

MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF MEETING: Full Parish Council Meeting
TIME: 19.30
DATE: Monday 11th March 2019
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 6
VACANCIES 1
QUORUM 3

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

MINUTES

252/18 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Chairman Elizabeth Stazicker and Parish Councillor Mark Brill.

253/18 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Parish Councillor Alan Catley declared a non-pecuniary interest in 270/18.

254/18 MEMBERS' REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Not applicable.

255/18 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

- a) Full Parish Council Meeting 11th February 2019.
Approved and signed by Vice Chairman Alan Catley.

256/18 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Councillor Lorna Dupre distributed her monthly report prior to the meeting. Lorna explained that there is a consultation for public transport and a date is being arranged for an event at Ely railway station. Lorna mentioned that the Local Highways Initiative bids are being put to the County Council's Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee on the 12th March and Mepal's application is one of the schemes being put forward for approval. Lorna's full report is available upon request.

District Councillor Mike Bradley distributed a report prior to the meeting. Mike briefly explained that discussions are being held with the Elean Business Park about security but the park has a mixture of highways-owned and privately-owned land which is causing some issues. Mike also talked about being a member of the Overview & Scrutiny committee who have added the Bus review to their work plan. Mike explained that we need bus services that work for our communities; so that people can get to work and Addenbrookes hospital. Mike would like to know what the people of Mepal want from their bus services. Mike's full report is available upon request.

District Councillor Anna Bailey explained in detail the latest news on the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan. At a Full Council meeting early March, the Council voted to withdraw from the Local plan process. The main reason was to protect the communities involved from arbitrary and unjustified additional housing numbers that they had not had a say in. The Council submitted a plan that was legally and procedurally correct, but the inspector requested modifications with no explanation or justification that the Council can not accept. More information can be found on the East Cambs website. Anna also mentioned papers for the proposed work on the A10 and A142 roundabouts were taken to Full Council meeting to be included in the District Council's infrastructure list and that the ECDC is restructuring after the elections in May to accommodate the reduction in Councillors from 39 to 28. Anna's full report is available upon request.

257/18 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked about the statistic reports available from the mobile speed camera in the village. Parish Councillor Alan Catley explained that he is working on converting the information produced by the machine via Bluetooth to a laptop to turn in into useful information for the Parish.

258/18 PLANNING

TO BE CONSIDERED:

19/00105/FUL - Wooden single garage with attached carport at Site West of Broadmead, Witcham Rd, Mepal.

It was discussed and agreed that there were no comments and the Clerk respond as such for the agreed extension for comment 12th March 2019.

19/00183/FUL - Proposed new dwelling and garage and associated infrastructure and landscaping at Site North-West of 11 Bridge Road, Mepal. It was mentioned that surface water drainage into the ditch was within the application. It was agreed that there were no comments and the Clerk respond as such for the agreed extension for comment 12th March 2019.

19/00197/VARM - To vary conditions of previously approved 14/00204/FUM for Erection of anaerobic digester plant with maize clamps, involving construction of a new access and formation of a surface water reservoir at land east of greys farm. (This is a duplicate application as part of the site crosses into East Cambs)(Part Retrospective). Site North West of Mepal Outdoor Centre Chatteris Road Mepal

It was discussed in detail along with the report submitted by the Chairman prior to the meeting. The main concerns raised were the impact on the A142; additional traffic and increase in mud due to removal of wheel washing. It was also mentioned that there is no smell from the plant currently and that perhaps with additional crops used this could potentially be a problem. It was agreed for the Clerk to comment in line with the discussion and the report from the Chairman for the agreed extension for comment 12th March 2019.

PLANNING UPDATES:

Section 73 planning application to develop land without complying with conditions 9 & 10 of planning permission F/2000/17/CW (Continuation and extension of mineral extraction and waste disposal & management activities granted 21 May 2018) to allow 80,000 cubic metres of clay to be extracted for unspecified engineering projects. Witcham, Meadlands Quarry, Block Fen Drove, Mepal, CB6 2AY
Approved subject to conditions. Noted.

ECDC LOCAL PLAN

At a Full Council meeting of ECDC on 21st February 2019, the emerging East Cambridgeshire Local Plan was withdrawn from its examination. The net effect of this resolution is that, for the foreseeable future, the adopted 2015 ECDC Local Plan remains the primary district-wide planning policy document for decision making in the district. Information and 2015 ECDC Local Plan map of Mepal distributed prior to meeting for information.
Noted by all.

259/18 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2019

The Clerk reminded all that the District and Parish Elections are taking place on 2 May 2019 and the deadline for her to take Parish Council nominations to the Council Offices is Tuesday 26th March 2019.

260/18 RECREATION FIELD

Parish Councillor Diana Bray explained that a contract with the employer was in place and that the Council are now waiting for a date in April for the work to commence.

261/18 PAVILION

The Clerk explained that the gas works are due to start week commencing 25th March and it is planned for some of the pavilion to be available for hire from May 2019.

262/18 MEPAL YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club provided the Parish Council with an update as agreed within the conditions of the grant provided to the club. The Parish Councillors were really pleased to hear that it is well attended and a wide range of activities are being planned each session.

