

# MEPPERSHALL VILLAGE FORUM

## #LOVEMEPPERSHALL

### Questionnaire 1 – Communication

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#### Overall impressions on communication in Meppershall

4. Which one word do you think best describes current community communication in Meppershall?

5. Generally, do you want to keep up to date with news about Meppershall?

- ☐ I want to be informed and I know how to do so.
- ☐ I want to keep up to date but I don't receive enough information.
- ☐ I am not interested in keeping up to date with news about Meppershall.

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6. How aware are you of all events, groups and organisations in Meppershall that might interest you?

- ☐ Fully aware
- ☐ Somewhat aware
- ☐ Vaguely aware
- ☐ Not aware at all

7. For you, who or what is the single most important source of information about Meppershall (e.g. person, publication, website, group, social media...)?

8. What would be the most effective way for individuals and organisations in Meppershall to communicate with you?

9. How could your preferred communication method (as indicated in question 8) be improved in Meppershall?

### What makes good or poor communication

10. Can you think of a Meppershall topic, event, or group which was communicated well?

11. What made its communication good?

12. Can you think of a Meppershall topic, event or group which was communicated poorly?

13. What made its communication poor?

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#### Communication methods - Press (printed and online)

14. Which of the following press do you use to get informed about Meppershall matters? Tick all that applies.

	Printed	Online
Messenger magazine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mercury	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biggleswade Chronicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

15. Thinking specifically about the Messenger, what type of information do you read in the magazine?

	Always	Often	Occasionally	Never
Editorial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Readers' letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Updates from local groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church news	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School news	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stories and narratives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recipes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. In the past 12 months, have you contacted any local service which you found in the Messenger directory?

- ☐ Often  
☐ Occasionally  
☐ Never

17. In your own words, what do you like about the Messenger?

18. What changes or improvements would make the Messenger more appealing to you?

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#### Communication methods - Emails and websites

19. Do you use a personal email address?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

20. If yes, would you like to receive Meppershall community communication by email?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

21. Which of the following websites do you use to research matters relating to Meppershall?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know it existed
Village website - meppershall.org	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village Hall website - meppershallvillagehall.co.uk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School website - meppershall.beds.sch.uk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church website - stmarysmeppershall.org.uk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central Beds website - centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local businesses websites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

22. The last time you looked up a Meppershall-related topic online, what was it?

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#### Communication methods - Social media

23. Do you use social media?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know it existed
Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other, please specify

24. Do you use the following social media feeds to keep informed about Meppershall?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know it existed
Village Forum Facebook group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fireworks and Summer Fair Facebook group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good Neighbours Facebook page	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village Forum Twitter feed (@mepvilforum)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social media feeds from local businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social media feeds from local friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Meppershall-related social media feeds, please specify

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#### Other communication methods

25. Do you consult the following information displays and notice boards?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know it existed
Official public notice boards (front of village hall and Taylors Close)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bakery small ads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stores / PO small ads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School windows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church notice board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village Hall notice board (front corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Club notice board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26. Which of the following subgroups helps you keep informed by word of mouth?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know it existed
Dog walkers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School gates / school run / preschool / 'Meppershall Mum drum'	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shop and bakery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neighbours and village friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your other local networks (please specify)

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27. What type of community information are you interested in receiving? Tick all that applies.

- ☐ Updates on village schemes and projects
- ☐ Retail, goods and services available
- ☐ Public notices
- ☐ Parish Council meetings agenda, calling notices and minutes
- ☐ Police reports
- ☐ Community events
- ☐ Employment / volunteering opportunities

28. What one thing do you think a village website should contain?

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#### Overall impressions on community and engagement in Meppershall

4. What does 'community' mean to you?

5. Which one word do you think best describes your engagement in the Meppershall community?

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6. Which statement best describes your level of involvement in the community?

- ☐ I want to be more involved.
- ☐ I am involved to a level that works for me.
- ☐ I want to be less involved.
- ☐ I do not want to be involved at all.

