

MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Monday 9th February 2009
TIME: 19.30
VENUE: Mepal Village Hall, School Lane, Mepal
PRESENT: Chair Mr Stacey, Mr Slough, Mr Sallis, Mr Newstead, Mr Pleasance
Clerk Mrs Shipley

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public was in attendance.

016/09 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and approved from Mrs Stazicker, Mr Drew, County Councillor Read and District Councillor Bailey.

017/09 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Mr Sallis recorded a personal interest in agenda item 024/09 (a).

018/09 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 12th January 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

019/09 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Meeting suspended at 19:35.

One member of the public addressed the meeting to raise concern at the disrepair of the surface of the A142 between the Mepal junction and the Sutton roundabout. The surface is very rutted along this stretch. He also queried when the interactive sign will be replaced. **Action: Clerk to contact the Highways Authority again about these issues.**

Meeting reconvened at 19:40.

020/09 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

No County or District Councillors present.

021/09 PLANNING.

Updates

a) 08/01134/FUL Full planning permission granted for single storey extension to 15 Witcham Road, Mepal.
Applicant: Mr Daniel Dear.

Other Planning Matters

b) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Plan – Consultation on new sites proposed for mineral and waste development.

It was resolved that no comment be made on the new proposed sites.

c) East Cambridgeshire District Council – Consultation on Extension to Site Allocation and Boundary Change Representations.

It was resolved that the reason for expansion detailed for the proposed sites around Sutton was unsound. **Action: Clerk to respond.**

022/09 YOUTH PROVISION IN MEPAL

a) To receive oral report of meeting with Cambridgeshire County Council Locality Team on Tuesday 27th January 2009.

Oral report received from the Clerk.

b) To receive oral report of meeting with Sutton Parish Council on Tuesday 3rd February 2009.
Oral report received from the Clerk.

023/09 MEPAL PARISH PLAN ACTIONS

a) To receive oral update from Parish Plan Actions Working Party.
Oral report received from Mr Stacey. The Working Party did not meet in February due to other commitments. A meeting will be rearranged in early March. It was agreed that the Regional Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator would be invited to make a presentation at the Annual Parish Assembly. **Action: Mr Stacey.** Also, that the Working Party would discuss the suggestion from the Neighbourhood Panel for working with other local parishes to establish a cycle path to Ely.

024/09 PARISH MAINTENANCE

a) To receive offer from Mepal Gardening Club to provide and maintain a flower bed in the village.
It was resolved to accept the offer for a flower bed around Mepal Village Sign. **Action: Clerk to contact the Highways Authority and Truelink Ltd to discuss this proposal before responding to the Gardening Club.**

025/09 RECYCLING

a) East Cambridgeshire District Council – recycling credits for quarters 1 & 2 of 2008/9.
The meeting noted that a total of £586.44 had been received.

026/09 NEIGHBOURHOOD PANELS

a) To receive oral report of West Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on Monday 26th January 2009.
Written report received from Mrs Stazicker.

b) To receive oral update of Speedwatch Scheme.
Oral report received from Mr Stacey. It was agreed that contact should be made with the Head of Mepal & Witcham Primary School to see if they can advertise for further volunteers via their newsletter. **Action: Mr Stacey/Clerk.**

027/09 FINANCE

a) To approve payment of the following outstanding accounts:		
S Shipley – Expenses December/January	£23.47	LGA 1972 s.111
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE & NI January	£1.31	LGA 1972 s.111
S Shipley – salary adjustment January	£9.87	LGA 1972 s.111
John Wells – website	£34.22	LGA 1972 s.142
East Cambs District Council – Speedwatch contribution Act 1997 s.30	£100.00	Local Government & Ratings
Mepal Stores Ltd – newsletter	£127.50	LGA 1972 s.142
Cambs County Council – street lamp maintenance contract	£89.25	Parish Councils Act 1957 s.3

028/09 WEEKLY RECREATION FIELD AND PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

a) It was resolved that Mr Pleasance will check the play area on a Monday and Mr Slough will undertake the weekly equipment inspection.

029/09 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For Information Only).

- a) Sutton-in-the-Isle Parish Plan 2008-2012.
- b) COPE – newsletter January 2009.

030/09 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.

Monday 9th March 2009 – Full Council Meeting.
Monday 6th April 2009 – Full Council Meeting.
Monday 11th May 2009 – Annual Meeting of Mepal Parish Council
Wednesday 20th May – Annual Parish Assembly

Meeting closed at 20:40.

..... Chairman to Mepal Parish Council

..... Date