

MEPAL PARISH PLAN - Action Plans

INTRODUCTION

It is now two years since we launched our Parish Plan and this publication will show how well we have progressed in completing most of our actions, and those not completed are well on the way to being so. I would like to thank all those involved for giving up their time, especially the Parish Clerk, Sally Shipley, for co-ordinating the various projects. If any information is required, please contact either myself on 07777 688890 or Sally on the Council number.

Mike Stacey
Chairman
Parish Plan Action Group



Issue/Aim/Action	Priority	Owner	Progress	Status
Household Neighbourhood Watch – to investigate the reformation of a group for Mepal.	High		Only 5 volunteers responded to the Mepal People adverts. The Regional Co-ordinator feels that this is not enough support.	Action cancelled.
Business & Employment Business Club – to encourage the creation of club for people who work from home.	Medium	Mike Stacey	Article to be placed in next Mepal People to gauge whether the need still exists.	Ongoing.
Housing & Development Growth – to ensure that future development is restricted.	High		The extent of future development is governed by the Local Development Framework and the Cambridgeshire Minerals & Waste Plan, which are created through a statutory process which includes local consultation. Mepal Parish Council has been and will be assiduous in responding to consultations, and will cite this aim as evidence. Consultations are listed on the web site so that individuals can respond if they wish. Mepal Parish Council is also statutory consultee for all planning applications in the parish. Response is formulated at public meetings after due advertisement.	Complete.
Transport & Travel Dial-a-ride – to promote this service more efficiently.	Low		Dial-a-ride has recently submitted articles to Mepal People to promote their service and to the parish website. Leaflets are also available from Mepal Village Hall. A representative of the Parish Council attended the AGM to ensure ongoing communication.	Complete.
Volunteer Driving Scheme/Good Neighbour Scheme – to assess viability.	Low	Mike Stacey	Article to be placed in next Mepal People to gauge the level of need.	Ongoing.
Cycle path to Ely – investigate possibility & cost.	Low	Neighbourhood Panel	Issue taken to Neighbourhood Panel and made joint activity, support achieved, now working with Sustrans to create plan of action. Meeting planned for mid March.	Ongoing.
Bus Shelters – to assess costs.	High	Bus Shelters Working Party	Applications for s106 monies supported by Parish Council. Working Party seeking advice and quotations.	Ongoing.
Environment Wind farm/wind turbines/solar panels – to investigate procedures and costs.	Low	Renewable Energy Working Party	Application made for funding to support the undertaking of a study to investigate the availability and benefits of different technologies.	Ongoing.
High Street – to investigate the problems caused by noise and litter.	Medium		Late-night noise from youths gathering at bench, reported to Parish Council, discussed with PCSO, and successful police action taken. Any future reports will be similarly reported and followed up through Neighbourhood Panel. Litter picked up regularly by Park Ranger and volunteers.	Complete.
Extra Recycling Facilities – to investigate further options.	Medium		Following discussion with East Cambs District Council, it is confirmed that a textiles bank will be provided for the site as soon as one is available. Other than that it is felt that the Recycling Site is currently manageable, without too many problems of overflowing banks. Also, due to a lack of space, additional banks should not be sought.	Complete.
Litter Bins – to determine sites for additional litter bins.	Medium		New litter bins have been installed in Bridge Road and at Recreation Field. Parish Council not aware of any other specific areas suffering from litter problem.	Complete.

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Dog Waste Bins – to determine sites for additional dog waste bins.	High		Seven dog waste bins now located within village. Campaign with Dog Warden complete. Ongoing monitoring to continue.	Complete.
Dog Fouling – to provide a campaign to encourage owners to clear up.	High		Successful campaign undertaken in Mepal People and via leaflet drop.	Complete.
Education Adult Studies – possible provision at School.	Low		Adult courses are already available at Witchford Village College and the Computer Access Point is established in the village. Further opportunities will be investigated should a need be identified to the Parish Council.	Complete.
Health Doctors – to explore the possibility of providing a part time surgery.	Medium		A letter has been sent to all of the local doctors' surgeries and there is absolutely no possibility of a part-time GP for the village.	Complete.
Opticians – to explore possibility of providing a village service.	Medium	Health Working Party	Letters have been sent to investigate other possible health provisions for the village. Health Working Party investigating the possibility of local workshops on health issues.	Ongoing.
Roads Pavements and Footpaths Road resurfacing – to determine which areas require resurfacing.	Medium	Gordon Reid/Mike Stacey	Lots of the repairs highlighted during the survey of the village have now been undertaken. Work still needs to be done to the footpath on both sides of Bridge Road but the Highways Authority have confirmed that no such work will be undertaken until the next financial year.	Ongoing.
Traffic calming/road crossing – to investigate options.	Medium	Mepal Parish Council	The application to the JFMHI Scheme 2010/11 for speed reduction measures in Sutton Road was unsuccessful. Evidence is required from the Speedwatch Scheme to support a further application. 6 volunteers for the Speedwatch scheme have submitted forms to Cambs Police and been accepted. Training to be arranged by Alan Roffey, the new Co-ordinator for the scheme.	Ongoing.
Street Lighting – to obtain costs of providing extra lighting in Bridge Road.	Medium		Following investigations with Cambridgeshire County Council, the Parish Council resolved that the costs were unviable.	Complete.
Security Police – to discuss how they can be more effective in village.	Medium		The level of support received from the PCSO is believed to be satisfactory given the number of issues that arise within the village. The Parish Council is able to raise concerns and ensure response through the Neighbourhood Panel. Contact the Clerk if you wish to bring a specific matter to the Council's attention, and note that attendance at the panel by individual members of the community is encouraged and posters giving meeting dates are displayed.	Complete.
Community Social & Leisure Village Clubs – to encourage Clubs to promote themselves more effectively.	Medium		The new editorial board for Mepal People make regular contact with village groups to ensure that they promote themselves and their events. The new website is up and running and information on most groups is now present. The Clerk contacts Groups regularly to request updated information.	Complete.
Activities – to investigate possibility of creating more.	Medium		This is already ongoing by several of the groups within the village. Further opportunities will be investigated should a need be identified to the Parish Council.	Complete.
Play Equipment – to establish Working Party to explore cost of replacement.	Medium	"Play" Working Party	Funding now confirmed from the Pathfinder Scheme, Big Lottery via ECDC and s106 monies. All landscaping to be completed and new equipment installed so that play area is open before 31.03.10.	Ongoing.
Service & Communications Broadband – faster connection.	Low		Speed already improved since questionnaire undertaken. No recent complaints have been received by the Parish Council.	Complete.
Parish Council – to communicate more efficiently.	High		Annual Report now published for two years and to continue. The new parish website is now up and running. A report of recent activities is included in every issue of Mepal People.	Complete.
Events – to establish a more effective way to promote.	Low		Events may be advertised on village noticeboards, in Mepal People and on the website. Groups also undertake door to door flyers for certain events.	Complete.
Mobile Butcher & Fresh Fish Delivery.	Low	Mike Stacey	Contact with a local fish supplier was unsuccessful as the village is not big enough to make regular visits cost effective; a frozen fish supplier has been to the village recently. The butchers at Sutton (Hills, Harnwell & Rutterford) confirm that they willingly deliver to Mepal. Call 778164 to place an order and arrange delivery.	Complete.