

# Mulbarton Parish Council

## Clerk's Report

### Apr/May 2026



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## Items not on the agenda

Open Reach have still been unable to complete the broadband installation but this is now planned for 1 June.

We have received a report that one of the plots at The Swamp allotment is not being cultivated. The clerk will visit the site and follow the council's procedures.

A donation for the shed at Oakley Park South has been received and the shed has been relocated.

All tenants on Meadows allotment site have been contacted regarding bird feeders on communal areas.

No further information has been received from the Village Hall Management Committee regarding water risk assessments and testing.

We are working with the church on a joint approach on Operation Menai Bridge, which is activated on the death of the King.

The annual accounts have been published on the website and submitted to the external auditor. The notice of public rights has been published and added to the noticeboards.

The clerk is meeting with South Norfolk Council in June to discuss the funding support available to support youth provisions. This will be added to a future agenda if there is an opportunity for us to be involved with this.

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## Items on the agenda

### Items 1 and 2: Election of chair and vice-chair

The council is required, by law, to appoint a chair at their Annual Parish Council Meeting in May. They may also appoint a vice-chair, but this is not a legal requirement.

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### Item 8: Meadows Play area project

At a previous meeting, the council agreed to purchase off-site credits to satisfy this condition. These have been purchased at a cost of £1,245 and an application to South Norfolk Council has been made for the relevant conditions to be discharged.



Simpson McCreath Trust has pledged a fantastic donation of £2,500. The Simpson McCreath Trust is the charitable arm of Simpsons Malt Limited, the fifth-generation, family-owned malting company which operates a site in Tivetshall St Margaret,

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!

At the last meeting the council had agreed to ask for some changes to the contract with 414. They will discuss the response and agree a way forward.

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#### Item 9: Mulberry Park

Mulbarton Wanderers promotion means that they are required to meet additional grounds standards, these include pitch perimeter fencing and improved changing facilities. The club leases the ground from the parish council and permission for these changes is required.

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#### Item 9: Allotments

The volunteer has repaired the track at Long Lane allotments and a quote is being sought to replace the broken bollard on plot 13. A request has been received to rent plot 1 at Long Lane, this plot has not previously been available to rent.

Water leaks have been reported at Long Lane, Oakley Park South and Meadows. Some repairs have been carried out by volunteers but these aren't always reported back.

A request has been received to allow the water supply from Oakley Park South to be used to provide water to land to the south of the allotment site.

Two inquiries have been received about taking ownership of the communal shed at Oakley Park South. The shed is not used by plot holders and has been moved from the car park onto grassland by the fruit trees. One request would see the shed relocated to a plot on the allotment site, the other would relocate the shed to the land south of the site.

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#### Item 11: Village hall

The Village Hall Management Committee are planning a community event on 27 June and had approached the council to use the council owned land around the village hall. It is possible they will want to use the car park, play area and MUGA. At the April meeting the council were generally supportive but wanted to know what activities were planned and where before they gave approval.

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#### Item 12: Play areas

The council is responsible for play areas at the village hall, Common and Meadows. These areas are inspected weekly by councillors and/or clerk and the council will receive the latest reports and quotes for some repairs.

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#### Item 13: The Common

The Common is managed by the Steering Group which is made up of the owners, South Norfolk Council and the parish council. Every year the parish council appoints the members to join this group.

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#### Item 14: Minnow Way bollards

At a previous meeting the council had considered a request for bollards to be added to a section of Minnow Way. A quote has been received, and the council will discuss if this should be progressed,

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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.

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