***Mulbarton Parish Council report 6th November 23***

*Your Liberal Democrat District Councillors, Ian Spratt and Jim Webber are delighted to have been joined by Bob McClenning following the by-election that took place on the 28th September. Our desire is to continue to operate in a collaborative and coordinated manner, thereby offering the most comprehensive service to all residents throughout the community. Bob McClenning will be known to many of you having previously spent three terms at South Norfolk Council, including two terms as Chair. His vast knowledge and experience will be invaluable to us all.*

* ***Grants***

*A reminder that Pride in Place grant applications for round three will open in November. There is a total of £379,386.00 available. Further details can be found on the South Norfolk Council (SNC) website. Members Ward Grants of up to £1,000 are available for community organisations needing a small amount of financial help. Any organisation interested should approach me or one of my colleagues. We are delighted to see that the much-needed repair to the Mulbarton Community Hub entrance has now been completed. This work has been achieved by a grant from South Norfolk Council and match funding by Mulbarton Parish Council.*

* **Sale of Long Stratton Building.**

This will be discussed at an extraordinary council meeting to be held on 6th November. The conclusion will be available on the South Norfolk website and will be included in the next District Councillors report in December.

* ***Nutrient Neutrality***

*The plans to relax these rules were turned down by the House of Lords. However, Norfolk Environmental Credits (the company formed by local councils) has entered into an arrangement with a local farmer to reduce nutrient discharges from livestock and, as a result, expects to soon start selling Environmental Credits to local developers, allowing more new housebuilding in the Yare catchment area.*

* ***Long Stratton Bypass***

*SNC has agreed to borrow £4.5 million to help fund the new bypass. Repayments are ultimately covered by payments from the landowner/promoter and secured against the land value.*

* ***Greater Norwich Plan – Village Clusters***

*South Norfolk Council will be re-consulting on the housing allocations for the village clusters – probably starting before Christmas for an extended Eight-week period. New allocations are needed as one site in the district is inappropriate for development and another has reduced housing capacity. There could be implications for local villages.*

* ***Alderman.***

*South Norfolk Council have granted, Mulbarton’s former and much-loved District Councillor, Vivienne Clifford-Jackson, Alderman status at a ceremony held prior to the full council meeting at the Horizon Building on 16th October.*

* ***Flooding on B1113***

District Councillor, Jim Webber has recently visited the Orsted site and met the site manager. Aware of the flooding problems on the B1113 Orsted are storing water on site in pits and then removing this by tankers on a daily basis. Extra pumps are being installed to keep water on site. Hopefully this will go toward resolving the problem. In the mean-time Jim Webber, Bob McClenning and Ian Spratt are lobbying all parties concerned to urgently resolve this.

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