

MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF MEETING: Full Parish Council Meeting
TIME: 19.30
DATE: Monday 8th October 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

171/18 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Chairman Elizabeth Stazicker, Parish Councillor Mark Brill, Parish Councillor Steve Green and District Councillor Anna Bailey.

172/18 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

173/18 MEMBERS' REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

174/18 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

- a) Full Parish Council Meeting 10th September 2018
Approved and Signed by Vice Chairman, Alan Catley

175/18 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District Councillor Mike Bradley gave an update. Mike previously reported the dog bin near the cemetery which he had noticed has still not been sorted so will chase that up. The Ely bypass is due to open later this month. Mike received a question about fly tipping and the rules at the Witchford Recycling Centre restricting trailers and businesses. A lengthy discussion was had about the restrictions at the recycling centre causing more people to fly tip.

County Councillor Lorna Dupre distributed her October report prior to the meeting and gave an update. The Cambridge County Council's current overspend for the year is now predicted to be £6.1M – requiring the council to reduce spending by a further £33M next year. Lorna has arranged a meeting with Stagecoach to discuss the recent reductions in bus services to Mepal and surrounding villages. Lorna mentioned that ESACT are considering stopping the half price ticket cost for over 60's. Lorna also mentioned that Witcham Parish Council have discussed opening up the footpath on the road between Witcham and Mepal and have contacted Mepal Parish Council about this. It is thought that the cost would be in the region of £1M. Lorna's full report is available upon request.

176/18 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions from the public.

177/18 PLANNING

TO BE CONSIDERED:

18/00679/FUL - Proposed new dwelling and associated infrastructure and landscaping, Site East of Grove House, Bridge Road, Mepal. Amendment involves reduction in the size and scale of the proposal. Plans were discussed and no comments were received. The Clerk will respond as such for the agreed extension for comment 9th October 2018.

18/01193/FUL - The demolition of an existing detached garage and the erection of a three-bedroom dwelling with detached double garage and store room, Land to rear of 4 Bridge Road, Mepal. Plans were looked at in detail and discussed and no comments were received. The Clerk will respond as such for the deadline 15th October 2018.

E/3004/18/CM - Construction of additional irrigation reservoir by the extraction and export of sand and gravel using existing silt settlement ponds, processing plant, weighbridge, office buildings and access onto the A141 Chatteris Road between the Mepal Outdoor Centre and Hiam's Bridge at Mepal Reservoir, Land off Blaby's Drove, Sutton Gault, Ely, Cambs, CB6 2BE. It was agreed that the main concerns of this application are: 1). The traffic impact on the A142 particularly Ely-bound traffic. 2). Ensuring no mud on the road and that a way to do that may be to tarmac as much road inside the site prior to the A142. 3). Access onto the A142 is as safe as possible. 4). Limitation of any noisy working including lorry movements to acceptable hours. 5). Preservation of any significant archaeology in line with response from CCC archaeology unit. The Clerk will respond for the agreed extension for comment 9th October 2018.

18/02011/CCA - Variation of conditions (Clay Extraction Limit) and 10 (Clay Export Limits) of planning permission F/2000/17/CW for Continuation of permitted operations within the existing Witcham Meadlands site for a further 25 years including processing of stable non-relative hazardous waste, soil washing and mineral processing, along with the relocation of existing permitted operations including the operation of a ready mix concrete plant, lorry parking and skip storage, biomediation, aggregate storage, clay extraction and an extension to the stable non-reactive hazardous waste cell. The application also seeks to permit the following newly proposed operations; tyre recycling and shredding, plasterboard recycling, green waste composting, installation of a bagging plant, liquid treatment and the erection of three new buildings. Land At Witcham Meadlands Block Fen Drove Chatteris. It was agreed that the application looks the same as the one discussed at the previous meeting for which Mepal Parish Council responded in detail to the Cambridgeshire County Council. This application mentions continuing operations for a further 25 years which was not mentioned previously. It was requested that the Clerk contact both planning teams to enquire why they are slightly different.

PLANNING UPDATES:

18/00909/OUT - Outline application for 4 no. dwellings and garages at land east of New Bedford river, Bridge Road, Mepal. Approved subject to conditions.

18/00903/VAR - Variations of conditions 1 (Approved plans) of previously approved 17/00839/OUT for Erection of three bungalows, garages and accesses at Land opposite 11 Bridge Road, Mepal. Approved subject to conditions.

18/00768/FUL - Construction of 2 detached bungalows on former allotments at Site South of 20 Brangehill Lane, Mepal. Approved with conditions.

178/18 JOINT MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN - SUBMITTED SITES

It was agreed to look at this plan in more detail and to arrange a meeting within the next week or two to agree comments for the deadline of 31st October 2018.

179/18 DRAFT CAMBRIDGESHIRE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Draft document was discussed and no comments were received. The Clerk will respond for consultation period 1st October to 12th November 2018

180/18 COMMUNITY GRITTING VOLUNTEERS WINTER 2018-19

The Parish Council discussed the scheme and concerns were raised on the insurance and liability issues. It was requested that the Clerk contact the Highways Team to request more information.

