

# MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker

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## MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008  
TIME: 19.30  
VENUE: Mepal Village Hall, School Lane, Mepal  
PRESENT: Chair Mrs Stazicker, Mr Stacey, Mr Smith, Mr Slough, Mr Newstead,  
Mr Drew, Mr Pleasance, Clerk Mrs Shipley

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IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Sallis and 1 member of the public were in attendance.

### 135/08 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and approved from County Councillor Read, District Councillor Goodge and District Councillor Bailey.

### 136/08 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Mrs Stazicker declared a personal interest 149/08(b).

The Clerk declared a personal interest in agenda items 145/08(a) and 146/08(a).

### 137/08 COUNCILLORS

- a) To co-opt a new councillor to fill the casual vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Dennis Smith. The vacancy having been duly advertised, two expressions of willingness to stand for co-option have been received from Mr Allen Sallis and Mrs Michelle Tanfield-Johnson. A ballot will therefore be conducted. The Clerk reports that the application from Mrs Michelle Tanfield-Johnson has been withdrawn. It is therefore not necessary to conduct a ballot and Mr Allen Sallis is duly co-opted.
- b) New Councillor to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office.  
Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed by Mr Allen Sallis.

### 138/08 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

### 139/08 UPDATE OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

For information only. Congratulations to the Clerk on the Annual Report.

### 140/08 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Meeting suspended at 19:35.

A member of the public addressed the meeting to complain of noise from motorbikes using the old A142. He was advised to speak to the Police Community Support Officer at the next surgery.

Further recycling/refuse problems were also raised. The Clerk will contact ECDC. **Action: Clerk.**

The Council was also made aware that vehicles are still being parked on the green space in Laurel Close.

Meeting reconvened at 19:50.

### 141/08 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

No County or District Councillors present.

### 142/08 PLANNING.

#### Updates

- a) E/03015/07/CM Planning permission granted for the variation of Condition 14 of planning permission F/0490/00/CM & E/0507/00/CM to allow importation and deposit of stable non-reactive, non-hazardous waste at Witcham Meads Quarry, Block Fen Drove, Mepal.

- b) 08/00560/FUL Full planning permission granted for the construction of 2 garden sheds at 2 River Close, Mepal.
- c) 08/00546/FUL Full planning permission granted for the construction of 1 chalet bungalow on the land northwest of 8 Sutton Road, Mepal.
- d) 08/00648/FUL Full planning permission granted for the construction of a 2-storey and single storey extension to rear of 55 Laurel Close Mepal.
- e) Appeal by Stannifer Developments against refusals of planning permission for Mereham settlement and associated highway improvements: appeal dismissed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

#### Other Planning Issues

- f) To consider response to the review of the East of England Plan – draft project plan and statement of public participation.

It was resolved that the process is completely reasonable and therefore to respond with no comment.

#### **143/08 ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY**

- a) To receive oral update from Allotments Working Party.

Oral report received from Mrs Stazicker and Mr Sallis.

#### **144/08 MEPAL PARISH PLAN**

- a) To consider how best to take forward Parish Plan Actions.

It was resolved that the Parish Plan Group be constituted as a Working Party of the Parish Council. Mr Stacey, Mr Drew, Mr Newstead, Mr Pleasance, Mr Sallis and the Clerk agreed to become members. Other members include Mr Gordon Reid and Mrs Rosemary Wells. Mr David Stazicker will be invited to join the Working Party. **Action: Mr Stacey.** The Parish Plan group have met to re-prioritise the Action List and owners have been allocated to actions. Updates will be published in Mepal People and on the parish website.

#### **145/08 MEPAL COMMUNITY PAVILION**

- a) To consider quotations received for remedial work required to manholes at Mepal Pavilion Community.

It was resolved that the quotation from Mr Greg Mann be accepted.

- b) To approve the purchase of additional gravel for car park at Mepal Community Pavilion.

It was resolved that the quotation from Aspinall & Sons Ltd be accepted.

- c) To approve quotation received for weed killing of car park at Mepal Community Pavilion.

It was resolved that the quotation from Truelink Ltd be accepted.

#### **146/08 MEPAL RECREATION FIELD**

- a) To consider quotations received for making up and reseeded of ground above mains sewer connection.

Considered at agenda item 145/08(a). It was resolved that the quotation from Mr Greg Mann be accepted.

