

# MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

## REPORT OF ACTIVITIES TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011

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

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**New Councillor:** We are pleased to welcome Mr Roy Harknett as our new councillor. Roy was co-opted onto the parish council at the full council meeting in September. We wish him all the best in his new role.

**Youth Services:** the parish council has entered into a contract with Community CARTS (a newly formed charity) for the provision of youth services until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. This partnership will ensure the continuance of the weekly youth clubs in the village hall on Tuesday evenings.

**Mepal Community Pavilion:** the premises licence for the Community Pavilion has been granted by the licencing authority. If anyone has any concerns in relation to this, please contact the Clerk.

**Trees:** the parish council has received a request from the Friendship Club to support them in the planting of a tree in the High Street in memory of past members. This request was approved by the parish council although responsibility for the maintenance of the tree will remain with the Friendship Club.

The parish council is looking into the possibility of securing funding to plant some further trees in the High Street in commemoration of next year's Diamond Jubilee. The trees would be planted to replace those that are nearing the end of their lifetime and may need to be removed over the next few years. The Clerk will make some initial enquiries and further information will follow.

**Mepal Woodland:** this project, to provide a community woodland on the land between Meadow Way and the A142, is progressing with the conveyance of the land from Construct Reason to the parish council well under way. It is hoped that a community planting day will be organised in November. Further details to follow but anyone interested in taking part should please contact the Clerk.

**Laurel Close Green:** the parish council has obtained quotations for the erection of a low fence around the edge of the Laurel Close green to prevent the parking of vehicles on the green. The fence will be erected over the next couple of months. Quotations are also being sought for works to the trees in and around the memorial garden and on the green itself. The specification for the works has been drawn by the Trees Officer from East Cambridgeshire District Council.

**Consultations:** over the last two months, the Parish Council has considered the following consultations; Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals & Waste Local Development Framework consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document - RECAP (Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Waste Partnership) Waste Management Design Guide; Fenland District Council consultation on the Fenland Communities Development Plan - Core Strategy (DPD) and Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). Copies of responses are available from the Clerk.

**Planning:** since the last report, no new planning applications have been considered.

**Next Meeting:** the next meeting of Mepal Parish Council will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 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.