7. How often did you participate in village events or activities in the past 12 months?

- ☐ I participated in village events or activities at least once a week.
- ☐ I participated in village events or activities at least once a month.
- ☐ I participated in village events or activities once or twice a year.
- ☐ I did not participate in any village event or activity.

8. Which of the following statements describe your involvement in the community over the past 12 months? Tick all that apply.

- ☐ I am a user and beneficiary (for example, I attend events organised by others)
- ☐ I am a contributor (for example, I volunteer and help with community tasks)
- ☐ I am an organiser (for example, I lead and organise existing village activities)
- ☐ I am a creator (for example, I create new groups and events)

9. Over the past 12 months, if you were not involved in the community as much as you would have liked, please indicate why. Tick all that apply.

- ☐ New resident.
- ☐ Health or mobility issues.
- ☐ I did not know which events or activities were on.
- ☐ No existing event or activity interest me.
- ☐ I tried but I did not feel welcome.
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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#### Sharing information with the village community

10. Over the past 12 months, what type of community information have you provided to the village?

11. Over the past 12 months, by which means have you communicated community information to the village?

	Often	Occasionally	Never
Articles, letters or adverts in the Messenger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small ads at the bakery or the stores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meppershall social media feeds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information to the Parish Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

#### Having your say on community matters

12. Over the past 12 months, when participating in a group discussion about community matters, did you feel that you could express your view freely?

- ☐ Always
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never
- ☐ I did not participate in a group discussion about community matters in the past 12 months

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13. If, at any point in the past 12 months, you felt unable to express your view freely, please indicate what your concerns were.

14. Over the past 12 months, when giving your opinion about community matters, did you feel that your contribution would be taken into account?

- ☐ Always
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never
- ☐ I did not give my opinion about community matters in the past 12 months

15. If, at any point in the past 12 months, you felt that your contribution would not be taken into account, please indicate what your concerns were.

16. Rank the following methods of community participation in your order of preference, from 1-most liked, to 5-least liked:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Community forums, ie. public meeting with public discussion.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public information meeting followed by the opportunity to share your views anonymously.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Small working groups, workshops, or focus group.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Posting your views on a website, blog or social media, as a named contributor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Anonymous surveys.

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#### Getting involved in local government

17. Thinking of your interaction with the Meppershall Parish Council, do you currently

	Yes	No
Receive information from PC about community matters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Get asked your views by PC about community matters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in PC's decision-making on community matters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help formulate solutions on community matters with PC?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver services to the community on behalf of PC (voluntary or paid)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. What level of interaction with the Meppershall Parish Council would you like to have?

	Yes	No
Receive information from PC about community matters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Get asked your views by PC about community matters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Deliver services to the community on behalf of PC (voluntary or paid)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. Thinking of your interaction with the Central Bedfordshire Council, do you currently

	Yes	No
Receive information from CBC about community matters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Get asked your views by CBC about community matters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in CBC 's decision-making on community matters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help formulate solutions on community matters with CBC?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver services to the community on behalf of CBC (voluntary or paid)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Yes	No
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Help formulate solutions on community matters with CBC?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver services to the community on behalf of CBC (voluntary or paid)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**And finally...**

21. Is there any aspect of community & engagement in Meppershall which has not been addressed in this survey?

This will assist the Forum team in formulating the next questionnaires.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM THE FORUM TEAM**



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Thank you for participating in the third part of the community survey.  
Your views are important.

### This is Questionnaire 3 – Social and Recreation To be completed by 29 February 2016

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## Overall impressions on social spaces

4. In your view, how does the existence of the following entities impact the social life of villages in general (not just Meppershall)?

