

# MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT 2010

This is our third Annual Report and the end of my first year as Chairman; a year that has been very busy and has culminated in the opening of our new play area on the recreation field. All of those involved in this project over the last twelve months deserve to be congratulated on behalf of all of those in the village who will use the facilities over the coming years. The Parish Council continued, and will strive to continue, to complete its business in a very professional manner, always with the welfare of the village in mind. For this I must thank my fellow Councillors for their continued support and for the donation of their free time to carry out their duties. Last but not least my personal thanks to our Parish Clerk, Sally Shipley, for her advice and support over the last year. Please remember that all Parish Council meetings are open to anyone from the village who would like to raise an issue with the Council; the dates of the meetings can be found on the noticeboard in High Street or on our website.

**Mike Stacey**

Chairman – Mepal Parish Council

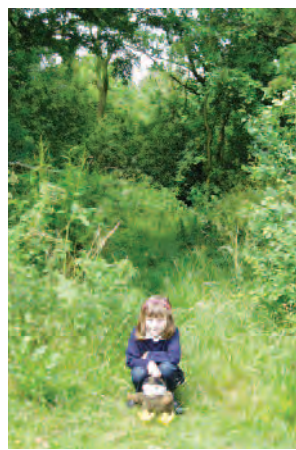
- Recruitment of Phil Martin, Mepal born and bred, to be our hard working Park Ranger.
- Promoting Healthy Living – five kissing gates installed increasing accessibility of local footpaths; work through the Neighbourhood Panel towards a cycleway to Sutton, Witchford and Ely.
- Your Council has been awarded Quality Parish Council status in recognition of its hard work and commitment to the local community.



### Major Achievements in 2009/10

#### The Recreation Field –

- transformation of the derelict wilderness behind Laurel Close.
- a total of £56k secured in grant funding from a variety of sources.
- changes based on intensive whole community consultation – including our children and young people.
- creation of a landscaped play area realising our children's dreams.
- 12 allotments ready to be let.



*Before – a haven of brambles, nettles & broken bottles!*



*Now – a house in the trees!*



*Now – a place for adventure!*



*Before – flat and boring!*

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2010

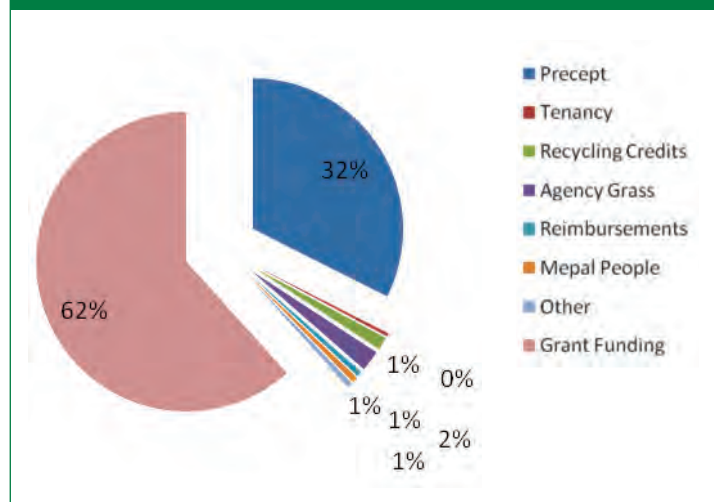
Year Ended 31st March 2009	INCOME	Year Ended 31st March 2010
24555.00	Precept	25950.00
1742.19	Agency Services	1788.22
0.00	Loans for Capital Expenditure	0.00
416.97	Interest on Investments & Accounts	15.71
0.00	Sale of Assets	0.00
300.00	Tenancies (Council as landlord)	300.00
0.00	Capital Grants	49398.00
0.00	Other Grants	0.00
2309.41	Revenue Reimbursement	499.67
535.00	Newsletter	567.00
1302.00	Recycling Credits	1107.09
1345.68	VAT	7470.03
128.00	Other	553.00
<b>32634.25</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>87648.72</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
2696.05	Administration	2557.41
6263.79	Wages, PAYE, NI, Pensions, Expenses	9722.66
175.00	S137 Payments	275.00
224.81	Capital Spending	36324.59
1494.20	Agency Services	1622.90
1946.76	Grants	2552.14
0.00	Other Payments	0.00
0.00	Provision for doubtful debts	0.00
0.00	Loan Interest & Repayments	0.00
53.12	Advertising & Publicity	12.50
0.00	Tenancies (Council as tenant)	0.00
634.38	Newsletter	810.00
249.33	Public Lighting	253.33
9298.04	Parish Maintenance	12907.80
1452.59	Insurance	593.15
1091.75	Parish Plan	198.00
1345.68	VAT	7470.03
<b>26925.50</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>75299.51</b>
18909.99	< Balance at 31st March 2008	24618.74
32634.25	Add total income	87648.72
0.00	Add VAT to be reclaimed	0.00
51544.24		112267.46
-26925.50	Deduct total expenditure	-75299.51
<b>24618.74</b>	<b>Balance as at 31st March 2010 &gt;</b>	<b>36967.95</b>

\*The precept equated to £67.11 per annum at Band D in 2008/9, £70.47 in 2009/10 and £78.32 in 2010/11. Budget estimates for 2010/11 are available from the Clerk.

