

MULBARTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 23 May 2022 at 7.00 pm at Hanover Gardens, Mulbarton.

Councillors Present: Cllr S Sewell (Chair) and Cllr A Banham,

Also in attendance: Sara Campbell (Locum Clerk) and 10 members of the public

1. Parish Council opens the meeting:

Cllr Sewell opened the meeting and welcomed all those attending this Annual Meeting of the parishioners. Cllr Sewell took this opportunity to thank Ann the Parish Clerk who has recently left the councils employment and to introduce Lorraine Truman who will be joining the council as Clerk/RFO at the end of the month.

2. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Marina Carter Village Website, County Cllr D Elmer, District Councillors N Legg, J Francis and I Sprat.

3. To sign the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 4 May 2021:

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting have been displayed on the website immediately following the last meeting.

Cllr Sewell signed these minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Parish Council's report:

5. County Councillor's report:

The 2022/23 Budget

A **£464 million** net revenue budget, a **£25m increase** from last year, with increased spending across key service areas and capital programmes, along with a 2.99 per cent Council Tax rise has been agreed to enable Norfolk to build back better after the pandemic.

Adult Social Services will see an additional **£35.4m** of investment, against savings of £10.5m, **Children's Services** will receive **£23.2m** of further investment, with a further **£10m** this year for the **SEND School Programme**, with £12m against planned savings and **Community and Environmental Services** will see an additional **£11.2m**, against savings of £3.5m.

Within Community and Environmental Services there will be the **£10m pothole fund** to draw upon, **new recycling centres** across the County, **£5m**

on library upkeep and extension of services and **£12m on the Better Broadband project.**

There has been substantial **Beryl Bikes and E-Scooters** uptake during the past year, with the average journey being over 3.5km (taking multiple car journeys out of the City) and multiple Local Cycling, Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPS) plans being developed across the County (including Greater Norwich, King's Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Dereham).

These commitments are in keeping with my Conservative Groups 2021 Manifesto pledges to deliver a better future for Norfolk through:

- Protecting valued services
- Investing in care services
- Strengthening community resilience
- Leading on economic development
- Supporting families and young people
- Caring for our environment

Protecting Valued Services

- Love Norfolk, Hate Litter – boost for pickers as litter can now be accepted at recycling centres** - As the national Great British Spring Clean launched on 28th May 2021, there was good news for litter pickers as the county council announces that it was able to accept litter at any of Norfolk's recycling centres. From the 28th, anyone who picked a small amount of litter in the county was (and is still able to) bring up to three bags of the waste to a recycling centre for disposal. People looking to organise a group litter pick are still urged to contact their district council who can help provide bags, grabbers and arrange for collection of the waste collected.
- £29m 'pothole prevention' work now well underway across Norfolk** - Pavements, cycleways and roads all benefited from the county's £29m maintenance programme taking place right across Norfolk this year. The crucial upkeep work is a key part of the £42 million budget for roads and infrastructure that was agreed in February 2021. This year £4.5m is being spent on maintaining pavements and paths, for example a £167,000 scheme to remove the existing worn and uneven pavement surface on Kennedy Avenue in Gorleston and replace it with a new smooth asphalt surface will be getting underway in late July.
- Brand new £1.9m Norwich South recycling Centre opens** - Norfolk's newest recycling centre opened to the public in December. The £1.9m recycling centre is the sister site to the new Norwich North recycling centre that opened on 22nd September. Together the two sites will provide improved recycling facilities for the growing greater Norwich area. As the new Norwich South recycling centre opens at Harford, just off the A47/A140 junction, staff bid farewell to the old site at Ketteringham that closed yesterday. The move to a larger site allows

room for a one-way traffic system to smooth traffic flow and reduce queues, low-level bins meaning people will not have to climb steps to recycle their waste, and there is plenty of parking for cars, bicycles and vehicles with trailers.