The Clerk explained that she had received correspondence from the Mepal Village Hall Committee to to inform the council of some money from the former youth club being donated to the Village Hall for the use of the current Youth Club.

263/18 COMMUNITY LED PLAN

Parish Council Steve Green explained that the event held on 10th March 2019 was well attended and thanked Georgina King for her work. Steve explained that a separate meeting will now be arranged to start discussions on what the Parish Council needs to do in response to the results of the questionnaire.

264/18 BUSINESS PLAN

The final draft of the Mepal Parish Council Business Plan was approved for publication.

265/18 CCTV

The Parish Council explained it's concerns regarding CCTV in the village and the purpose and legitimate aim of the proposal from Mepal Neighbourhood Watch Group. It was agreed by all to meet with Parish Councillor Mark Brill who has more knowledge in this area and formally respond to the Mepal Neighbourhood Watch Group.

266/18 INNOVATE AND CULTIVATE FUND

Cambridgeshire County Council have announced new funding rounds for the fund to support initiatives that strengthen our communities and reduce pressure on County Council services. Deadlines; Cultivate 1st May 2019 and Innovate 1st August 2019. This was discussed and it was agreed to publicise the information to see if anyone from the Parish has any initiatives.

267/18 EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT GRANT SCHEME 2019

ECDC is seeking applications to the Community Transport Grant Scheme for 2019/20. Deadline for applications 30th April 2019. This was discussed and it was mentioned that a collaborative discussion with other Parishes might work with a suggestion of a bus service to the guided busway from the local villages to enable residents to get to Cambridge and Addenbrookes hospital easily. It was requested that the Clerk contact District Councillor Mike Bradley regarding this.

268/18 CAMPAIGN TO END LONELINESS _ BIG LUNCH/GREAT GET TOGETHER JUNE 2019

The information received about this nationwide event was discussed and the Parish Council were keen to be part of an event in June but time constraints were raised. It was suggested that something could be arrange for 2020 as part of the event.

269/18 MEPAL PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Clerk explained that the event has been booked for Saturday 13th April 11.30am following the Mepal Village Hall Big Breakfast. It will involve presenting the financial results for 2018/19, presenting the Annual Report and Business Plan.

270/18 MEPAL PEOPLE EDITOR

The vacant post of Editor and Assistant from the 1st April (June/July edition) was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk advertise the vacancy on the website, Facebook and the next edition of the publication and that the Parish Council will re-evaluate the situation at the next meeting.

271/18 FINANCE

a) BUDGET FOR 2019/20

- The draft budget for 2019/20 was discussed, small amendments made for final approval at the next meeting.

b) PAYMENTS made since last meeting:

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| • David J Richards – Mepal People Feb/Mar 2019 | £111.24 BACS |
| • Truelink Ltd – Grass Cutting Jan 2019 | £308.40 BACS |
| • Staff Expenses – Jan and Feb 19 | £229.49 BACS |
| • Came and Company – Parish Insurance | £1,444.78 BACS |
| • HMRC – Tax and NI Liabilities Feb 19 | £63.40 BACS |
| • Staff Wages – Feb 2019 | £933.38 BACS |
| • Staff Expenses – Feb 19 | £65.50 BACS |
| • Mrs G King – CLP Expenses | £136.14 BACS |
| • David J Richards – Printing of CLP report | £109.64 BACS |
| • Safe Custody Fees | £15.00 SO |

- c) **DIRECT DEBITS paid:**
- Opus Energy – Gas at Pavilion 19.12.18-18.1.19 £4.56 DD (3.2.19)
 - E.on – Street Lighting Jan 2019 £30.71 DD (11.1.19)
 - Tesco Mobile – Clerk Phone £7.50 DD (15.2.19)
 - Opus Energy – Gas at Pavilion 19.1.19-17.2.19 £64.38 DD (3.3.19)
- d) **PAYMENTS to be made:**
- Wave – Water at recreation field (allotments) 7/11-6/2 £20.22 DD (15.3.19)
 - Wave – Water at Pavilion 7/11-6/2 £45.67 DD (15.3.19)
 - Tesco Mobile – Clerk Phone £7.50 DD (15.3.19)
- e) **INCOME received:**
- Mepal People Adverts £80.00 VARIOUS
- f) **QUOTES to discuss:**
- Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance for 2019. This was approved in principle but request that the Clerk contact the contractor regarding the changes required to work around the work at the recreation field.

272/18 OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND UPDATES

- a) Highways – A142 sign for Mepal Village. Due to be fitted May 2019.
- b) Highways – LHI 2018/19 Application. Waiting to hear if successful.
- c) Complaint against a Parish Councillor – after further consideration and speaking to the Monitoring Officer, individual has decided not to take matter further.

273/18 DIARY DATES

- To note that the next Full Council Meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 8th April at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.
- To note that the Parish Annual Assembly will be Saturday 13th April at 11.30am at the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 21:10.

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Emma Harris, Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

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Elizabeth Stazicker, Chairman