

# Mulbarton Parish Council

## Clerk's Report

### May 2023

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

The Parish Council has 11 seats but currently only has 7 councillors. This is a volunteering role and if you can give some of your time, are interested in the local area and want a voice, contact the clerk to find out more.

The clerk now has access to both Anglian Water/Wave and BT accounts. Neither have new direct debits setup. The BT account is paid up to date. Wave have been sent metre readings from The Meadows and The Swamp and new bills are due. Payment has been made in respect of The Swamp but nothing should be due for The Meadows water usage.

#### Items on the agenda

##### Item 10: Reseeding at The Meadows

The annual play inspection highlighted the need to reseed some of the damaged grass surface in at The Meadows play area.

##### Item 11: Reallocation of the £200 Coronation Grant from South Norfolk District Council

In April the Parish Council and Scout Group successfully applied for the £200 Coronation Grant from South Norfolk District Council. Unfortunately the Scout Group were unable to proceed with their event which means this grant can be awarded to another parish group.

##### Item 14: Finance

The Parish Council year end is 31 March and current legislation requires councils to approve their year end accounts by 30 June. These will then be published on the Parish Council's website. If you have any questions about the finances, please contact the clerk.

##### Item 23: Allotments

The Anglian Water/Wave accounts for Long Lane and Oakley Park South have not yet been handed over to the Parish Council. Metre readings were taken when the account should have been handed over and these have been given to Anglian Water. Both the Parish Council and Hopkin Homes have been contacting Anglian Water/Wave to ask for the accounts to be updated. Hopkin Homes have now passed the matter to Ofwat, the Water Services Regulation Authority.

##### Item 25: Open Spaces and Play Areas

The annual play area inspection highlighted some areas that needed improvements at both the Common and Meadows. The quotes provided are for the work as agreed with the working party but there is still additional work required. These quotes are not yet available.

It was agreed at the last council meeting to remove the ramp at The Meadows due to significant damage through wear and tear. The council will be asked to approve the cost for the removal of the equipment and also to discuss what it could be replaced with.

##### Item 27: Common Steering Committee

The committee have been asked to consider many items on the Common, such as, weedkiller, parking, permission to hold events.