- **Fire and Rescue staff presented with awards** - The achievements of staff across Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service have been recognised through employee awards. A ceremony to present the awards was cancelled due to the pandemic, so senior leaders have visited some of the recipients of the 2021 awards individually and will continue to do so when Covid-19 restrictions allow. As well as honouring staff with long service awards, categories also included fundraiser of the year, making a difference awards and leadership accolades.
- **Council wins national award for its work with the armed forces** - Norfolk County Council has been recognised for its outstanding support of the armed forces community in Norfolk, following an announcement from the Ministry of Defence. The local authority has been given the Gold Award, the highest honour handed out through the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme. The award is given to organisations that employ and support those who serve in the armed forces, service leavers, veterans and their families, with the Gold Award also acknowledging the Council's partnership working through the Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant Board. This includes successfully addressing a significant gap in the dental service provision in the West of the County. It negotiated with the Ministry of Defence and NHS England, to ensure the opening of a new dental practice for serving and civilian families at RAF Marham and the surrounding area.

Investing in care Services

Plan to tackle adult social care's winter pressures

Plans to support Adult Social Services with the expected "winter pressures" have been unveiled. A report was heard by Norfolk County Council's Cabinet in December saying that Adult Social Services across the country are facing unprecedented challenges. However, here in Norfolk practical solutions are being put in place. The report said: 'Norfolk Adult Social Services face a level of unprecedented challenge in 2021/22 as a result of the pandemic, with national and local workforce shortages, rising demand in hospitals and the community and the continued infection risk posed by COVID-19 as well as other recurring respiratory viruses such as flu.' Adult Social Services received 20,279 calls for support between April and October this year – an increase of 9,400 over four years.

Action being taken by the Council includes:

- Expanding action to support people at home or, where appropriate, in

- short term residential settings
- Stepping up the council's care recruitment campaign, to tackle staff shortages
- Providing wrap-around support for care settings
- Providing assistive technology, with 100 video phones sent out to homes
- Improving capacity in the Norfolk First Response service
- Supporting mental health services, with three new step down services

Norfolk to take a step closer to new integrated approach to health and care

Norfolk County Council has agreed their support for new local Health and Wellbeing Partnerships, putting local communities at the heart of health and care in their area. Under the Health and Care Bill, Integrated care systems (ICSs) are being established in all areas of the country to drive changes that are intended to lead to better, more joined-up care for the population. Much of the activity to deliver integrated health and care and improve the population's health will happen more locally in the places where people live and work, meaning the new Health and Wellbeing Partnerships will play a key role in driving forward this activity.

Strengthening community Resilience

- **A new single point of contact for flooding in Norfolk has been launched, allowing residents to report any sort of flooding quickly and efficiently -** In the event of flooding residents can call 0344 800 8013 to report it. Alternatively, residents can continue to report flooding online via [our flooding pages](#). The new number gives residents a single point of contact and allows reports to be made swiftly. Different agencies respond to different types of flooding, which has historically made reporting a flood by telephone more complicated when and where it is not possible to ascertain the source of floodwaters. The new number provides a single point of contact making the reporting of flooding quicker and easier. Where there is a potential risk to life from flooding people should still call 999 immediately.
- **Flood Reserve Fund spending agreed -** Norfolk's Cabinet considered the allocation of the council's £1.5m Flood Reserve Fund to support urgent works, repairs and to enable recommendations from flood investigation reports. The Reserve Fund was set up in the annual budget for 2021/22 agreed by the County Council in their budget meeting in February. The Cabinet meeting, held on 6th September, discussed the proposed allocation of the funding, including £695k for additional highway and ditch maintenance and £365k for drainage asset improvements. This funding will be used for work on the 285,864 metres of drainage grips and 31,037 metres of kerb drains on Norfolk's highways, as well as operations to clear some of the county's 145,305 gullies that help drain rain water.
- **Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance formally adopts Strategy -** The Norfolk

Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) has formally adopted an overall Strategy, designed to enable county wide responses to flooding across all agencies involved. The Strategy, which lays out the NSFA's vision, objectives, approach and structure, is a major milestone in the development of the Alliance, which was founded earlier this year to bring together all agencies and partners involved in planning for and responding to flooding in Norfolk.

- **£1million awarded to community groups across Norfolk** - Community and voluntary organisations across Norfolk were set for a major cash boost as the recipients of the [Norfolk Social Infrastructure Fund](#) were announced. Norfolk County Council has handed out £1.02 million to 25 different organisations, with grants ranging £3,400 all the way up to £250,000. In total, the fund saw 64 applications with funding requests that totalled almost £5million. This was more than double the number of applications received last year.