- b) Offer of Oak Trees for Recreation Field.

It was resolved that the offer be accepted.

#### **147/08 PARISH MAINTENANCE**

- a) To consider quotations received for tree work in Laurel Close.

It was resolved that the quotation from Global Tree Solutions be accepted.

- b) To consider proposal for Speedwatch Scheme.

It was resolved that £100 should be allocated to the scheme. Mr Stacey kindly offered to identify one volunteer.

**Action: Mr Stacey.**

#### **148/08 LAUREL CLOSE MEMORIAL GARDEN**

- a) To receive oral update of continued discussions with 75<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Squadron Memorial Trust.

Oral report received from Mrs Stazicker and the Clerk.

#### **149/08 POST OFFICE CLOSURE WORKING PARTY**

- a) To consider remit and membership of Working Party.

The threat of closure of the Post Office no longer exists. It was therefore resolved that the Working Party should concentrate on the sustainability of the village shop. Mr Pleasance and Mr Sallis agree to join the Working Party.

- b) To consider attendance at “Revive and Thrive – community-based solutions for rural services” conference on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

It was resolved that Mr Newstead would attend.

**150/08 NEIGHBOURHOOD PANELS**

- a) To receive oral report of the West Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008.  
Oral report received from Mrs Stazicker.
- b) To appoint a representative for future Neighbourhood Panel Meetings.  
It was resolved that Mrs Stazicker be appointed.

**151/08 EMPLOYMENT ISSUES.**

- a) To appoint a new Line Manager for the Clerk.  
It was resolved that Mr Drew be appointed.
- b) To approve attendance by Clerk at the SLCC 2008 Regional Conference.  
Duly approved.

**152/08 CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

- a) To consider current schedule of training available.  
It was resolved that Mr Pleasance & Mr Sallis would attend the three-stage Councillor Development training.

**153/08 MEETINGS FOR 2009.**

- a) To agree a schedule of meeting dates for 2009.  
Duly accepted.

**154/08 RECYCLING**

- a) East Cambridgeshire District Council – recycling credits for quarters 3 & 4 of 2007/8.  
The meeting noted that a total of £715.56 had been received.

**155/08 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

- a) To undertake review of Freedom of Information Publication Scheme.  
It was resolved that the rate for detailed research be increased to £25 per hour. The necessary amendments will be made by the Clerk and the new Publication Scheme approved by the Chairman.

**156/08 FINANCE.**

- a) It was resolved that payment of the following outstanding accounts be made;
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| Eon – Electricity at Community Pavilion<br>(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19                          | £326.43 | Local Government                |
| Truelink – Grass cutting July  | £835.04 | Open Space Act 1906 s.10        |
| S Shipley – Expenses July  | £42.85  | LGA 1972 s.111                  |
| Mepal Stores – newsletter  | £127.50 | LGA 1972 s.142                  |
| SLCC – attendance by Clerk at Regional Conference 2008   | £52.88  | LGA 1972 s.111                  |
| Truelink – Grass cutting August  | £774.58 | Open Space Act 1906 s.10        |
| A&C Catley – removal of disused electric box, repairs<br>Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19 | £75.00  | Open Space Act 1906 s.10/ Local |

**157/08 WEEKLY PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS.**

It was resolved that the Mr Pleasance will check the play area on a Monday and Mrs Stazicker at the weekend.  
Mr Slough will undertake the weekly equipment check.

It was recorded that, during early September, a group of volunteers helped to clear litter and brambles from a large area of the recreation field. Thanks are extended to Mr Dennis Smith, Mr Stephen Bramble and Mrs Mary Bramble, Mr Glenn Drew and Mrs Susan Drew, Mr Allen Sallis, Mr David Stazicker and Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker, Mr Tony Pleasance, Mr Mark Newstead.

**158/08 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For Information Only).**

- a) COPE – Newsletter August 2008.  
b) ADEC – What’s on in East Cambridgeshire Sept/Oct 2008.  
c) Cambridgeshire County Council – Countryside Access Team Annual Report 2007/8.  
d) The East Cambridgeshire Domestic Violence Strategy 2008-11.

**159/08 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.**

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – Full Council Meeting.  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008 – Full Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 20:55.

..... Chairman to Mepal Parish Council

..... Date