

MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Karen Peck, email: clerk@mepalparish.org tel 01353 741066
Chairman: Mrs Lorna Williams

NOTICE OF MEETING: Mepal Parish Council - Full Council
TIME: 18.30
DATE: 27th June 2024
VENUE: Mepal Community Pavilion

MEMBERS 6
VACANCIES 1
QUORUM 3

In attendance: Councillor Williams – Chairman (LW), Billimore (DB) and Bradney (TB)

MINUTES

270624/1 CHAIRMANS WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their time.

270624/2 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Sculthorpe - illness
Councillor Hickman – prior commitments
Councillor Knightley – work commitments
Apologies were accepted.

270624/3 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

270624/4 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Both District and County Council reports had been added to the Parish Council website.

270624/5 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF: 23rd May 2024

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting minutes of 30th May 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Motion carried.

Proposed LW Seconded DB

270624/6 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15 minutes)

At the close of this item, members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

270624/7 COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a) Update on Mepal Neighbourhood Plan
The Parish Council were delighted with the positive response to Mepal Neighbourhood Plan and its overwhelming result. This will now be taken to East Cambridgeshire District Council (Full Council Meeting) on 25th July 2024 where it will formally be made part of the development plan.
- b) To discuss Annual Play Area Inspection Report
The Council discussed the annual inspection. The action list was approved, and it was noted that the basket swing has now been taken out of use and reached the end of life. The Council are sourcing quotations for a replacement, a swing set and the resurfacing of the basketball area and new hoop. They hope to source a grant to implement the equipment and refurbishment.

- c) To note that Sutton and Mepal Football Club have signed the Memorandum of Understanding for 2024-25 Season
It was noted that Sutton and Mepal Football Club had signed the Memorandum of Understanding for the 2024-25 Season.
- d) To thank the donor of the Sparrow Terrace Box which is to be installed at the Pavilion
The Parish Council wished to pass of their thanks to the donor for the Sparrow Terrace Box.
- e) To thank Mepal Wildlife Group for their continued support with the Parish Nature Recovery Plan and congratulate them for receiving the "Wildlife Gardening Award" from Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants for the recent Wildlife Hedge on the recreation field.
The Parish Council wished to send their thanks to the Mepal Wildlife Group for all their hard work over the past 6 months. The Parish Council are delighted to have their support and knowledge.
- f) To note Parish Councils acceptance to honour informal verbal agreement of bench maintenance (on the green near the village sign) from 2012.
The above was noted.
- g) To advise that Mepal Post Office is open temporarily in the Village Hall on the following days:
Monday 9am-1pm
Tuesday 9am-1pm
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 9am-1pm
Friday 9am-1pm

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PLANNING

24/00221/FUL The Acorns, 14a Bridge Road, Mepal

Change of use on part land to residential curtilage, retrospective garage, proposed annexe.

The Parish Council has no objection to the application.

Proposed LW Seconded TB

TO DISCUSS

None

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FINANCE

1. To approve payments and Bank Reconciliation up to 31st May 2024

- a) Online Payments (as of 25th June 2024):
- b) SLCC

HMRC, Wages, Expenses	£9.17
Red Shoes Accounting - payroll	£3255.20
	£63.00
- c) Direct Debits Made (as of 18.6.24):

EE - internet and phone	£57.50
National broadband - Pavilion	£42.00
Lloyds Charge Card - materials & Supplies and fuel	£186.84
- d) Income (as of 18.6.24)

VAT Refund	£1336.06
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All payments, Income and bank reconciliations were **APPROVED**.

Proposed LW Seconded DB

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CORRESPONDENCE (INFO ONLY)

Parishioner - biodiversity/grass cutting support x 7

Parishioner - War Memorial

Parishioner - Bench

Parishioner - Mepal Pantry

Parishioner - public right of way and access gates

Parishioner - village groups

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DIARY DATES - 25th July 2024 at 6.30pm Mepal Pavilion

Meeting closed at 19.10

...K. Peck.....
Karen Peck
 Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
 Mepal Parish Council
 25.07.2024

L. B Williams.....
L Williams
 Chairman
 Mepal Parish Council