Leading on Economic Development

- **Ground-breaking partnership to provide Covid-19 recovery support for Norfolk** - Norfolk County Council and New Anglia LEP were part of an ambitious cross-border project which helped to deliver a unique package of Covid-19 recovery support for local businesses and people. The C-CARE (Covid Channel Area Response Exchange) initiative, funded by the Interreg France (Channel) England programme which has allocated €2.2m for C-CARE in Norfolk, was set to reach businesses and people that were been hit hardest in the pandemic. Drawing on a range of expertise from local government, enterprise and tourism in the UK and France, the project supported people at risk of exclusion from the labour market and businesses at risk of closure. C-CARE aims to reach 4,500 people and almost 2,000 businesses through its pilot initiatives which include skills training to help individuals find new routes into employment or starting a business, and advice and grants aimed at helping companies reset their business models in response to the pandemic. In Norfolk the project will work to support over 600 people into employment or self-employment and provide support for up to 800 businesses.
- **Norfolk to get faster broadband thanks to new Government funding** - Hard to reach premises in Norfolk are to receive between £115m and £195m of funding as part of the Government's Project Gigabit to provide 1GB per second broadband to up to 119,000 premises. Contracts will be awarded from February 2022. Rural homes and businesses across Norfolk and Suffolk will get next-generation gigabit broadband brought to them under a £5 billion plan to level up internet access across the UK. It means families no longer having to battle over bandwidth and will give people in rural areas the freedom to live and work more flexibly, with the speed and reliability needed to start and run businesses.

Supporting families and young people

- **Vulnerable young people in Norfolk have chance to take New Roads with launch of dedicated support service** - A new service to support some of Norfolk's most vulnerable young people to live within families and achieve their full potential launched on 1st June 2021. New Roads was set up by Norfolk County Council with significant investment to give young people access to a dedicated support team that sticks with them, understands them, and helps them to achieve and succeed. Based out of two hubs, in Dereham and Norwich, the service provides young people with education, life coaching and speech and language therapy, as well as access to short term residential beds and foster care placements to help meet their needs. The aim is to give young people stability, reduce risk-taking behaviour and help to avoid the need for long-term residential care, as well as longer term costs to themselves, the wider system and communities.

- **Free online business summer school for 16-25-year-olds in Norfolk** - There are so many options to choose from when leaving school - like apprenticeships, university, work experience, getting a job... Or how about starting a business? It may seem a daunting idea at first, but there's lots of free help on offer. Started in August 2021, the Business & IP Centre (BIPC) Norfolk, managed by Norfolk County Council's Library and Information Service, ran a free online Summer School for 16-25-year-olds to help them decide whether starting their own business might be right for them.

- **Plans for thousands of new school places in Norfolk** - More than a dozen new primary schools could be needed in Norfolk in the next decade, to cater for growing pupil numbers in areas of development. A report to Norfolk County Council's Cabinet highlighted the scale of school development that is likely to be needed to support Norfolk's growing communities. It addresses both demographic changes and population growth from new housing. The report, discussed by members on 31st January, provided a snapshot of the council's plans to ensure there are sufficient school places for Norfolk children aged four to 16. Alongside district councils, the County Council expects to secure nearly £100m in developer contributions for the proposed new and extended schools but if all of the places are needed, a further £191m would need to be found. Some of this will be met by Community Infrastructure Levy and government grant contributions.

- **Inspectors praise support for children in care in Norfolk** - Most children in care in Norfolk are well looked after and receive good support for their emotional and mental health and education, Ofsted inspectors have found. A team of Her Majesty's Inspectors visited Norfolk County Council in October for a two-day focused visit of the council's services for children in its care. In a letter detailing their findings, inspectors said that

social workers know their children well, listen to them and help them to understand their experiences. Ofsted's visit follows a [similar focused visit in 2019](#), which looked at how the council responds to child safeguarding calls and referrals. Following that visit, inspectors described the quality of decision making as "consistently strong".

