

MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF MEETING: Full Parish Council Meeting
TIME: 19.30
DATE: Monday 12th November 2018
VENUE: Mepal Village Hall, School Lane, Mepal

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

MEMBERS	7
VACANCIES	0
QUORUM	3

Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council at its Open Forum.

MINUTES

193/18 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

194/18 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Chairman Mrs Stazicker declared an interest in 200/18.

195/18 MEMBERS' REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

196/18 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

- a) Full Parish Council Meeting 8th October 2018
Approved and signed by Chairman Mrs E Stazicker.

197/18 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District Councillor Anna Bailey gave an update on the Ely Bypass which is now open and the underpass at Ely railway station which is now closed for up to 3 months for repairs. Anna provided information about the A10 roundabouts which are being reviewed in particular the BP roundabout which 24,648 vehicles use per day. The plans for the roundabouts need to be considered with the A10 upgrade. The East Cambs Street Scene are working really hard on street cleansing and waste services and incidents can now be reported online <https://self.eastcambs.gov.uk>. ECDC have been awarded a White Ribbon Award. Anna mentioned that Fordham have recently undertook a Neighbourhood Plan. Anna's full report is available upon request.

District Councillor Mike Bradley gave an update on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA). The combined CPCA transport plan (buses) and Mike is keen to receive feedback on issues that Mepal has about the bus service. Three major projects of the CPCA are the Kings Dyke level crossing project, the implementation of the dual carriageway on the A47 and the development of the A428 Cambourne to Cambridge transport corridor. Mike's full report is available upon request.

County Councillor Lorna Dupre distributed her monthly report prior to the meeting. Lorna updated on the cycle connections from Lancaster Way to Ely Station. Lorna has recently met with Stagecoach and the Cambridgeshire County Council to discuss the declining provision of bus transport in our area (No. 39). It has been suggested that a Community Bus Partnership is set up by councils along the route of the 39. Lorna has worked hard with highways on the diversion route for the pending closure at Mepal junction. Lorna's full report is available upon request.

198/18 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was agreed that comments from the public relating to matters on the agenda should be heard at the commencement of the relevant agenda item.

A representative from the Mepal Neighbourhood Watch asked about the petition approximately 4 years ago for CCTV to be installed in the village. Concerns have been heightened recently with several reported break ins. It was agreed that Parish Councillor Mal Peters will liaise with the Neighbourhood Watch team regarding this.

199/18 PLANNING

TO BE CONSIDERED:

18/01434/RMA - Reserved matters for Erection of 3 bungalows, garages and accesses (Appearance, Landscaping and Scale), Lane opposite 11 Bridge Road, Mepal. Agreed extension for comments 13th November 2018. It was agreed that there were no comments and the Clerk will respond as such prior to the deadline.

18/01440/FUL - Revision to application 17/00365/FUL to add additional dormer to the South/West facing elevation. Also, to include the erection of a single storey extension to the rear of the property, 26 Laurel Close, Mepal. Deadline for comments 15th November 2018. It was agreed that there were no comments and the Clerk will respond as such prior to the deadline

18/01486/FUL - Single Storey rear extension, 24 Laurel Close, Mepal. Deadline for comments 16th November 2018. It was agreed that there were no comments and the Clerk will respond as such prior to the deadline

PLANNING UPDATES:

18/00679/FUL - Proposed new dwelling and associated infrastructure and landscaping, Site East of Grove House, Bridge Road. Approved subject to conditions. Noted

Street numbering - Rectory Fields, The Potting Shed 3B. New dwelling, Site Adjacent 3 Rectory Fields 17/01616/FUL. From 15/11/18. Noted

200/18 2019/2020 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered in detail the grant applications received from local community groups for financial year 2019/20. The following was agreed at the meeting:

1. Mepal and Witcham Pre-School – take forward to the following meeting once more information known. The Chairman will take this forward with the Pre-School Committee.
2. Mepal Archive Group (CCAN) – Agreed in principle but Clerk to confirm budgeted cost of CCAN membership fee.
3. Mepal Friendship Group – The Clerk to request financial information and take forward to the following meeting.
4. Mepal Gardening Club – Agreed to provide them half of the requested amount.
5. Mepal Good Companions – Agreed to provide the requested amount.
6. Mepal Neighbourhood Watch – Agreed to provide up to £450 (including new signs not in original application but discussed at meeting). Agreed to be paid as expenses as and when expenditure occurs.
7. Mepal Parochial Church Council (St Mary's Church) – Agreed to provide the requested amount.
8. Mepal Sports FC Seniors – Agreed to provide the requested amount.
9. Mepal Village Hall Management Committee – Agreed to provide the requested amount.

201/18 CHATTERIS TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSE TO JOINT MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION.

Chatteris Town Council's response was noted. The Chairman requested that the Clerk forward their response to County Councillor Lorna Dupre for information.

202/18 STAGECOACH EAST AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting with Stagecoach was noted and it was agreed that Chairman Mrs Stazicker would represent Mepal on a Community Bus Partnership group.