	Essential to village life	Makes a village better	Doesn't affect it	Makes a village worse	Contrary to village life
Coffee shop/tea room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community open spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hotel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Places of worship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restaurant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indoor sports facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor sports facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indoor play areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor play areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Licenced premises

5. How often have you visited the following licenced premises in the past 12 months?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
Airman Hotel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meppershall Social Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sugar Loaf Pub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Thinking specifically of the Airman Hotel, which of its facilities have you used in the past 12 months?

7. Thinking specifically of the Sugar Loaf Pub, which activities have you attended there over the past 12 months?

8. Thinking specifically of the Social Club, which activities have you attended there over the past 12 months?

9. What one improvement would make you increase your patronage to:

Airman Hotel?

Meppershall Social Club?

Sugar Loaf Pub?

## Coffee shop / tea room

10. The Forum respondents at the 2015 Summer Fair showed interest in having a tea room or coffee shop in the village. If there were one, would you utilise it:

- ☐ Often?
- ☐ Occasionally?
- ☐ Never?

## Village Hall

11. How often have you attended (or brought children under 10 to) the following activities at the Village Hall in the past 12 months?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
Brownies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep Fit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kickboxing classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meppershall Players	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parish Council meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preschool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village Hall committee meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private hire (individual or group)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. If you have ever hired the Village Hall, for what type of event(s)?

13. What aspect of the Village Hall facilities do you value most?

14. What one improvement would you like to see in a new Village Hall?

## Places of worship

15. How important is your faith or belief system to your sense of social connection?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Not applicable

16. How often do you attend a place of worship?

	Often	Occasionally	Never
Meppershall St Mary's church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other places of worship (all faiths, all denominations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you attend other places of worship, please specify:

17. How often do you attend the following events at St Mary's church?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
Baptisms, weddings, funerals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christmas services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easter services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pet service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sparks holiday club (please answer for your children under 10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Aside of any faith aspect, do you consider St Mary's church an important historical building?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

19. What would make St Mary's church more appealing to you?

## Outdoor community facilities

20. How often do you use the following outdoor community facilities?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Benches throughout the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community orchard in Old Road Meadow nature reserve				
Picnic tables in Old Road Meadow nature reserve				
Play equipment in Foster's Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports arena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toddler play equipment in Foster's Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toddler play equipment in Gregory Close	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foster's Field Park (open space, not specific equipment)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Old Road Meadow nature reserve (open space, not specific elements)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. Which additional outdoor community equipment would you use if it were available in the village?

Note that the use of open spaces in Meppershall will be reviewed further in a later survey regarding our Countryside and Environment.

## Recreational activities

22. How often do you attend the following village events?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
Academy (school) events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dance and Music Festival	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Performances by Meppershall Players	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preschool events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Club events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summer Fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Winter Fair and Fireworks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

23. Which groups or clubs based in Meppershall do you attend at least once a year?

24. Which other groups, clubs or events would you attend in Meppershall, if they were available?

## Making improvements happen

25. By this point in the survey, you may have identified many improvements to social and recreational aspects, which you wish to see in Meppershall.

Would you be prepared to help make these changes happen by:

	Yes	No
Volunteering to run a new event (with support, if necessary)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteering to run a new club or group (with support, if necessary)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Making your home, garden, land or buildings available to host a new group or club?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paying an increased Council Tax to fund new equipment or facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donating to the Village Hall (which is a charity) to fund new equipment or facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paying businesses to run events or clubs for the community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26. In your own words, what is the right balance in providing adequate social facilities and activities versus the village becoming a small town?

27. And finally, is it important to make Meppershall social activities and recreational facilities attractive to non-residents and visitors?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

Thank you for completing this survey.

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# MEPPERSHALL VILLAGE FORUM

## #LOVEMEPPERSHALL

Thank you for participating in the fourth part of the community survey.  
Your views are important.