Caring for our environment

- **Carbon cutting commitment central to new county transport plan** - A plan set to drive the county's transport policy for the next 15 years was discussed by County Councillors in August. The ambitious Local Transport Plan has at its heart the aim to support a growing economy, strengthen communities and reduce our impact on the environment. A carbon cutting commitment is central to the transport plan which supports the county council's pledge to achieve net zero carbon by 2030, which Councillors adopted as part of the authority's Environmental Policy in November 2019.
- **Buzz created as pollinator paradises set for Norfolk roadsides** - Tripling the number of Roadside Nature Reserves in Norfolk were among a range of green measures considered by County Councillors last July. Fewer cuts for rural roadsides, a pollinator action plan, and 188 more roadside nature reserves are all on the cards as part of plans to boost biodiversity alongroads and paths across the county. Also on the agenda were plans to help boost cycling and walking across the county, and development of a new verge management policy which will include information for parish and town councils wishing to take on responsibility for verge cutting in their local area. The aim is to help involve local communities more in decisions aboutverge management near them.

6. District Councillor's report:

7. Reports received from local groups & organisations:

Jill Wright – Editor of Mulbarton Parish News reported that they continue to produce 2,000 copies quarterly. The summer edition will appear thinner. This is due to printing costs increasing, in May 2021 the cost was £648 this May 2022 the cost was £1,100, therefore, another printer has been found costing £753.00 for the Summer 2022 edition but the quality of the paper is a little thinner.

Jill thanked the 38 distributors and all the contributors, it's good to have pictures provided. Jill works with an Assistant Editor, and they alternate to produce the magazine.

A member of public thanked Jill for a very good Parish Magazine which is also available of the village website.

Sue Stirling – Speedwatch Co-ordinator since the last meeting she has set-up the Speedwatch group, it took until February 2022 to train the 8 current members ideally they would like more. There are 4 sites approved by Norfolk Police, B113 Mulbarton Sign, B113 Bracon Ash Sign, Cuckoofield Lane and the Village Hall these sites have to be in a 30 mph zone. So far there have been six sessions undertaken which has resulted in Norfolk Police sending out ten letters to drivers travelling over the speed limit.

Rebecca Harvey - Mulbarton Football Club (on behalf of the Football Club in their absence, due to the 1st team playing at Carrow Road)

The men's and ladies teams have been extremely successful this year, and we are really proud that the 1st Team are playing tonight at Carrow Road in the Norfolk cup final, and in addition, the Ladies Team will also be playing at Carrow Road on Wednesday for their final. Be sure to get your tickets! I'm sure you'll concur that this is a fantastic achievement and goes to show what a great Football Club we have in the Village.

The Kids teams, boy and girls have won lots of leagues and cups and we were lucky to have been able to move the teams to the Hewett school enabling us to fulfil all fixtures with no postponements. It is of course unfortunate that the move was necessary, and we hope to be able to agree with the Parish Council that we will be able to prepare pitches in the upcoming season and to move some junior sides back until the rain once again makes orchard park not viable to play on on safety grounds.

We are a completely voluntary organisation, supporting over 300 playing club members and have 40 fully vetted and qualified volunteers to support our organisation. Above all, our aims for this coming year are to continue to be able to provide a safe, encouraging and respectful environment for children of all ages and adults to enjoy our national sport. A huge thank you to everyone that supports the Club, manages the teams and helps out in any way towards the success of the Club.

And, of course, we are looking forward to the Mulbarton Festival on 3&4 June and thank the Parish Council for allowing this to go ahead once again. This is a huge fundraising event for the Football Club and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Rebecca Harvey - Mulbarton Village Hall

We held a very successful Village Christmas Fair at the end of last year and look forward to an even bigger one this year and hope to include even more Village groups. It was really lovely to have children sing from Mulbarton School. This was our first Village Christmas Fair and was arranged with a new Committee and new members on board including representatives from local Village Groups. Our Committee and Trustees has grown in size considerably in the last 6 months, and each and every individual brings a diverse range of skills, knowledge and experience to the table.

The utmost aim of the Village Hall is to ensure the success of the Village Hall, along with the Social Club and to provide to everyone in our Village. Every penny raised goes into sustaining the viability of the businesses. The Social Club has been hit very hard, as a lot of businesses have with COVID-19, and the various events being organised are for the benefit of the Social Club and Village Hall, and of course our Villagers.