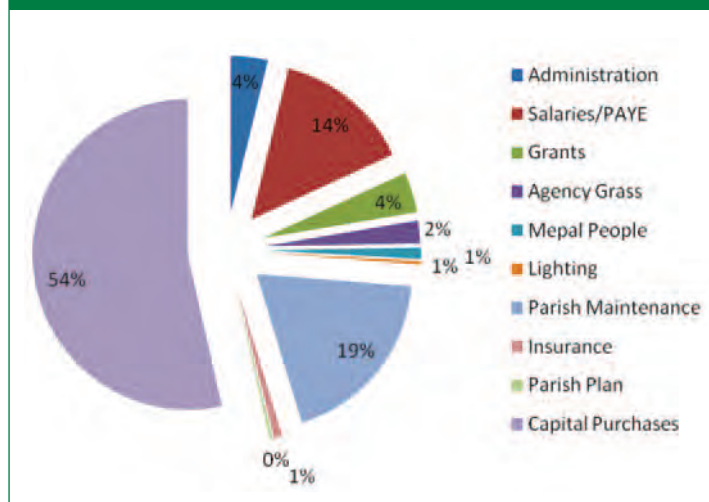
## Receipts 2009/10

## Payments 2009/10

### Income £80.2k



### Expenditure £67.8k



## Current Projects

- Providing bus shelters at the Village Green and Sutton Road.
- Promoting environmental sustainability – investigating woodland creation, considering options for power generation at the Community Pavilion.
- Improving the woodland on the recreation field - creating a natural habitat for wildlife which the whole community can enjoy.
- Completing the Parish Plan Actions and continuing to support the Village Hall, the shop & post office and the Community Pavilion.

## Work and Role of Mepal Parish Council

Our major role is to represent the parish on issues affecting us to the District and County Councils, and to regional and central government, and other agencies. Within the parish, we carry out the following regular work:

- Maintain open spaces:
  - + The Recreation Field and children's play area
  - + The Village Green
  - + Laurel Close greens
  - + Highway verges (on behalf of the County Council)
- Consider and comment to the Local Planning Authority on all planning applications (statutory consultee) and respond to government, regional, council and other consultations on planning and other matters.
- Maintain the Recycling Site for the District Council and request clearance of reported fly tipping.
- Provide and maintain parish noticeboards, litter bins, dog waste bins, seats and some street lighting.
- Support the Community Pavilion, run on our behalf by Mepal Sports Action Group, and the Village Hall, run by independent trustees.
- Support charitable groups and organisations which work within the village.
- Work with Sutton Parish Council to provide a Youth Club and other Community services.
- Through the Parish Paths Partnership, assist the County Council with Rights of Way.
- Ensure that village problems are brought to the attention of the relevant authorities via the Neighbourhood Panel.
- Nominate representatives on the following bodies: East Cambridgeshire West Neighbourhood Panel, Mepal Outdoor Centre Committee, Elean Power Station Community Liaison Committee, Cambridgeshire Heavy Commercial Vehicles Group, East Cambridgeshire Play Partnership and Cambridgeshire County Council Parish Paths Partnership Scheme.

**In a fast-changing world, the Parish Council's role is to work to make and keep Mepal the place you want it to be.**

## Parish Guide, Newsletter and Website

Our newsletter, *Mepal People*, is published every second month and delivered in the village. If you don't receive a copy, please ask the Clerk.

Our website [www.mepalparish.org.uk](http://www.mepalparish.org.uk) contains lots of useful village information including agenda and minutes of Parish Council meetings.

A *Mepal Guide* is published to provide basic information about the village. Collect a copy from Mepal Stores if you are new to the village. An update needs preparing, can you help?

If you want to contribute to *Mepal People* and/or the website, or need other information, please contact the Clerk.

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Mepal Parish Council has 7 councillors who are elected for a 4 year term. The next elections will be in May 2011. A Chairman is elected annually by the Council.

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Please feel free to contact any of your Councillors if you have a concern that you would like to discuss. We would politely request that you respect Councillor's family times and be aware that responses to emails may not be immediate. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, or joining one of our Working Parties, please contact the Clerk.

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## Tell us what you want!

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month except in August and December, in the Village Hall. A calendar of dates is on display on our noticeboard in the High Street and on our website. There is a Public Forum at the start of every meeting and you are welcome to address the Council on any matter of local concern.