

# Mulbarton Parish Council

## Clerk's Report

### May 2024

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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!

Our Parish Warden has been very busy cleaning graffiti off many items around the village. This means he cannot keep up with the Spring jobs we have for him. The police have been informed about the incidents and if you have any information, please contact them or the clerk.

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.

South Norfolk Council have confirmed we have been successful in registering The World's End Public House as an Asset of Community Value.

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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## Items on the agenda

At the last meeting, the council agreed that the June agenda should be shorter than usual. This was to allow for the Annual Parish Meeting to take place. This has been cancelled due to the upcoming elections, but the Parish Council meeting remains fairly short this month.

### Item 9: Allotments

Inspections have been carried out at Swamp, Long Lane and Oakley Park South since the last meeting. It was lovely to see so many well cared for plots and many thanks to MALGA for your support. There are a few plots holders who have not paid for their plot this year, and these have been contacted. It looks like one or two of you have changed your email address and not told us. If you have not received your invoice, please contact us urgently as nonpayment may result in the lease being terminated. There are a few plots that were not being cultivated and all tenants have been contacted. We do have available plots at Swamp, Long Lane and Oakley Park South. These will be strimmed in due course to reduce the weeds. If you are interested in taking on a plot, please contact the clerk. The council will also discussed the follow up work required at The Meadows allotment site.

### Item 9. Vandalism

We are seeing increasing amounts of graffiti around the parish, particularly in the play areas. This is costing the council hundreds of pounds and means our Parish Warden does not have the time available to work on general repairs and our other projects. The police are aware of the problem but please contact them if you have any further information.

A few weeks ago, we replaced some of the ropes at The Meadows play area, at a cost of over £2,000. It appears someone has tried to cut the ropes, causing damage. The ropes are still in working condition but their expected lifetime is significantly reduced. The police are aware of the damage. Please contact them if you have any further information.