We have had to, reluctantly, increase the rent of the regular users of the hall, as well as the cost of the hire of the hall to cover the increasing utility costs. We are looking at different events and ways of keeping our Social Club and Village Hall open and to look to make improvements to the Village Hall and its facilities. One huge cost that we will have to undertake in the future is the replacement of the Village Hall roof. Crowdfunding and , Grants that are being looked into, and the various events being arranged will all help towards this.

We have had two very successful and absolute sell-out events so far, with another event, Abba, scheduled for this Friday. And there are still some tickets available!

There have been family events in the Social Club, including a Pub Quiz night, local singers and bands, and more planned, so please keep an eye out on all our social media platforms.

The Village Hall, Social Club and Football Club are all working closely together and supporting each other to make it all a success, and always look to support other local groups too in any way we can and we are thrilled to be supporting the Mulbarton Festival once again in any way we can. It has been great to see the venue/s busy and full of people, and to see many that have come have been attracted from further afield. It gives the Village great visibility overall.

We thank you all for your support and help in making it a success and always welcome new ideas and help.

A big thank you to the Parish News Magazine and Marina for their constant help in promoting us and any events taking place.

Chris Samson - Mulbarton Association of Leisure Gardens and Allotments (MALGA)

An established and growing Mulbarton group, MALGA currently has 64 paid up members with several interested growers who are potential members! The principles are to socialise, educate and have fun.

A very active 2022 calendar is already rolling out....

We held a pub quiz at the World's End earlier this year and successfully raised funds for MALGA. The attendance was good and enjoyed by all.

Along the same lines as the Radio 4 Gardeners Question Time, we held a Mulbarton Gardener's Question Time (MGQT) in the Jubilee rooms of the village hall. Four distinguished gardening and grower experts sat on the panel to answer numerous questions from MALGA members and friends who attended.

We were very privileged to have Martyn Davey who writes a column in the EDP newspaper and has a Saturday slot on Radio Norfolk.

Our annual plant sale at the Worlds End pub car park on Sunday 22nd May raised funds for MALGA.

We held the first of a series of BBQs planned for this year at the "Swamps" allotment on Saturday 21st May. Other venues include the Riches and Meadows allotments. Members and friends bring their own food to cook on the BBQ.

Last September MALGA organised a coach trip (40) to RHS Hyde Hall which proved outstandingly successful, so much so, that by popular demand, MALGA has arranged another trip for this Thursday 26th May.

A satellite group has recently been established under the umbrella of MALGA.... The Mulbarton Environmental Group whose objective is to educate and promote the awareness and practical application of caring for nature and the environment when we garden and grow produce on our allotments.

MALGA wishes to thank Mulbarton Parish Council for all their assistance and hard work they do to ensure the overseeing of the various allotment sites.

Chris Samson - Mulbarton Community Choir (MCC)

Founded over 6 years ago by Rev. Andrew North, the MCC has grown significantly despite COVID19 interruptions.

Thursday evening rehearsals in Mulbarton school hall are in full swing once more.

Choir member numbers fluctuate depending on the availability of singers, but we have always been able to sing the four parts, soprano, alto, tenor and bass (SATB). MCC currently have between 50 & 60 members but are always looking out for new recruits!

Upcoming Performances: On Friday 3rd June, MCC are scheduled to sing at the village Queen's Platinum Jubilee Festival. Singing at Peter Beales Roses in Attleborough is on the cards. Our summer concert at Mulbarton Village hall is Saturday 25th June. In November, we have again been invited by Norwich cathedral to sing at the "Doorway of Hope" service.

On Friday 20th May, we held a quiz evening in the village hall which was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Monies raised went towards the MCC funds. Costs are moderately high what with hiring the school hall for rehearsals and using Laurie the professional pianist during part of the rehearsals and for our concerts. Music is charged for by the song sheet as it is illegal to photocopy.

Members have said how much better they feel (wellbeing) now that MCC is active again.

