

MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Monday 14th July 2008
TIME: 19.30
VENUE: Mepal Village Hall, School Lane, Mepal
PRESENT: Chair Mrs Stazicker, Mr Stacey, Mr Smith, Mr Slough, Mr Newstead,
Clerk Mrs Shipley

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

117/08 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

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

118/08 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

119/08 COUNCILLORS

- a) To co-opt of a new councillor to fill the casual vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mrs Joan Woollard. The vacancy having been duly advertised, two expressions of willingness to stand for co-option have been received from Mr Allen Sallis and Mr Anthony Pleasance. A ballot will therefore be conducted.
The ballot process was conducted by the Proper Officer. The ballot resulted in a majority vote for Mr Pleasance. Mr Pleasance was duly co-opted.
- b) New Councillor to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
Declaration of Acceptance of Office duly signed by Mr Pleasance.

120/08 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 9th June 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

121/08 UPDATE OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

For information only.

122/08 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Meeting suspended at 19:45.

One member of the public addressed the meeting to raise concerns at the speed of vehicles travelling in the vicinity of the school. This item forms part of the action list from the Parish Plan process.

Meeting reconvened at 19:50.

123/08 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

No County or District Councillors present.

124/08 PLANNING.

New Applications

- a) 08/00648/FUL Construction of two storey extension to rear of 55 Laurel Close, Mepal. Applicant: Mr & Mrs E Chambers.
It was resolved that no comment be made on this application.
- b) 08/00560/FUL Construction of two garden sheds at 2 River Close, Mepal. Applicant: Mr P Wilkin.
It was resolved that no comment be made on this application.

Updates

- c) 08/00390/FUL Full planning permission refused for the demolition of existing bungalow and construction of a new bungalow at Bungalow Farm, Chatteris Road, Mepal. Applicant: Mrs J Robinson.
- d) 08/00439/FUL Full planning permission granted for the construction of 6 affordable houses on the land adjacent to and rear of 8 Bridge Road, Mepal. Applicant: Sanctuary Hereward.

125/08 HIGHWAYS

- a) To approve the submission of an application to achieve speed reduction through the village to the Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements Scheme 2009/2010.

The meeting was suspended briefly to allow a member of the public to speak.

It was resolved that an application be submitted to achieve speed reduction measures through the village.

126/08 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) To receive update from Parish Maintenance Working Party.

Oral update received.

- b) To consider the purchase of an additional Dog Waste Bin to be located at the Recycling Site, Bridge Road, Mepal. It was resolved that £225 of income from the Recycling Site be used to purchase a new dog waste bin.

- c) To note receipt of an application from 29 residents for the provision of allotments and to form a Working Party. The meeting was suspended briefly to allow a member of the public to speak.

It was resolved that a Working Party be formed. The members will include Mrs Stazicker, Mr Newstead, Mr Pleasance and the Clerk. Mr Allen Sallis also kindly agreed to join the Working Party.

127/08 LAUREL CLOSE MEMORIAL GARDEN

- a) To consider application from the Friends of the 75 (New Zealand) Squadron Association to erect a memorial wall within the Memorial Garden.

It was resolved that approval be given on condition that statutory requirements are fulfilled and that no services in the vicinity are affected.

128/08 NEIGHBOURHOOD PANELS

- a) To consider issues for West Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on Monday 28th July 2008.

It was resolved that Mr Smith would attend this meeting. The issue of speeding will be raised again especially in the vicinity of the school. Dog fouling is also still a problem. Abuse of the recreation field was also raised, especially the use of motorcycles on the field. Recent problems experienced with household recycling collections and emptying of banks at the recycling site will also be highlighted.

129/08 EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE PLAY PARTNERSHIP

- a) To consider attendance at "Promoting Play" meeting on Wednesday 30th July 2008.

It was resolved that Mrs Stazicker would attend and report back.

130/08 POST OFFICE WORKING PARTY

- a) Post Office Closures: to consider a response to the consultation.

It was resolved that no further action need to be taken at this stage.

131/08 FINANCE.

- a) To receive quarterly report on budget and expenditure to 30.06.08.

Oral report received from the Clerk. No problems are forecasted at this time.

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

St Mary's Church PCC - grant for burial ground maintenance	£500.00	LGA 1972 s.215 (6)
East Cambridgeshire District Council - Internal Audit	£171.49	LGA 1972 s.111
Cambridgeshire CTP - Chairman's training	£45.00	LGA 1972 s.111
S Shipley - Expenses June 2008	£17.05	LGA 1972 s.111
Truelink - grass cutting June 2008	£800.55	Open Space Act 1906 s.10
B J Waller Ltd - H&S signage for pavilion	£75.10	Local Government
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19		

132/08 WEEKLY PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS.

- a) To review and agree schedule of future inspections.

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

133/08 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For Information Only).

- a) East Cambridgeshire West Neighbourhood Panel April - July 2008.
- b) ECDC - Chairman's Chat 06.06.08.
- c) Go-East - Publication of Revision to the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England.
- d) ECDC - Chairman's Chat 13.06.08.
- e) ECDC - Chairman's Chat 27.06.08.
- f) COPE - Newsletter July 2008.
- g) ECDC - Chairman's Chat 04.07.08.

134/08 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.

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

Meeting closed at 20.40.

..... Chairman to Mepal Parish Council

..... Date