

MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Read and 4 members of the public were in attendance.

031/09 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and approved from District Councillor Goodge and District Councillor Bailey

032/09 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Mr Pleasance recorded a personal interest in agenda item 038/09 (a), (b) and (c).

033/09 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 9th February 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

034/09 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Meeting suspended at 19:32.

One member of the public addressed the meeting to raise concerns about the speed of vehicles travelling along Sutton Road in both directions. In particular the speed of buses through the village was noted. This issue will be raised again at the next Neighbourhood Panel meeting. **Action: Mrs Stazicker.** Further measures will be taken to identify more volunteers for the Speedwatch scheme. **Action: Mr Stacey.**

Another member of the public asked about the provision of bus shelters for the village. Oral update received from the Clerk.

Meeting reconvened at 19:55.

035/09 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Oral report received from County Councillor Read.

036/09 PLANNING.

Updates

a) None received.

Other Planning Matters

b) None received.

037/09 YOUTH PROVISION IN MEPAL

- a) To consider a recommendation that Mepal Parish Council accepts the offer from Sutton Parish Council for the provision of Youth & Community Development Services from 1st April 2009 and to give notice to Cambridgeshire County Council to that effect.

It was resolved that the recommendation be accepted.

- b) To approve the formation of a Youth & Community Development Working Party and to appoint a representative to the Joint Committee.

It was resolved that a Youth & Community Development Working Party be formed. The members will be Mr Drew, Mr Newstead and the Clerk. Mr Drew was appointed as the representative to the Joint Committee.

038/09 MEPAL COMMUNITY PAVILION

- a) To receive oral update of the preparation of the lease of Mepal Community Pavilion and its immediate curtilage to Mepal Sports Action Group at a rent of £1 per annum until 6th July 2014.
Oral report received from Mrs Stazicker.
- b) To authorise the sealing of the lease once all outstanding issues are resolved.
It was resolved that the lease be sealed once all outstanding issues are resolved.
- c) To authorise two members of the Council to seal the lease in accordance with Standing Order 41.
It was resolved that Mrs Stazicker and Mr Sallis be authorised to seal the lease.

039/09 MEPAL SPORTS ACTION GROUP

- a) To consider correspondence from Mepal Sports Action Group regarding the 2009 Mepal Mile.
The Parish Council were pleased to note that this event will be taking place again this year. Mr and Mrs Drew kindly offered to assist with marshalling. Mrs Stazicker will help with preparations during the morning. Mr Stacey will contact Mepal Sports Action Group to ensure that the necessary risk assessments have been undertaken for the event. **Action: Mr Stacey.**

040/09 ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY

- a) To receive an oral update from the Allotments Working Party.
Oral report received from Mrs Stazicker and Mr Sallis.
- b) To approve a request for formal advice and quotation(s) for an acoustic barrier on the strip of land between the Meadow Way estate and the A142 road and to work alongside Mepal Allotment & Leisure Garden Association to identify sources of funding.
It was resolved that formal advice and quotation(s) be sought. **Action: Clerk.**
- c) To approve the submission of a planning application for change of use of the strip of land between the Meadow Way estate and the A142 road to allow for the provision of allotments and associated infrastructure, including an acoustic barrier or fence. To approve associated expenditure up to a value of £500.
Recommendation withdrawn.
- d) To approve further consultation with Cambridgeshire County Council Rights of Way about the potential for limiting the use of the existing Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT).
It was resolved that further consultation should be undertaken.
- e) To approve continuance of negotiations and, if reasonable terms can be obtained, to take all necessary steps towards acceptance of the transfer of title to the strip of land between the Meadow Way estate and the A142 road from Construct Reason.
Recommendation withdrawn.

041/08 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL & ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FOR 2009

- a) To consider arrangements for both meetings.
Mrs Stazicker informed the meeting that she will be resigning as Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Nominations for a new Chairman should be made to the Clerk in time for the meeting. **Action: All.**
It was agreed that the topic for this year's Annual Parish Assembly would be "Community Cohesion." As well as a presentation from the Regional Co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch, it is hoped that presentations can be arranged by Mepal & Witcham Primary School and the new Youth & Community Development team. Our Police Community Support Officer will be invited to attend. **Action: Clerk.**

042/09 MEPAL PARISH PLAN ACTIONS

- a) To receive an oral update from Parish Plan Actions Working Party.
Oral report received from Mr Stacey. A flyer will be produced, and circulated with the Annual Report, to update the village on the progress of the actions from the Parish Plan in the last 12 months. It was resolved that £200 be earmarked from the Parish Plan budget to cover the cost of this.

043/09 FINANCE

a) It was resolved that payment of the following outstanding accounts be made;

Wicksteed Leisure – removal of junior swings	£392.73	Open Space Act 1906 s.10
Mepal Village Hall – contribution to improvements (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19	£1000.00	Local Government
S Shipley – expenses February	£17.44	LGA 1972 s.111
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE & NI February	£1.11	LGA 1972 s.111
S Shipley – salary adjustment February	£10.07	LGA 1972 s.111
Mepal Village Hall Management Committee – hall hire	£77.00	LGA 1972 s.111
S Shipley – OS plans s.23	£75.49	Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908

044/09 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.

045/09 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For Information Only).

- a) Cambridgeshire Playing Fields Association – Newsletter Winter 2008/9.
- b) Willingham Bypass Feasibility Study – November 2008.
- c) COPE – Newsletter February 2009.
- d) Standards Board – Town & Parish Standard February 2009.
- e) COPE – Newsletter March 2009.

046/09 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.

- 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 21:00.

..... Chairman to Mepal Parish Council

..... Date