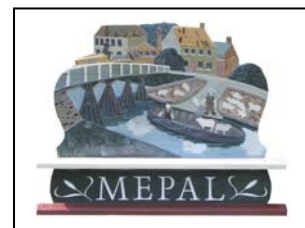


# MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL



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Chairman: Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker

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## MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
**TIME:** 19.30  
**VENUE:** Mepal Village Hall, School Lane, Mepal  
**PRESENT:** Chair Mrs Stazicker, Mr Stacey, Mr Smith, Mr Slough, Mr Newstead,  
Mrs Woollard, Mr Drew, Clerk Mrs Shipley

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**IN ATTENDANCE:** 2 members of the public were in attendance.

### 052/08 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

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

### 053/08 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

### 054/08 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008 and the Extraordinary Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meetings.

### 055/08 UPDATE OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

For information only.

Meeting adjourned at 19:35

### 056/08 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public addressed the meeting regarding the Lasercharm proposal for the development of a data centre and "eco-village."

One member of the public raised his concerns at the possible health and safety risk caused by the loose stones from the school car park. The Clerk will raise the issue with the Head of Mepal and Witcham School. **Action: Clerk.**

Meeting reconvened at 19:38

### 057/08 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Written report read by Mrs Stazicker.

### 058/08 PLANNING

#### To Consider New Applications

- a) 08/00187/FUL Full planning permission for two storey extension to the rear of 55 Laurel Close, Mepal.  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs E Chambers.

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

#### Other Planning Issues

- b) 07/01310/FUL Full planning permission refused for the temporary retention of mobile home for the period of construction of replacement bungalow at Bungalow Farm, Chatteris Road, Mepal.  
c) 07/01290/FUL Full planning permission refused for the demolition of existing bungalow and replacement by new bungalow at Bungalow Farm, Chatteris Road, Mepal.  
d) To receive update regarding the "Say No to Mereham" campaign and to decide upon any further actions.  
It was resolved that no further action be taken.

**059/08 MEPAL PARISH PLAN GROUP**

- a) Project update. To receive oral report.  
Oral report received from Mr Stacey.

**060/08 HIGHWAYS**

- a) To receive oral report of meeting with the Highways Authority on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2008 to discuss issues in relation to the Old Bridge, Mepal.  
Oral report received from the Clerk.

- b) Cambridgeshire County Council – review of speed limit policy.  
For information only. No action required at this time.

**061/08 RECYCLING**

- a) East Cambridgeshire District Council – recycling credits for 2007/8.  
Letter received confirming that the recycling credits for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007 totalled £624.55.

**062/08 ELEAN POWER STATION**

- a) To report response to complaints from residents regarding straw nuisance.  
For information only. Mrs Stazicker will take the issue to the next Community Liaison Meeting.

**063/08 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2008**

- a) To consider change of date for Annual Parish Assembly.  
It was resolved that the date of the meeting be changed to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

- b) To consider arrangements.  
For information only.

**064/08 LAUREL CLOSE MEMORIAL GARDEN AND TREES**

- a) To receive oral report of meeting with 75<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Squadron Memorial Trust.  
Oral report received from Mrs Stazicker.

- b) To approve a draft letter formally confirming the Trust's rights and responsibilities in relation to the Memorial Garden.  
It was resolved that the letter be approved subject to change of details within last paragraph.

**065/08 EMPLOYMENT**

- a) To receive report of Clerk's Annual Performance Review.  
Oral report received from Mrs Stazicker and Mr Smith confirming that an Annual Performance Review has been undertaken.

- b) To approve the progression of the Clerk to the next salary scale-point, in accordance with her contract of employment.  
Approved with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008.

**066/08 CAMBRIDGESHIRE ACRE**

- a) To decide upon attendance at "Play Space" Conference on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008.  
It was resolved that Mrs Stazicker would attend.

**067/08 FINANCE**

- a) It was resolved that payment of the following outstanding accounts be made;
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|---|---------|---------------------------------|
| CALC – Archiving Workshop                                   | £10.00  | LGA 1972 s.111                  |
| S Shipley – new trees for recreation field                  | £128.00 | Open Space Act 1906 s.10        |
| S Shipley – padlock for recreation field gate               | £27.61  | Open Space Act 1906 s.10        |
| S Shipley – Expenses for February                           | £32.95  | LGA 1972 s.111                  |
| SLCC – CiLCA re-sit registration fee                        | £55.00  | LGA 1972 s.111                  |
| HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE & NI for February               | £57.81  | LGA 1972 s.111                  |
| S Shipley – Salary adjustment for February                  | £160.48 | LGA 1972 s.111                  |
| Julie Barnes – Project Management Provisions) Act 1976 s.19 | £165.60 | Local Government (Miscellaneous |

B J Jordan - Final retention payment Provisions) Act 1976 s.19	£10506.99	Local Government (Miscellaneous
CALC - Cllr Professional Development training	£80.00	LGA 1972 s.111

It was noted that this is the final payment to Julie Barnes and a resolution is passed that a letter be sent to thank her for her contribution to the success of the pavilion project. **Action: Clerk.**

**069/08 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 every Tuesday and Mrs Stazicker at the weekend. Mr Slough will carry out the inspection of the play equipment once a week.

**070/08 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For Information Only)**

- a) ECDC - Highlights of the Week 08.02.08.
- b) ECDC - Highlights of the Week 15.02.08.
- c) CCC - Passenger Transport on Cambridgeshire.
- d) ADeC - What's on in East Cambridgeshire March '08.
- e) COPE - Newsletter March 2008.
- f) ECDC - Highlights of the Week 22.02.08.
- g) Yoof Banx - End of Year Report 2007.
- h) ECDC - Council Tax Resolution 2008/9.
- i) Cambridgeshire Highways - Frequently Asked Questions.
- j) ECDC - Highlights of the Week 29.02.08
- k) Say No To Mereham - Newsletter 03.03.08.

**071/08 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 - Full Council Meeting
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008 - Annual Parish Assembly

Meeting closed at 20.35.

..... Chairman to Mepal Parish Council

..... Date