181/18 INSURANCE RENEWAL

It was noted that the 3rd year renewal of a 3-year contract with the current insurance company from the 1st October 2018 has been renewed automatically. Concerns raised on the unoccupied clause of the policy and it was requested that the Clerk contact the insurance company for more details.

182/18 RECREATION FIELD

Parish Councillor Diana Bray was unable to provide any update at the meeting and is still to meet with Parish Councillor Mark Brill as agreed at the previous meeting.

It was requested that the Clerk contact the Verti-draining contractor to find out if it is due to be done.

183/18 PAVILION

- a) Pavilion Hire Agreement was approved.
- b) It was agreed to set an introductory price of £5 per hour subject to change.
- c) It was agreed to advertise on the website, Facebook, Mepal People, Fenscene, Halls for Hire and noticeboards.

184/18 PLAY AREA

The Clerk is arranging a date for the agreed work to commence.

185/18 COMMUNITY LED-PLAN

The secretary of the Community Led Plan updated to say that all questionnaires are out with residents and due to be collected next week.

186/18 MEPAL AND WITCHAM PRESCHOOL

A letter received from the Chairman of the Mepal and Witcham Pre-School Committee was distributed prior to the meeting. The letter explains the financial difficulty the Pre-School is currently in and asks for financial assistance or suggested routes to explore for assistance.

The Parish Council agreed that they want to be able to support the Pre-School as they feel it is a very important service in the village. They are concerned about the financials and feel that it would require an ongoing injection of funds. The Parish Council suggested that an independent review of the efficiency of the financial and staff management would be a good idea and that may find ways to improve and extend provision.

The Parish Council agreed that it could support the Pre-School by writing on behalf of the Pre-School to local companies that the Parish Council deals with asking them for financial support.

It was also suggested that the Pre-School contact the local publication 'Fenscene' for them to do an article about the Pre-School and others in the area that are in a similar situation so that people are aware that it is a current issue.

It was requested that the Clerk contact the Chairman to thank her for the letter and explain what was discussed and agreed.

187/18 MEPAL VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2018

It was agreed that it would be good to have a Parish Council team represented at the quiz night and 4 members should be able to attend.

188/18 HIGHWAYS

1. **ONE-WAY SYSTEM MOVE** - completed in September 2018
2. **A142 Mepal Junction A142** - TTRO application received for 14/11-28/11 8pm-6am with diversions

189/18 RECYCLING BRING BACK REMOVAL

The removal of the 3 recycle bins (plastic bottles, paper bank and glass bottles) by ECDC w/c 15th October 2018 was discussed. The financial implications of Mepal Parish Council funding their own bins and collection was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council will not commit immediately and re-consider once the Community Led Plan results have come in and the impact of the bins being removed has been assessed.

190/18 FINANCE

- a) **2018-19 Half Year Budget v's Actual (Q2)**
 - Report and bank reconciliation approved.
- b) **2017-18 External Audit Report and Certificate**
 - Report and certificate received from PKF Littlejohn LLP noted.

c) PAYMENTS made since last meeting:

• Mrs K Simpson – Youth Club trial expenses	£61.49	BACS
• Staff Expenses – September 2018	£81.66	BACS
• Mr L Shepherd – Neighbourhood Watch expenses 18/19	£99.21	BACS
• ECDC NNDR – Pavilion September 2018	£239.00	BACS
• Eibe Play Ltd – Replacement cable swing seat	£199.14	BACS
• Michael Murray Signs Ltd – No parking signs for village hall	£48.00	BACS
• Truelink Ltd – Grass Cutting August 2018	£398.22	BACS
• PKF Littlejohn LLP – External Audit 2017/18 Accounts	£240.00	BACS
• Staff Wages – September 2018	£820.46	BACS
• HMRC – September 2018 Tax and NI liabilities	£35.20	BACS
• Cambridge ACRE – Payroll charges July to Sep 2018	£57.60	BACS
• ECDC NNDR – Pavilion October 2018	£239.00	BACS

d) DIRECT DEBITS paid:

• E.on – Street Lighting August 2018	£28.35	DD (11/9/18)
• Opus Gas – gas supply at pavilion 19/8/18- 17/9/18	£4.41	DD (3/10/18)

e) PAYMENTS to be made:

• David Frear Plumbing and Heating – Call out to pavilion	£54.00	(10/10/18)
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f) INCOME received:

• HMRC – VAT reimbursement Q1 2018-19	£183.19	BACS
• ECDC – Precept 2018/19 2 nd Instalment	£16,212.50	BACS
• Mepal People Adverts	£40.00	BACS

g) QUOTES to discuss: None

191/18 ACTIONS completed and outstanding (report for information)

- a) Business Plan – Waiting for an update from Cambridge ACRE
- b) Status of Brick Lane – No update available due to absence of Chairman

192/18 DIARY DATES

- To note that the next Full Council Meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 21:19

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Emma Harris, Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

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Elizabeth Stazicker, Chairman