

9. CRIME AND DISORDER

- 9.1. Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (“the 1998 Act”) Mepal Parish Council has a duty to consider the impact of all its functions and decisions on crime and disorder in its local area.
- 9.2. The duty in section 17 was extended by the Police and Justice Act 2006 and the Policing and Crime Act 2009.
- 9.3. All Parish Councillors and staff are to be provided with a copy of ‘Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – A Practical Guide for Parish and Town Councils, to ensure they are fully aware of their obligations.
- 9.4. Mepal Parish Council will fully engage with East Cambridgeshire District Council Community Safety Partnership to:
- Reduce and detect crime in the area, including anti-social behaviour.
 - Combat the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area
 - Reduce re-offending in the area
- 9.5. In order to prevent crime in the local area Mepal Parish Council has the power to do any of the following, pursuant to section 31 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997.
- The use of Security, lighting, alarms and CCTV.
- 9.6. The Parish Council will work in partnership with the police, local authorities and key partners and will do all that it legally can to co-operate in the reduction of crime and disorder, given its financial situation at that time.
- 9.7. All reports that are considered by the council will include an impact statement regarding crime and disorder, whether it is a positive or negative impact statement.
- 9.8. The Crime and Disorder Policy will be monitored by Clerk and subject to change in the light of new legal or local information.

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