

MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES TO 31ST MAY 2010

Councillors: Mr Mike Stacey (Chairman), Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker (Vice-Chairman), Mr Ron Slough, Mr Mark Newstead, Mr Glenn Drew, Mr Tony Pleasance, Mr Allen Sallis

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At the Annual Meeting of Mepal Parish Council in May, Mr Mike Stacey was re-elected as Chairman of the Council for 2010/11. Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker was re-appointed as Vice-Chairman. Representatives were also appointed onto various outside bodies and onto the Parish Council's Working Parties. If you are interested in becoming involved in any of the work undertaken then please contact the Clerk.

Mepal Play Park: whilst some works still need to be completed, the new play park at the recreation field is open. A Teddy Bear's Picnic, enjoyed by all of the children of Mepal & Witcham Primary School, celebrated the opening. Remedial work is required to the treehouse and we ask parents/carers to ensure that children do not go on this item until the safety fencing has been removed. Options for the seasonal pond are also being investigated to ensure the optimum safety of this area (during wet periods) whilst creating a feature that can be enjoyed by all. Further funding is being sought to improve the woodland between the play area and the allotments.

The allotments at the northern end of the recreation field are also ready – plots are available to rent so if you are interested then please see the separate article within this issue of Mepal People.

We hope the whole community, especially our children and young people, can now enjoy these new facilities and welcome any feedback from residents.

Safer Routes to School: an application to this scheme, which encourages children to walk to school, has been successful by the Primary School and the proposals by the Highways Authority have been approved by the Parish Council. The funding secured will provide "safe-crossing points" in Sutton Road and Brangehill Lane plus the implementation of a timed Traffic Regulation Order to prevent parking in front of the school at certain times during the day.

Speedwatch: the training of our small group of volunteers has now been undertaken and a date set for the first session of speed monitoring in the village. If you are interested in joining this project then please do get in touch. Once again, we respectfully request that everyone drives slowly and carefully through the village please.

Mepal Parish Plan: as you will see from the flyer enclosed in this issue, work on the actions highlighted in the Parish Plan is drawing to a close. Some action points have been cancelled due to the lack of support however, many have been taken to successful conclusions.

Year-End Accounts: the Council's accounts for 2009/10 are now complete and will be sent for external audit on the 1st June.

Annual Report 2010: this has been another busy year for the Parish Council and we hope you will enjoy reading about the highlights in the Annual Report 2010 which will be circulated, if not with this issue of Mepal People, then very soon! Thank you once again to everyone who has supported us.

The next meeting of Mepal Parish Council will be on Monday 14th June 2010 at 19:30 in Mepal Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and should you have any items of local concern then you may address the Council at the Open Forum.