Rev Adrian Miller – Mulbarton Parish Church

I started back to work fulltime in January 2021, after some needed sick leave at the end of 2020. The year began with quite strong lockdown measures in place in the wider world, which began to ease in the Spring, and are now fully relaxed. This had an impact on how we could conduct annual meetings and lead services of worship. It also impacted on weddings, some of which were postponed for a second year.

2021 was quite changeable in the church fellowships, with new people joining us, mostly but not entirely from moving into the area. We also said goodbye to some people moving away, and sadly some stalwarts of the church reached the end of this life's journey. In total, about 15% of our current worshipping community have joined us in the last year, and we have said goodbye to about 18%.

Ministry in the 4 parishes

The vision statement, "Following Jesus, Sharing the Journey with the villages of Mulbarton, Flordon, Bracon Ash and Hethel", launched in September 2017, has continued to inform and guide strategic decision-making, as we have sought to chart a course into a new normal.

We have settled into the pattern of taking bread and wine simultaneously at all communion services, and have continued to offer weekly remote worship, livestreamed on YouTube from Mulbarton Church, or available on catch up. We had a special service in June 2021 to celebrate new beginnings, and especially to mark the babies that had been born during lockdown (at the rate of one every ten days in our group of villages). That was a joyful occasion, with a rich variety of new beginnings celebrated. We also recognised the losses that had happened and the different ways people had been forced to grieve. We opened Mulbarton Church through the summer, with special resources and space to visit, pray, remember and grieve, which was much appreciated by a steady flow of visitors. The remembrance candle tray continues to be available and well used, open every day to visitors.

The schools work recommenced, with weekly visits into Mulbarton School, with an enthusiastic "Open the Book" team. We also began offering youth work again on Sunday mornings at Mulbarton church, with new young people joining in, and willing volunteers offering to lead and facilitate.

Work on the fabric of the churches and in the churchyards, which halted somewhat over lockdown, came into focus again, and things are back on course for what will be welcome maintenance and development work in all four churches.

We were able to partner with Norfolk Community Foundation to help 18 families in need in the villages we serve, and nearby, which was a great privilege – our thanks go to NCF for their inspirational pioneering work. Changes in safeguarding legislation, training and provisions have been welcome. I did a sponsored head shave in spring 2021, which raised £3000 for thirtyone:eight, a national charity that supports churches with safeguarding issues and provides a well-used helpline.

Small groups continued to meet, mostly online to begin with, and gradually moving to in-person meetings.

The volunteer support system, put in place to help with shopping and prescriptions for those isolating, continues to operate since its inception in April 2020, though with fewer demands now. At its peak, we were helping 4 or 5 households every day of the week. We are now down to about one call every fortnight.

The Community Choir mainly held its meetings via Zoom throughout 2021. We had hoped they would perform at events for Christmas, including Hethel carol service, but a resurgence in covid at the end of 2021 meant this was not safe. Likewise, Mulbarton Mardlers started meeting in person again in 2021, but we had to monitor the safety issues very carefully.

Baptisms, weddings & funerals

There has been a big catching up of weddings that couldn't happen in 2020 because of covid, and burying of ashes which had also been delayed.

There has been a slight drop in the numbers of funerals and burials.

In summary, for 2021:

We had **5 baptisms & 0 thanksgivings** (7 total in 2 previous years)

We buried **13 sets of ashes** (7 total in 2 previous years)

We conducted **7 full burials** (19 total in 2 previous years)

We conducted **6 funeral services at crematoriums** (10 total in 2 previous years)

We conducted **9 funeral services in churches** (20 total in 2 previous years)

We conducted **12 wedding ceremonies** (12 total in 2 previous years)

Future plans

We continue to appreciate the benefit of our vision statement to help us navigate changing times. There are some areas of work that will need special attention this year, and some of that work is well underway already. After helping with the Christmas Fayre at Mulbarton Village Hall at the end of 2021, I became aware that my experience as a charity trustee might be useful to the Mulbarton Village Hall Charity and the local community. I was elected as a charity trustee, along with five other new trustees at the start of

2022, all of whom bring a wealth of expertise, energy and professionalism to the role.

Further changes to legislation in safeguarding at the outset of 2022, means that we need to review all of our safeguarding arrangements across the four villages, and refresh training across the board. We also need to develop some health and safety policies.

