

MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Monday 9th June 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, Clerk Mrs Shipley

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Read, District Councillor Bailey and 1 member of the public were in attendance.

117/08 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and approved from District Councillor Goodge.

118/08 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

119/08 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 12th May 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

120/08 UPDATE OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

For information only.

121/08 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No members of the public present wished to address the meeting.

122/08 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Oral report received from District Councillor Bailey.

123/08 PLANNING.

New Applications

- a) 08/00546/FUL Construction of 1 chalet bungalow on land northwest of 8 Sutton Road, Mepal. Applicant: Mr M Adam.

It was resolved that no comment should be made on this application.

Updates

- b) 08/00329/FUL Full planning permission granted for external dining deck, fire escape staircase, internal alterations to form bed and breakfast accommodation and change existing window to rear entrance door at The Three Pickerels, 19 Bridge Road, Mepal. Applicant: P Kenyon & C Hellyar.

Other Planning Issues

- c) To consider response to consultation on East Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Submission Development Plan Document and Proposals Map Submission Development Plan Document.

It was resolved that the draft response be approved and a reply sent to East Cambridgeshire District Council accordingly. **Action: Mrs Stazicker.**

124/08 COUNCILLORS

- a) To receive resignation as Councillor from Mrs Joan Woollard.

The meeting noted the resignation of Mrs Joan Woollard and recorded their thanks for the work she has undertaken during her time as a Councillor.

b) To receive oral update on the position to recruit a replacement Councillor.
Oral report received from the Clerk. No requests for a poll have been received and therefore the Parish Council may proceed to appoint a new Councillor via co-option.

125/08 PARISH MAINTENANCE

a) To consider response to Consultation on the removal of the BT payphone in High Street, Mepal.
It was resolved that no comment be made to oppose the removal of the payphone.

b) To consider regulation of Mepal Recreation Field and other open spaces.
Complaints have once again been received that vehicles are being parked on the green areas in Laurel Close. It was resolved that a letter be sent to all residents of Laurel Close reminding them that this is not permitted. **Action: Clerk.**
Complaints have also been received about dog fouling on the recreation field.
It was resolved that investigations should be made to ascertain whether bye-laws can be introduced to regulate the areas concerned. **Action: Mrs Stazicker.**

c) Recycling Site issues for consideration.
Concerns have been raised regarding the problems caused by the constant overflowing of the plastics bank. The Parish Council is reluctant to lose the bank so the situation will be monitored to see if it improves.

126/08 NEIGHBOURHOOD PANELS

a) To receive oral report of West Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on Monday 28th April 2008.
Oral report received from Mr Smith. The main concern raised at this meeting was the speeding of vehicles through the village, particularly at school times. The minutes will be circulated to Councillors. **Action: Clerk.**

127/08 HIGHWAYS

a) To consider response to the Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements Scheme 2009/2010.
Various options were discussed. It was resolved that further investigation should be undertaken and a proposal brought to the next meeting. **Action: Mrs Stazicker/Mr Newstead/Clerk.**

Mr Slough left the meeting.

128/08 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

a) To reconsider application from Ely & District Citizens Advice Bureau.
It was resolved that a grant of the precepted amount of £100 be approved.

129/08 FINANCE.

a) To receive the Independent Internal Auditor's report for the financial year 2007/8.
Report received. No action points or changes are recommended for implementation.

b) To appoint an Independent Internal Auditor for 2008/9.
It was resolved that the Internal Auditor of East Cambridgeshire District Council be reappointed for 2008/9.

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

Truelink Ltd - grass cutting for April	£717.93	Open Space Act 1906 s.10
Cambridgeshire CTP - Councillor training	£50.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Target Print - Printing of Parish Plan and Annual Assembly flyer	£1072.30	LGA 1972 s.142
A & C Catley - repair to play area bench	£149.00	Open Space Act 1906 s.10
S Shipley - expenses for May	£16.31	LGA 1972 s.111
ICO - renewal of data protection registration	£35.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Truelink Ltd - grass cutting for May	£835.04	Open Space Act 1906 s.10
Mepal Stores Ltd - photocopying	£53.12	LGA 1972 s.142
Mepal Stores Ltd - newsletter	£127.50	LGA 1972 s.142
Mr M Stacey - envelopes	£46.00	LGA 1972 s.142

128/08 WEEKLY PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS.

a) To review and agree schedule of future inspections.
It was resolved that the current schedule continue. Mr Smith will check the play area fortnightly and Mrs Stazicker every weekend. Mr Slough will carry out the inspection of the play equipment once a week.

129/08 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For Information Only).

a) ECDC - Highlights of the week 09.05.08.

- b) What's on in East Cambridgeshire – Summer '08.
- c) ECDC – Standards Committee Update – June 2008.
- d) ECDC – Chairman's Chat 23.05.08.
- e) ECDC – Chairman's Chat 30.05.08.
- f) ECDC – Notification of Chairman & Vice-Chairman of Council.

130/08 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.

- Monday 14th July 2008 – Full Council Meeting
- Monday 8th September 2008 – Full Council Meeting.
- Monday 13th October 2008 – Full Council Meeting.
- Monday 10th November 2008 – Full Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 20:35

..... Chairman to Mepal Parish Council

..... Date