

# Mulbarton Parish Council

## Clerk's Report

### August 2024

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

The clerk meet PC Smith, who was already aware of the knife found in Puddleducks garden. Both Puddleducks and Treetops had been asked for a copy of their opening process/risk assessment but neither of these had yet been received.

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#### Items on the agenda

##### Item 6.7: 2024/25 budget

The budget is usually confirmed by the Parish Council in December/January, depending on timescales set by South Norfolk Council. Councillors are asked to discuss requirements for 2024/25 to enable to Clerk to create a draft budget for discussion at the next council meeting.

##### Item 9: Allotments

###### Long Lane

The gas pipelines are being upgraded at the end of August/beginning of September. The contractor will use land by the communal shed and plot 1, while the works take place. All plot holders have been contacted.

###### Swamp

Norse have begun the grass cutting on this site and their work has been complemented on by a tenant. This has been passed on to the contractor.

###### Meadows

The waste left by the previous tenants on plots 15 and 17 has been removed. If weather conditions allow, the horsetail will receive it's first treatment on Monday 23 September and a follow up treatment on 20 December. The fence around the allotments needs some repair and we are discussing access with Mulbarton Environmental Group along the northern edge, alongside the wooded area.

###### Oakley Park South

No update

We have a few plots available at Swamp, Oakley Park South and Long Lane. If you are interested in taking one of these on, please contact the clerk.

##### Item 10: Footpaths and Public Rights of Way

Members of the public have reported horses using the footpath from The Rosery into the estate (FP11). This footpath is narrow, making it difficult for both pedestrians and horses to use at the same time, with some pedestrians concerned over safety. The Parish Council is trying to contact the landowner to make them aware of issue.

##### Item 11: Open Spaces and Play Areas

Arborists are preparing quotes for Meadows and Orchard Park following the tree surveys carried out in July. A replacement bin has been installed at Meadows play area. We will soon be asking contractors to quote for next years grounds maintenance works.

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#### Item 14: Community Project

The Community Project working group, Mulbarton Wanderers CIC and Parish Council have met with the feasibility study consultant to discuss the draft report. A final report is expected to be available ahead of the Parish Council's October meeting.

#### Item 18: Blakey's Bus lease agreement

The Parish Council has signed the lease agreement and returned to the solicitor. The solicitor has advised that there has been more work required due to the ongoing ownership dispute and information available, which has resulted in an increase in fees payable by the Parish Council of circa £1,000.

#### Item 19: Maintenance plan from Mulbarton Environmental Group (MEG) for land north of Meadows

In 2022 the Parish Council began supporting MEG with the management of land north of Meadows. Since then, MEG have led the planting of trees and maintenance of the site with the Parish Council liaising with the landowner, South Norfolk Council, and awarding grants to aid with maintenance. MEG are considering the future plans for this area

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