

Mulbarton Parish Council

Clerk's Report

January 2024



Items not on the agenda (information only)

The new .gov.uk email addresses are now live. If you have anything you would like to submit to councillors, please continue to email the clerk at clerk@mulbarton-pc.gov.uk. The old email address is still be monitored.

Disabled and pedestrian access to the village hall site was raised by a member of the public at the last meeting and a solution is being costed.

Since the repair to the Common car park/Village Hall entrance, the road surface has started to breakdown. Highways have advised the repair works will be carried out on 22 and 23 February. No vehicular access to the Common car park and Village Hall site will be available at this time.

Highways are also aware of the flooding around the junctions of Norwich Road/B1113, The Common (Lower) and East Carleton Road. They are planning on clearing the ditches and gullies, but this will require traffic control. We will pass on more information once we have it.

Catbridge Lane remains closed due to a BT cable overhanging the road. BT are aware of the situation and Highways have requested this to be addressed urgently.

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. We are allowed a maximum of 11 councillors but currently only have 6. 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.



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Item 12: The Community Project

The Parish Council are working with Mulbarton Wanderers CIC, Scouts, Village Hall Management Committee and South Norfolk Council in considering a project to improve the facilities at the Village Hall site. A bid has been submitted for funding towards a feasibility study. The results should be known in March.

Item 17: Battery Energy Storage and Safety

The Parish Council have been contacted by a Policy and Performance Consultant who is lobbying for guidance on BESS safety. Mulbarton Parish Council have been contacted due to Mulbarton's proximity to National Grid's substation at Dunston and the surrounding BESS's.

Item 18: Mulbarton Primary School possibly becoming a feeder school for The Hewett Academy

A consultation took place with a closing date of 15 January. Admission arrangements will be determined by 28 February and will be published by 15 March.

Item 19: Traffic issues around Primary School during pick up and drop off times

The Primary School are raising the issue of traffic around the school particularly around drop off and pick up times. They have contacted Highways and as a result the yellow zig-zag lines on Long Lane are going to be repainted once the weather has improved. They are also asking the Parish Council for support.

Item 22: Hiring out the MUGA (multi use games area) behind the Village Hall

Currently the MUGA can only be hired via completing a form and returning to the clerk, which is not convenient. The council will be asked to consider other options with the aim to make the facility more accessible. Any solution may only be temporary, depending on the actions from the Community Project (see agenda item 12).

Item 23: Can the 40mph limit on the northern section of the B1113/Norwich Road be reduced?

The Parish Council have received some comments from residents about the safety of this stretch of road, with some calling for the speed limit to be reduced. While this is not a decision the Parish Council has the power to make they may wish to discuss the suggestion with Norfolk County Council who is responsible for the decision.

Item 26: Litter picking date

Our Parish Warden spends many hours clearing rubbish from public areas. To help support the great work our Parish Warden does, councillors will spend a few hours litter picking. Please join us if you can and help keep our village looking beautiful. More details will be available once the council have agreed on a date and time.

Item 26: The World's End: An Asset of Community Value

The World's End's title of Asset of Community Value (ACV) has expired, and the council are being asked to consider applying for this protection to be granted again. The benefit to the community is that if an ACV is put up for sale, the community will be given the opportunity to purchase it.