### This is Questionnaire 4 – Countryside and Environment To be completed by 31 March 2016

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- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70 and over

2. Please indicate your gender:

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

3. How long have you lived in Meppershall?

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11-20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

### Overall views about the Meppershall countryside

4. How important to you is living in the countryside?

- ☐ Essential to my lifestyle
- ☐ Makes my life better
- ☐ Doesn't affect my life either way
- ☐ Makes my life worse
- ☐ Contrary to my lifestyle

5. Which aspects of the Meppershall countryside are most important to you?

6. What one improvement would make the countryside in and around Meppershall better for you?

7. Taking into account all your activities (including work, school, leisure...), where do you spend most of your time?

- ☐ Mostly in towns and cities
- ☐ More than half my time in towns and cities
- ☐ More than half my time in rural areas and the countryside
- ☐ Mostly in rural areas and the countryside

## Accessing the countryside in and around Meppershall

8. How familiar are you with the Countryside Code?

- ☐ Very familiar
- ☐ Moderately familiar
- ☐ Not familiar at all
- ☐ Didn't know existed

9. Do you know where the public footpaths and bridleways are in the village?

- ☐ Yes, all of them
- ☐ Yes, some of them
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not interested

10. Can you differentiate between the following paths?

	Yes	No
John Bunyan Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jubilee Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parish council footpaths and bridleways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right of way through private land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permissive paths on private land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. How often do you use any of these paths?

- ☐ Often
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Never

12. Is the condition of the paths satisfactory?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

13. Is the signage of the paths satisfactory?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

14. What one improvement would make the public paths better for you?

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## Outdoors assets

Answers to this section will be reviewed in conjunction with the findings about outdoor community facilities from Questionnaire 3 - Social and Recreation.

15. Were you aware that the Parish Council owns allotments that you can rent?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

16. If applicable, what one improvement would make the allotments better for you?

17. There are various floral displays around the village. Do you think that:

- ☐ The village requires more floral displays?
- ☐ The number of floral displays in the village is adequate?
- ☐ The village requires fewer floral displays?
- ☐ No opinion

18. Do you think that the floral displays are:

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Very poor
- ☐ No opinion

19. Is there anywhere in the village that you would like to see more public benches?

## Heritage, conservation and history

20. Which buildings do you think form part of the history and heritage of Meppershall and are worthy of conservation?

21. If any of the 15 Listed buildings in Meppershall held open days, would you attend?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

22. A conservation area is defined as 'an area of special architectural or historic interest protected by Central Beds Council'. Currently none is defined in Meppershall.  
List any area in the village which you think should be turned into a conservation area.

## Rubbish and litter

23. How satisfied are you with the Central Beds Council rubbish collection?

- ☐ Very satisfied  
☐ Mostly satisfied  
☐ Mostly dissatisfied  
☐ Very dissatisfied

24. What one improvement would make the Central Beds Council rubbish collection better for you?

25. Which of the following local household waste disposal facilities do you use?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
Amphill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bedford	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biggleswade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letchworth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):				

26. Which of the following types of recycling points do you use (whether in Meppershall or elsewhere)?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
Christmas tree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Metal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

27. In your opinion, is litter an issue in the village?

	Yes	No
General litter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog fouling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

28. If you answered 'yes' to any issue in Q27, do you think the following changes would help solve your concerns?

	Yes	No
Have more general litter bins around the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have more dog litter bins around the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educate people: littering is illegal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enforce fixed penalties for littering and dog control offenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you indicated that more bins were required, please indicate where.

29. Have you ever contacted Central Beds Council's dog warden to report dog fouling?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Didn't know existed

If you answered 'yes', please indicate what the outcome was.

