

MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Mr Michael Stacey

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Monday 8th March 2010
TIME: 19.30
VENUE: Mepal Village Hall, School Lane, Mepal
PRESENT: Chairman Mr Stacey, Mr Sallis, Mr Slough, Mr Newstead, Mr Drew,
Mr Pleasance, Clerk Mrs Shipley

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Goodge and 3 members of the public were in attendance.

035/10 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and approved from Mrs Stazicker, County Councillor Read and District Councillor Baily.

036/10 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

037/10 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 8th February 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

038/10 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Meeting suspended at 19:32.

One member of the public addressed the meeting regarding speed reduction measures for the village. No further action required.

Meeting reconvened at 19:45

039/10 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Councillor Goodge had nothing new to report.

040/10 PLANNING

Approvals

- a) 09/00828/FUL Full planning permission granted for the removal of existing conservatory to allow a single storey extension to full width of rear at 30 Meadow Way, Mepal. Applicant: Mrs Rebecca Crawley.
- b) 09/00936/FUL Full planning permission granted for single storey extension to rear and rebuilding of subsided extension at Hiams Farm, Chatteris Road, Mepal. Applicant: Mr & Mrs P Baxter.

Other Planning Issues

- c) To consider response to the Cambridgeshire County Council consultation on the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Plan.
The meeting complimented and thanked Mr David Stazicker for the draft response. It was unanimously resolved that the draft response be approved and the details transferred onto the appropriate documents to respond.
Action: Mrs Stazicker/Clerk.
- d) To consider response to the East Cambridgeshire District Council consultation on the draft Supplementary Planning Document entitled "Guidance on submitting planning applications on land that may be contaminated."
It was unanimously resolved that no comment be made.

- e) To consider response to the East Cambridgeshire District Council consultation on the draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.
It was unanimously resolved to that no comment be made.

041/10 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FOR 2010

- a) To consider arrangements.

It was agreed that presentations would be requested from Mepal Youth Club, East Cambridgeshire District Council, (Enforcement Issues) and our Police Community Support Officer. Other arrangements, as in previous years, will be organised by the Clerk. **Action: Clerk.**

042/10 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) To consider attendance at the "Woodland Creation Partners Meeting" with East Cambridgeshire District Council on Saturday 27th March 2010.

It was unanimously resolved that Mr Stacey would attend the morning session of this meeting.

043/10 MEPAL PARISH PLAN

- a) To received oral update from Working Party.

Oral update received from Mr Stacey and the Clerk.

044/10 COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

- a) To consider arrangements in relation to the possible change of ownership of Mepal Stores.

It was unanimously resolved that whilst support could be offered towards the organisation of any possible event in relation to the change of ownership of Mepal Stores, no financial contribution could be approved.

045/10 CONSULTATIONS

- a) To consider draft response to the Cambridgeshire ACRE consultation on the Cambridgeshire Together Rural Strategy.

It was unanimously resolved that the draft response be approved. **Action: Clerk to respond.**

- b) To consider response to the East Cambridgeshire Strategic Partnership consultation on the East Cambridgeshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2011-2031.

It was unanimously resolved that Mr Newstead would prepare a draft response for approval at the next meeting.

Action: Mr Newstead.

046/10 FINANCE

- a) Proposed Mr Drew; seconded Mr Newstead and unanimously resolved that payment of the following outstanding accounts made between meetings be approved:

Mr P Martin – salary January	£131.89
H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE/NI January	£49.21
Eibe Play Ltd – play equipment for Mepal Recreation Field	£9334.00

- b) Proposed Mr Drew; seconded Mr Newstead and unanimously resolved that payment of the following outstanding accounts be approved:

Cambridgeshire County Council – maintenance contract for street lights	£93.25
Mr P Martin – installation of two kissing gates	£270.00
S Shipley – expenses February	£11.62
S Shipley – salary adjustment February	£92.14
Mr P Martin – salary February	£122.60
H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE/NI February	£6.61

047/10 WEEKLY RECREATION FIELD AND PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

- a) To review and agree schedule of future inspections.

The Park Ranger checks the play area Fridays – Tuesdays and the main recreation field twice a week. It was resolved that Mr Pleasance will also check the play area on a Thursday and Mr Slough will undertake the weekly equipment inspection once the new play area is open.

048/10 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For Information Only).

- a) East Cambridgeshire District Council – Standards Committee Update (February 2010).
b) Cambridgeshire Playing Fields Association – The Playing Field (Winter 2009).
c) ADEC – What's on in East Cambridgeshire (March 2010).
d) COPE – Newsletter (March 2010).

049/10 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.

- Monday 12th April 2010 - Full Council Meeting
- Monday 26th April 2010 - Annual Parish Assembly
- Monday 10th May 2010 - Annual Meeting of Mepal Parish Council
- Monday 14th June 2010 - Full Council Meeting
- Monday 12th July 2010 - Full Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 20:35.

..... Chairman to Mepal Parish Council

..... Date