

# Mulbarton Parish Council

## Clerk's Report

### October 2023

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#### Items not on the agenda (information only)

Target Trees will be carrying our maintenance at The Meadows and Orchard Park week of 13 November.

Unfortunately, Tony Martin has stepped down as a Parish Councillor. Tony was only with us a short while, but he brought a great deal of knowledge and enthusiasm with him which will be missed. We wish Tony all the best for the future.

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. If you have an interest in what happens in Mulbarton and you can spare a few hours a month, contact the clerk to find out more about joining us.



The water supply to the allotments will be turned off at the end of October and switched on again on 1 April. We will be using this time to inspect the pipework and repair and upgrade, where required.

#### Items on the agenda

##### Item 14: Information on RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete)

This matter had been raised during a Parish Council, Village Hall Committee meeting. The Parish Council were seeking confirmation that the necessary checks had been carried out to the Village Hall as regular users of the Committee Room and having office space. The Village Hall Management Committee have confirmed this and there is no action required.

##### Item 15: Installation of fibre broadband in Mulbarton

Gigaclear are England's largest provider of ultrafast broadband to rural communities and are planning on bringing this to Mulbarton, along with Swardston, East Carleton, Bracon Ash and Wreningham. To keep the disruption to a minimum they will be using Open Reach's infrastructure, where possible.

They are currently surveying the area and considering locations for cabinet installations. An area they are considering for an underground chamber is on parish council owned land at Gowing Road.

There is currently no timescale for this work.

##### Item 17.2: .gov.uk email address(es)

JPAG (Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance) has updated their guide to include advice that Parish Council's should have a .gov.uk (or .org.uk) email address. This can apply to the clerk only but is also open to Parish Councillors.

##### Item 22: Agreement between Hopkin Homes and Anglian Water to use manhole on Parish Council land

Hopkin Homes and Anglian Water are required to come to an agreement which requires additional apparatus to be placed in the manhole cover on land owned by the Parish Council at Long Lane allotments.