## Pollution and environmental emergencies

30. Are the following pollutions and environmental issues a concern in Meppershall?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Water quality (rivers and brooks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water quality (domestic supply)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noise pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fly-tipping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flooding during severe weather	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overflowing of sewers and foul drains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

31. If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, please indicate your concerns below (what the problem is, where and how often)

## Getting involved with our countryside and environment

32. Would you support the following village-wide countryside initiatives?

	Yes	No
Joining the existing Gardening Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participating if Meppershall entered the RHS 'Britain in Bloom' competition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joining the existing Second Sunday Stroll walking group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creating or joining a running club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creating or joining a litter-picking group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creating or joining a P3 group (P3 is a scheme to help improve access to the local countryside and green spaces. It is sponsored by Central Beds Council and carried out by volunteers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

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# MEPPERSHALL VILLAGE FORUM

## #LOVEMEPPERSHALL

Thank you for participating in the fifth part of the community survey.  
Your views are important.

### This is Questionnaire 5 – Highways and Transport To be completed by 30 April 2016

The Forum was set up by the Parish Council in December 2014 to produce the 2015-2025 Village Plan, a strategic document defining a ten-year vision for Meppershall. This will be based on inputs from residents and other stakeholders. It will highlight the strengths of the village, and the services and facilities already available. It will also identify aspirations, causes for concern and areas for improvement.

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- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70 and over

2. Please indicate your gender:

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

3. How long have you lived in Meppershall?

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11-20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

## Overall impressions on highways and transport

4. Generally, how satisfied are you with the standard of the following in Meppershall?

	Mostly satisfied	Mostly dissatisfied
Road surfaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pavements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. In your view, which is the single most concerning traffic-related issue in Meppershall?

6. Generally, how satisfied are you with the standard of the following transport methods?

	Mostly satisfied	Mostly dissatisfied	No opinion
Bus services between Meppershall and nearby towns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Train services from nearby railway stations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local taxi services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car sharing schemes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local cycling provision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Highways

7. Have you ever contacted Central Beds Council to report any of the following highways issues?

	Yes	No	Didn't know I could report this
Potholes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Faulty street lights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dead animals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Damaged pavements or footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drainage or flooding problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overgrown trees or hedges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Obstructions in the road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grass cutting issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road signs or street furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Another problem on the road or pavement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, what was the outcome?

9. Over the past 12 months, when road works were carried out in the village, how have you found the advance notice and diversions?

- ☐ Mostly satisfactory
- ☐ Mostly unsatisfactory

10. Have you ever used [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org) to keep informed about road works in and around Meppershall?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Didn't know existed

## Highways winter care

As this winter was especially mild, please consider previous years when answering questions in this section.

11. How satisfied are you with the gritting carried out in Meppershall by Central Beds Council?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Mostly satisfied
- ☐ Mostly dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

If you are mostly or very dissatisfied, please indicate why below:

12. How familiar are you with the Snow Code?

- ☐ Familiar
- ☐ Unfamiliar

13. Do you know where the grit salt bin nearest to your home is located?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

14. Do you use grit salt from the salt bins?

- ☐ Often
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Never

15. If you do use grit salt from the salt bins, which area do you treat?

## Signage, pavements and lighting

Answers to this section will be reviewed in conjunction with the findings about outdoor community facilities from Questionnaire 3 - Social and Recreation.

16. Have first-time visitors to your house or premises found the highways signs:

- ☐ Mostly effective?
- ☐ Mostly ineffective?
- ☐ Not applicable

17. Is there any location on the approach to the village where a sign to Meppershall would be beneficial?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

18. Is the current signposting to the following locations adequate?

	Yes	No
Hoo farm industrial park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meppershall academy (school)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meppershall airfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Old Road meadow nature reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
St Mary's church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. If you think some locations in the village would benefit from additional pavement, please list them below:

20. If you think some locations in the village would benefit from additional street lighting, please list them below:

## Speeding

21. The speed limit in the village is currently 30 mph. Do you think this is:

- ☐ Too fast?
- ☐ Adequate?
- ☐ Too slow?
- ☐ No opinion?

22. The speed limit on the approach roads to the village is currently 60 mph. Do you think this is:

- ☐ Too fast?
- ☐ Adequate?
- ☐ Too slow?
- ☐ No opinion?

