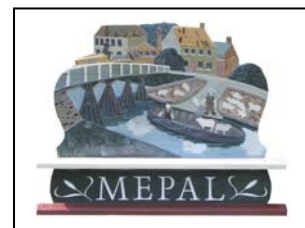


MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Monday 11th February 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

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Goodge, County Councillor Read and 5 members of the public were in attendance.

026/08 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and approved from County Councillor Bailey.

027/08 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Mrs Stazicker recorded a prejudicial interest in agenda item 040/08(a).

028/08 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 14th January 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

029/08 UPDATE OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

For information only.

Meeting adjourned at 19:35.

030/08 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public addressed the meeting regarding the problems caused by the persistent electricity power cuts. The Clerk will write to the National Grid to raise the issue. **Action: Clerk.**

Meeting reconvened at 19:45.

031/08 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Short oral report received from District Councillor Goodge.

032/08 PLANNING

To Consider New Applications

a) 07/01290/FUL Full planning permission for the demolition of existing bungalow and replacement by new bungalow at Bungalow Farm, Chatteris Road, Mepal. Applicant: Mrs J Robinson.

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

b) 08/00023/FUL Proposed external 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.

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

Other Planning Issues

c) Elean Business Park, Lasercharm Data Centre and Eco-village consultation: to consider communication to planning authority. Report attached.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to East Cambridgeshire District Council opposing the proposal for the Eco-village.

033/08 MEPAL PARISH PLAN GROUP

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

b) To draw cash raffle from returned questionnaires.
Raffle ticket 119 was drawn by County Councillor Read. A poster will be placed in Mepal Stores advertising the winner. The winner should contact the Clerk. **Action: Mr Stacey.** (LGA 1972 s.142).

034/08 ESTABLISHMENT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PANELS

a) To receive oral report of West Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on Monday 28th January 2008.
Oral report received from Mr Smith.

035/08 CAMBRIDGSHIRE & PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

a) To consider attendance at Allotments Workshop on Saturday 8th March 2008.
It was resolved that Mr Sallis, Chairman of Mepal Gardening Club would attend. Thanks are extended to him.

b) Training – to consider Workshop on Archiving of Documents and Freedom of Information on Tuesday 22nd April 2008.

It was resolved that a place be booked on the Workshop and that the Clerk should attend. (LGA 1972 s.111).

c) To receive oral report of CPALC AGM on Saturday 2nd February 2008.
Oral report received from Mrs Stazicker.

036/08 PARISH MAINTENANCE WORKING PARTY

a) To consider arrangements for a Village Litter Pick.

A resolution was passed to hold a Village Litter Pick on the morning of Saturday 19th April. Mr Smith and the Clerk agreed to make the necessary arrangements. **Action: Mr Smith/Clerk.**

037/08 PLAY PARTNERSHIP

a) To receive oral report of meeting at East Cambridgeshire District Council on Thursday 7th February 2008.
Oral report received from Mrs Stazicker.

038/08 RECREATION FIELD WORKING PARTY

a) Update. To receive oral report.
Oral report received from the Clerk.

039/08 PAVILION PROJECT WORKING PARTY

a) To receive update upon financial position from Mepal Sports Action Group.

It was reported that the funding gap for the pavilion project has been reduced since the last report to £4626.13. A letter was read from Mepal Sports Action Group confirming that payment of this amount will be made to the Parish Council before the end of the current financial year. Congratulations are extended to Mepal Sports Action Group.

Following declaration of a prejudicial interest, Mrs Stazicker leaves the meeting. Mr Stacey takes the chair.

040/08 MEPAL VILLAGE HALL

a) To consider request for financial support to secure grant-funding. Correspondence attached.

The Clerk read a letter from Mepal Village Hall Management Committee detailing the next stage of improvements planned for Mepal Village Hall. It was resolved that £1000 be vired from the general reserve in order to support these improvements. It was also resolved that the Parish Council will support an application to East Cambridgeshire District Council for £25k of s106 monies from the St Marys Close development. Letters of support will also be supplied, as required, for further grant applications for the project. (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19).

Mrs Stazicker rejoined the meeting.

041/08 A WEBSITE FOR MEPAL

a) Project Update. To receive oral report.

Oral report received from Mr Newstead. Input for the website from all village organisations would be welcomed.

b) To approve purchase of necessary software.

A resolution was passed that £245 be vired from the public lighting budget to the general administration budget in order to purchase Adobe Acrobat 8.0. (LGA 1972 s.142).

042/08 DIAL-A-RIDE

a) To consider attendance at Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 28th March 2008.
Mrs Woollard agreed to attend.

043/08 FINANCE

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

S Shipley - Expenses/Salary adjustment for January 2008	£34.15	LGA 1972 s.111
Cambridgeshire County Council - street lamp maintenance contract 1957 s.3	£87.50	Parish Councils Act
Mr J Wells - website costs	£35.18	LGA 1972 s.142
Mepal Stores Ltd - newsletter	£81.90	LGA 1972 s.142

044/08 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 every Thursday.

045/08 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For Information Only)

- a) ECDC - Highlights of the week 18.01.08
- b) ECDC - Highlights of the week 25.01.08
- c) Inside Trade - Winter 2007/8
- d) COPE - newsletter Feb 2008
- e) Neighbourhood Policing - January 2008
- f) ECDC - Highlights of the week 01.02.08

046/08 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday 10th March 2008 - Full Council Meeting
- Monday 14th April 2008 - Full Council Meeting
- Monday 28th April 2008 - Annual Parish Assembly
- Monday 12th May 2008 - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Meeting closed at 21:05.

..... Chairman to Mepal Parish Council

..... Date