There are major repairs planned in Bracon Ash Church, costing about £80,000, which will secure the fabric of the medieval building, and for which we have secured £73,000 of grant money. Hethel also has fabric repair and maintenance we are pursuing. Flordon and Mulbarton both have churchyard work to do, with new path in Mulbarton and new noticeboards and fencing in Flordon. We have also begun to specify internal redevelopment work in Mulbarton church, to provide toilet and kitchen facilities, re-flooring and de-pewing.

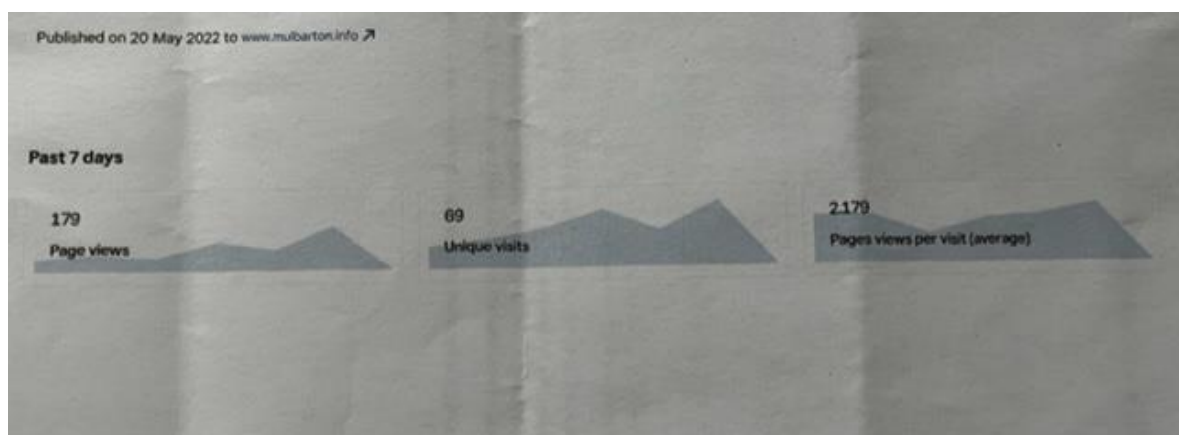
The annual statistics for mission, required by Anglican churches in January, provided a jumping board for us to gather more data about the hundreds of people we connect with in and around our communities. We have been analysing that data, to help with strategic decision-making about where to invest our limited resources, and also to help us all gain a broader overview of what we are doing here – further details will follow.

Marina Carter – Village Website

Please accept my apologies for non-attendance as I will be with many others supporting the Mulbarton Men's Football team playing in a Cup Final at Norwich City's Carrow Road ground this evening! I should just mention as you'll probably hear tonight, we then also have a Mulbarton Ladies' Cup Final there on Wednesday 25th May so we're super proud of our Club for their achievements.

I wanted to re[po]rt on my village website which keeps me busy – I try to ensure it's as up to date as possible but that does depend on information I am sent. I am happy with the response I receive, in fact, with help from my 'Computer expert' Carl which is very much appreciated, I have fairly recently added a couple of new links, one for the Village Hall and one for M.A.L.G.A (Mulbarton Allotments & Leisure Gardeners' Association) so hopefully the website is useful to many folk and those further afield wanting to know more, there's printable maps, as well as lots of history of our area thanks to Jill Wright.

For your information I have attached a recent print screen shot showing the average number of visits my website has over a period of a few days.



email: mu

I can be contacted via the website or email marina@mulbarton.info with any questions or information. Sadly I've had to remove the contact details for the PO we no longer have.

The monthly info-mails I send out seem to be well received too and I have in the last few weeks had requests from 3 more people asking to be added to my mailing list and I send the info-mails out to nearly 200 contacts – I need people's requests in writing for GDPR reasons. Always happy to hear too from those with details of events etc I may be able to include on the website or info-mails.

Thank you Parish Council for your continued support.

8. Any other business:

For information the Scouts had an excellent 40th Anniversary celebration afternoon with an amazing cake.

Congratulations to Mulbarton Primary School on achieving a "Good" Ofsted Report on every measure.

Meeting closed at 7.38 pm