23. In your opinion, is speeding in and around the village an issue?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

If yes, please indicate below any zone where speeding is a particular concern:

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24. If you answered 'yes' to Q23, do you think the following changes would help solve the problem?

	Yes	No
Speed limit signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speed cameras (display only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speed cameras and associated fines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speed bumps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chicanes and narrow points	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic lights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify):

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25. In your opinion, have the traffic-calming measures recently installed in the village been:

- ☐ Mostly effective?
- ☐ Mostly ineffective?
- ☐ No opinion

## Parking

26. In your opinion, is parking in and around the village an issue?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

If yes, please indicate below any zone where parking is a particular concern:

27. If you answered 'yes' to Q26, what changes do you think would help solve the problem?

28. Which of the following statements best describes your circumstances?

- ☐ I have access to enough private parking space to park all the vehicles of family and visitors
- ☐ I have access to private parking space, but some vehicles get parked on nearby public roads
- ☐ I do not have access to any private parking space, so all vehicles get parked in nearby public roads
- ☐ I do not own any vehicles

## Transport

29. How often do you use the following modes of transport?

	Often	Occasionally	Rarely or never
Bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car, motorbike, van	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car sharing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bus 79 (Meppershall - Shefford - Luton)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bus 89 (Meppershall - Hitchin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any bus from Shefford	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wanderbus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Train from Arlesey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Train or coach from Hitchin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Train or coach from Bedford	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flights from Luton Airport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

30. What one improvement to existing local public transport services would be most beneficial to you?

31. What new transport or highways provisions would be most beneficial to your travel and commuting?

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# MEPPERSHALL VILLAGE FORUM

## #LOVEMEPPERSHALL

Thank you for participating in the sixth part of the community survey.  
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### This is Questionnaire 6 – Housing To be completed by 31 May 2016

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- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70 and over

2. Please indicate your gender:

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

3. How long have you lived in Meppershall?

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11-20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

### Overall impressions about housing in Meppershall

**WHEN ANSWERING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT BY THE FORUM AIMS AT DEVISING THE 10-YEAR STRATEGIC VILLAGE PLAN, WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN 2017.**

**CONCERNS ABOUT CURRENT HOUSING AFFAIRS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH THROUGH THE RELEVANT CHANNELS, SUCH AS THE CENTRAL BEDS COUNCIL PLANNING OFFICES.**

4. To meet the national needs, the Government estimates that about 250,000 new houses should be built in the UK every year. This broadly represents an increase of 1% every year. In your own words, how should Meppershall respond to this need?

5. In line with the National Planning Policy Framework, Central Beds Council Planning authorities must 'presume in favour of sustainable development'. What are your views about this?

## Identifying the housing needs of the community

6. Does your house fit the current needs of your household?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

7. Do you expect that your house will continue to fit the needs of your household over the next 10 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

8. If you answered 'no' to Q6 and/or Q7, what housing needs are not met now / will not be met over the next 10 years? (Tick all that apply)

	Current needs	Needs over the next 10 years
House too big	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
House too small	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden too big	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden too small	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some members of the household moving away	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New members added to the household	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access, care or mobility issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rent too expensive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mortgage too expensive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
House too expensive to run	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I want to get on the property ladder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I want to release equity from my house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I want to move out of a relative's house into my own	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

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9. If you expect to move house over the next 10 years, would you prefer to:

- ☐ Move within Meppershall?
- ☐ Move somewhere else?
- ☐ No opinion / Don't mind

## Devising building guidelines for the village

10. What type of houses do you think is most needed in Meppershall over the next 10 years? Rank the following from 1-most needed to 4-least needed:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Flats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Terraced houses
- \_\_\_\_\_ Semi-detached houses
- \_\_\_\_\_ Detached houses

11. What size of houses do you think is most needed in Meppershall over the next 10 years? Rank the following from 1-most needed to 5-least needed:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1-bedroom properties
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2-bedroom properties
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3-bedroom properties
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4-bedroom properties
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5-bedroom properties

