

# MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

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**NOTICE OF MEETING:** Annual Parish Assembly  
**TIME:** 11.30am – 1.00pm – after the Village Hall Big Breakfast  
**DATE:** Saturday 13th April 2019  
**VENUE:** Mepal Village Hall, School Lane, Mepal

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## MINUTES

The Annual Parish Assembly was attended by Mepal Parish Council Chairman Elizabeth Stazicker, Parish Councillor Diana Bray, District Councillor Anna Bailey, County Councillor Lorna Dupre along with 5 members of the public.

The Mepal Parish Council Annual Report 18/19 and Mepal Parish Council Business Plan 19/20 was distributed to all.

- 01 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.  
Parish Councillors Alan Catley, Steve Green, Mark Brill, Brian Rollason and District Councillor Mike Bradley.
- 02 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF:  
a) 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Annual Parish Assembly  
It was agreed that the minutes were a true representation of the previous Annual Assembly. The minutes were signed by Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker, Chairman.
- 03 TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018/19  
The Chairman thanked everyone for coming along to the Annual Assembly. The Chairman thanked the District and County Councillors for their support throughout the year.  
The Chairman said that a highlight of the year is the success of the newly revived Youth Club and the Parish Council are very pleased to support and are very grateful to the two volunteers who set this up. The Parish Council have also been able to promise financial support to the Mepal and Witcham Pre-School for the next academic year. The Chairman thanked Emma Harris the Clerk for keeping up a good relationship with the external professionals. The extension to the one-way system has now been moved, the speed camera has been in place for nearly a year and the Parish Council have received confirmation that the Local Highways have approved the new application for 19/20 to put more speed reductions in place. The Chairman hoped that residents are happy with the improvements on the A142. The Chairman thanked Lorna for her pressing work on the A142 bridge. The Chairman thanked Anna for fighting the foul water flooding with Anglian Water. The Chairman thanked Diana for her work getting expert advice and working with major stake holders to arrange the work on the drainage lines at the recreation field. The Chairman thanked Emma and Alan for working hard on the revamp at the Community Pavilion. Small improvements to the Play Area have been made. The Chairman explained that Mepal has increased in size this year; the boundary has changed to include 3 areas within Mepal. The Chairman announced that 5 Parish Council members have been returned unopposed and thanked them all for being willing to stand again. The Chairman thanked the Parish Council handyman Simon for his work around the village and Emma for the work she has done this year.  
The Chairman explained that she has been on the Council for 16 years but has decided to not stand again and that it is a rewarding role and hopes that the 2 vacancies will be filled soon. The Chairman said that it is important to keep Mepal a lovely village, Mepal has to stay sustainable, retain the shop, school, preschool, pub and attract people to the village. Mepal needs to take advantage of changes to come with the Langwood and Blockfen developments and be aware of the spread of building works towards our village and continue to put pressure on road improvement and infrastructure.  
The Chairman thanked everyone for listening.

The Chairman read an annual report from the Mepal and Witcham Primary School Governors.

- 04 TO RECEIVE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2018/19  
The Clerk gave a presentation on the financial results for 2018/19. Income for the year was £49.4k and Expenditure was £45.5k. The differences in budget versus actual were explained. The Clerk showed the budget income and expenditure for 2019/20 and how the Parish Council propose to spend the reserves.
- 05 QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR FOR MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL.  
The Chairman received a comment that the one-way system move seems to have helped and a resident commented that he has only seen 3 vehicles go up the street in the wrong direction.  
A member of the public requested that a dog bin be put up near the river and if builders' vans could be asked not to park on the bend of School Lane. The Clerk agreed to take these comments forward.
- 06 TO RECEIVE EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2018/19  
District Councillor Anna Bailey reported on the work of the District Council for 2018/19. There were some questions from the floor which were answered at the meeting. Anna thanked Elizabeth for her work.
- 07 TO RECEIVE CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2018/19  
County Councillor Lorna Dupre reported on the work of the County Council for 2018/19. There were some questions from the floor which were answered at the meeting. Lorna thanked Elizabeth and presented her with a gift.
- 08 QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR FOR DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS  
Questions were taken after each Councillor presented their reports.
- 09 PRESENTATION TO MRS ELIZABETH STAZICKER  
Parish Councillor Diana Bray gave a presentation to Elizabeth Stazicker. Elizabeth joined the Mepal Parish Council in May 2003, 16 years ago, 12 years as Chairman. Diana reminded Elizabeth of some of the initiatives that she has been involved and said she is greatly admired and enormously respected by the professionals by whom she deals with on behalf of the Parish Council.  
Diana presented Elizabeth with a thank you gift.

Meeting closed at 13:38.

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13<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Emma Harris  
Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer  
Mepal Parish Council

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13<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Brian Rollason  
Chairman  
Approved as a true representation of the meeting