointed to Norse for the remainder of this year. All grounds maintenance will go out for tender at the end of the year.

Anglian Water have repaired the burst water main at Oakley Park South and the car park is full open.

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

Item 11: Open Spaces and Play Areas

We've received complaints about grass cutting at Meadows and on the junction of Catmere Herne and Cuckoofield Lane. The grass on the junction belongs to Saffron Housing and Mulbarton Environmental Group are in contact with them to resolve the issue. We are trying to arrange an on-site meeting with the contractor at The Meadows to discuss this issues.

Tree surveys have been carried out around The Meadows and Orchard Park. This highlighted some emergency work required on a tree on the village hall site. The vehicular access route to Orchard Park was closed for a few days, until the area was made safe. The reports have provided the council with a program of works.

Annual inspections of the council's play areas have been completed. There are no immediate concerns but these reports do indicate a level of wear and tear that the council will need to consider when setting future budgets.

Many thanks to all who voted and put forward ideas for play equipment at The Meadows. We had 15 responses with lots of suggestions. Councillors will discuss your suggestions and consider the way forward.

Item 22: Parish Partnership Scheme

The Parish Partnership Scheme for 2025/26 has opened. The council had previously agreed that they would investigate using this scheme to help improve road safety near the school. It is hoped that the school, parish council and highways can meet to discuss the options.