12. What build of houses do you think is most needed in Meppershall over the next 10 years? Rank the following from 1-most needed to 3-least needed:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1-storey properties
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2-storey properties
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3-storey properties

13. What type of house ownership do you think is most needed in Meppershall over the next 10 years? Rank the following from 1-most needed to 4-least needed:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Properties for sale (full ownership)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Properties for sale (shared ownership)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Properties for rent (private landlords)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Properties for rent (housing association)

14. Thinking about the size of building plots, in order to build a given number of houses, would you prefer to see:

- ☐ Few sites, each with many houses?
- ☐ Many sites, each with few houses?
- ☐ No opinion / Don't mind

15. Thinking about the density of housing in Meppershall, in order to build a given number of houses, would you prefer to:

- ☐ Maintain the current housing density and increase the overall size of the village?
- ☐ Maintain the current size of the village and increase the housing density?
- ☐ No opinion / Don't mind

### Building new houses on your land

16. If you own some property in Meppershall, would you consider building houses on your land over the next 10 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

17. If you answered 'yes' to Q16, what area of land would this represent?

18. If you answered 'yes' to Q16, what is the current use of the land?

- ☐ Agricultural
- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Residential (e.g. housing, gardens)
- ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## Effects of new houses on the community

19. Is it important to you that new houses built in Meppershall blend in with their surroundings?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

20. If you answered 'yes' to Q19, what do you think would help a new house and/or a new development fit into their surroundings?

21. Is it important to you that new houses built in Meppershall be environmentally-friendly?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

22. If you answered 'yes' to Q21, which 'green' methods would you like to see implemented?

23. What effect do you think new residents have on the following local community aspects?

	Positive effect	Neutral / No effect	Negative effect	No opinion
Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council tax	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Events, groups and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utility services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Highways and transport services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surgeries and medical services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Having your say about housing planning in Meppershall

24. The Central Beds Council Planning authority is responsible for deciding all new planning proposals in Meppershall. In the past 12 months, how often have you engaged with CBC about planning applications in Meppershall?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
By reading the CBC online planning portal to get informed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
By using the CBC online planning portal to give your views	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
By using other methods to communicate your views to CBC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you used 'other methods', please specify below:

25. At their discretion, property or land owners may hold informal discussions with neighbours or local residents, prior to making a formal planning application to CBC. In the past 12 months, how often have you engaged with local property or land owners about future planning applications?

- ☐ Often
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Not applicable

26. The Localism Act 2011 introduced a new right for communities to draw up a 'Neighbourhood Plan', a formal document devised by local stakeholders, voted on by local referendum, and enforceable on all future local developments. Would you be interested in joining a Neighbourhood Planning Group, responsible for creating such a document for Meppershall?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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# MEPPERSHALL VILLAGE FORUM

## #LOVEMEPPERSHALL

Thank you for participating in the seventh part of the community survey.  
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### Questionnaire 7 – Services, Employment and Business To be completed by 30 June 2016

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On Facebook:	Julie Stock, Meppershall Village Forum page admin



## Statistical information (for analysis only)

1. Please indicate your age:

- ☐ 10 -15
- ☐ 16-24
- ☐ 25-29
- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70 and over

2. Please indicate your gender:

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

3. How long have you lived in Meppershall?

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11-20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

## Services available in Meppershall

4. In the past 12 months, how often have you used the following food and groceries services?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
Ansell's Village Stores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger's Bakery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fruit and Veg box schemes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Milk and dairy home delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile greengrocers/fishmongers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newspaper home delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ready-meals / Frozen food delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supermarket home delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other food and groceries services in Meppershall (please specify):

5. What **one** improvement to the food and groceries services in Meppershall would be most valuable to you?

6. In the past 12 months, how often have you used the following health and social care services?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
Home carers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home visits from GP, nurse or health visitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile health providers (for example, podiatrists, osteopaths...)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other health and social care services in Meppershall (please specify):

