

Mulbarton Parish Council

Clerk's Report

June/July 2026



Items not on the agenda

Bollards have been installed at Minnow Way, near Golden Orfe Close, and the verge is now being cut by the parish council's contractor.

A replacement dog bin for the junction of Birchfield Lane and Birchfield Garden is due to be delivered at the end of July.

The village sign on the Common has been straightened but the wooden top needs some refurbishment. If this is something you can help with, please let us know.

A memorial bench for the Common has been ordered and will be installed near the village sign, at the request of the family.

We are collecting all the necessary documentation to allow us to proceed with the opening of the new bank account with Skipton Building Society.

Inspections have been carried out at all allotment sites, with 2 cultivation letters being issued. One tenant has not paid their outstanding invoice and has been issued a termination notice.

All water leaks at allotments have now been repaired. Please let us know if you notice any more.

The updated allotment rules and regulations, as agreed at the June meeting, have been sent to all allotment tenants.

The football club has removed the cricket squares from the northeast corner of Orchard Park, as agreed at the June meeting and the bins on the park will be emptied twice a week through the summer, if required.

Refurbishment work has begun on Charlie's phone box, near The World's End. All books and bookcase have been removed, with the notice board due to be removed soon. When the weather cools we will be able to begin sanding down and painting.

The leaking guttering around the front of the village hall has been repaired.

A revaluation of the village hall, for insurance purposes, has been requested.

Items on the agenda

Item 6.1: Meadows Play area project



Four One Four have begun work at the Meadows play area. They will be installing a pump track, swing set and seesaw.

At the last meeting, council discussed laying turf where grass seeding was planned and hiring fencing to section off the area to allow the grass chance to establish. Prices have been sought and council will agree how to proceed.

The council has been offered the opportunity to swap from a timber swing set and seesaw to a steel frame option.

We are still welcoming donations of all sizes; each contribution takes us closer to transforming our plans into reality. If you'd like to be a part of this story, you can donate via our Go Fund Me page and help make a difference in our community!

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Item 7: Youth provision

If you're under 19, we want to hear from you. South Norfolk Council has grant funding available for youth activities, and we're looking at applying — but to give ourselves the best chance, we need your ideas. What would you actually use? Sport? Music? Art? Gaming? A safe place to hang out with friends? Something completely different? Tell us what would make Mulbarton better for young people, and also what you definitely don't want. This is your chance to help shape something made for you, not guessed by adults. Come along to our meeting and put your views forward or email your ideas to clerk@mulbarton-pc.gov.uk and help us get the funding in place for you.

Item 10.2: Common

Earlier in the year, we were successful in winning a grant towards a feasibility study that would look at the traffic issues around part of the Common. Norfolk County Council have been working hard on drafting the study with some members due to meet NCC to discuss in more detail. An update on the progress will be given at the meeting.

Item 11.4: Village Hall/Scout septic tank/pumping station

With the football club requiring additional facilities on Mulberry Park, and these being agreed, in principle by the council, they are now looking into the details of the changes. An option that may be considered is the football club using the septic tank/pumping station that the Scout Group use. To do this all parties involved would need to agree on ownership and ongoing management of the facilities being considered.

Item 11.6: Trustee of Village Hall Charity

The parish council has an option to appoint a trustee on to the village hall charity. The trustee does not need to be a member of the parish council. The charity believes such an appointment would help strengthen communication and maintain a close working relationship. Any conflict of interest would be appropriately managed in accordance with Charity Commission guidance and established governance procedures.

If you are interested in any of the above activities, or believe the parish council should pursue alternative initiatives, we invite you to consider joining us.

Parish Councillors generously volunteer their time to support and enhance our community. If you are able to commit a few hours per month and have a strong

interest in improving Mulbarton, please contact us for further information.