203/18 RECREATION FIELD

Parish Councillor Diana Bray gave an update. Planned work is due to start as early as possible and is pencilled in for April 2019. Parish Councillor Mal Peters suggested that the Parish Council work with the Football teams and draw a line under the past and move forward supporting each other.

Although the football club expressed concern that it would be difficult for them to change their current pitch layout (5 pitches over all of the field) to accommodate 2 pitches on part of the field for the rolling trial but they agreed they would try. One pitch would be rolled with a 3 tonne roller over the winter and one will be worked on in April 2019 with the main aim of getting at least 1 pitch ready for September 2019.

It was suggested that going forward employment of a groundsman would be advantageous.

Parish Councillor Mal Peters will communicate with the football club regarding the rolling.

204/18 PAVILION

Letter from G King on condition of pavilion was distributed prior to meeting and acknowledged.

It was agreed that once the Pavilion is ready to be hired a cleaner should be contracted to clean once a week with a deep clean every two months.

205/18 PLAY AREA

The Clerk explained that the work started late last week. The nest swing has been taken away to be repaired and the work will be finished very soon. Once the results are in from the Community Led Plan than the Parish Council can decide what new equipment they will put in.

The condition of the basket ball tarmac was brought up as well as rubbish being left in the tree house. The Clerk will look into these.

206/18 ANGLIAN WATER

The Chairman explained that Anglian Water had made good progress in helping to resolve the flooding issues and it is hoped that this work will prove its worth when the wet weather starts soon. The Chairman thanked District Councillor Anna Bailey for her hard work.

207/18 COMMUNITY LED-PLAN

The steering group representative gave an update. They have received 52.9% response to the questionnaire and the results are being analysed and final results should be ready for the January Parish Council meeting. The community groups will be contacted and the CLP team plan to have an open day as a finish to the work. Parish Councillor thanked Georgina King and the group for their hard work.

208/18 HIGHWAYS

1. **A142 Mepal Junction A142** - TTRO application received for 14/11-28/11 8pm-6am with diversions and signs have been placed in the village. Social Media updated.
2. **Traffic Counting along A142** - The Chairman queried the options of traffic counting with the County Councillor Lorna Dupre.
3. **LHI 2018/19 Application** - Feasibility response from Highways received and agreed that content to be processed with proposal although disappointed.

209/18 EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE TOURISM STRATEGY - STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SESSION 22.11.2018

It was agreed that Chairman Mrs Stazicker would represent Mepal Parish Council at this meeting.

210/18 FINANCE

a) PAYMENTS made since last meeting:

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| • Staff Expenses - Sep/Oct 2018 | £193.43 BACS |
| • Mepal Neighbourhood Watch Expenses - October 2018 | £48.00 BACS |
| • David J Richards - Mepal People newsletter Oct/Nov 2018 | £138.24 BACS |
| • David J Richards - Mepal CLP Questionnaires | £227.81 BACS |
| • Truelink Ltd - Grass Cutting September 2018 | £748.26 BACS |
| • David Frear Plumbing and Heating Ltd - Mepal Pavilion repairs Oct 2018 | £798.00 BACS |
| • ECDC NNDR - Pavilion November 2018 | £239.00 BACS |
| • Staff Wages - October 2018 | £820.26 BACS |
| • HMRC - Tax and NI liabilities October 2018 | £35.40 BACS |
| • Mrs G King - CLP Expenses October 2018 | £38.97 BACS |

b) DIRECT DEBITS paid:

- E.on – Street Lighting September 2018 £27.44 DD (12/10/18)
- Tesco Mobile – Clerk Phone September 2018 £7.50 DD (15/10/18)
- Opus Gas – supply at pavilion 18/9/18-18/10/18 £14.15 DD (3/11/18)

c) PAYMENTS to be made:

- Mepal Village Hall – Hall hire July-September 2018 ** £40.00
- Tesco Mobile – Clerk Phone October 2018 £7.50 DD (15/11/18)
- Public Work Loan Board £448.92 DD (3/12/18)

****Cheque signed at meeting**

d) INCOME received:

- ECDC – CIL contributions for 13/00799 and 16/00680 (Manor Farm) £7,409.60 BACS
- SSE – FIT Payment 20/6/18-20/9/18 £428.68 CHQ

e) QUOTES to discuss:

- Replacement boiler at Pavilion. Quote 1 was for £2,357 and Quote 2 was for £2,595 (both excl, VAT). Parish Councillor Alan Catley looked at quotes in detail prior to the meeting and suggested that Quote 1 be accepted as also included upgrade pipe insulation. Quote 1 was agreed by all.

211/18 ACTIONS completed and outstanding (report for information)

- a) Business Plan – Draft Business Plan and actions have now been complied and will be distributed prior to next full council meeting.
- b) Status of Brick Lane – The Chairman said she would update the two residents in Brick Lane who are concerned.

212/18 DIARY DATES

- To note that the next Full Council Meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 14th January at 7.30pm at the Village Hall
- To note the 2019 meeting dates – Jan 14th, Feb 11th, Mar 11th, Apr 8th, May 13th, Jun 10th, Jul 8th, Sep 9th, Oct 14th and Nov 11th.

Meeting closed at 21:28

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Emma Harris, Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

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Elizabeth Stazicker, Chairman