7. Do you know where the defibrillators are located in the village, and how to use them?

- ☐ I know where they are, and I know how to use them
- ☐ I know where they are, but i don't know how to use them
- ☐ I don't know where they are
- ☐ I don't know what they are

8. Would you consider becoming a resident in New Meppershall Care Home in your later years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion
- ☐ I didn't know it existed

9. What **one** improvement to the health and social care services in Meppershall would be most valuable to you?

10. In the past 12 months, how often have you used the following children and youth services?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
Breakfast and after-school clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Childminders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holiday clubs (Sparks in Meppershall and other local ones)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scouts and Guides groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday school / Faith-based activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other children and youth services in Meppershall (please specify):

11. What **one** improvement to the children and youth services in Meppershall would be most valuable to you?

12. In the past 12 months, how often have you used the following home services?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
Building trades	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gardening services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other home services in Meppershall (please specify):

13. What **one** improvement to the home services in Meppershall would be most valuable to you?

14. Many other services are available in Meppershall: from pet-sitters to architects, from beauticians to financial advisers.

Are there any services which you found difficult to obtain in the past 12 months?

15. How satisfied are you with the following local provision?

	Mostly satisfied	Mostly dissatisfied	Not used in the past 12 months
Banks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliveries/parcel collection points	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dental, optician and paramedical providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire brigade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GP surgeries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Employment in Meppershall

16. Please describe your current and your desired employment status

	Current status	Desired status now	Desired status over the next 10 years
Apprentice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employed full-time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employed part-time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homemaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-employed/Entrepreneur	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student in full-time education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student in part-time education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retiree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

17. Would the following job vacancy advertising be useful to you?

	Yes	No	No opinion
In the Messenger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On notice boards in Roger's Bakery and Ansells Village Stores (already in place)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On the Facebook Meppershall Notice Board (already in place)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On the www.meppershall.org website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

18. If applicable, what is your main work location?

19. Does the availability of transport affect your professional choices?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

If 'yes', please explain why?

20. If it were possible for you to work in the village, would it be of interest to you?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion
- ☐ Not applicable

21. If you answered 'yes' to Q20, what would make it possible for you to work locally?

22. Would you like to see more jobs becoming available in Meppershall?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

23. If you answered 'yes' to Q22:

What types of jobs? \_\_\_\_\_

In which industries? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Would you support the construction of offices or light industrial units in the village to provide new employment opportunities?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

### Business in Meppershall

25. Out of the following statements, tick all that apply to you:

- ☐ I run a business based in Meppershall
- ☐ I run a business which serves Meppershall
- ☐ I am considering starting a business based in Meppershall within the next 10 years

**If none of the statements above applies to you, please ignore this section.**

26. What **one** improvement would make running your business in Meppershall easier?

27. Over the next 5 years, do you foresee recruiting new staff?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

If 'yes', what type of staff would you need to recruit?

28. Would your business benefit from the following support services?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Business networking events in the village (to meet other entrepreneurs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business fairs in the village (to promote your business to local clients)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local business advice and services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertising your products and services in the Messenger, on the village website, or on the Facebook Notice Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertising your vacancies in the Messenger, on the village website, or on the Facebook Notice Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

29. How adequate to your business needs are the following local infrastructures?

	Mostly adequate	Mostly inadequate
4G coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broadband internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile phone coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport and road accessibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waste management and recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

30. Over the next 10 years, would your business benefit from different or additional local premises:

	Yes	No	I don't know
to rent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
to buy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
to build	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'yes', what type of premises would you need?

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# MEPPERSHALL VILLAGE FORUM

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### Questionnaire 9 – Village Governance

#### To be completed by 31 August 2016

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- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70 and over

2. Please indicate your gender:

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

3. How long have you lived in Meppershall?

- ☐ Less than 2 years
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- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11-20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

### Overall views about village governance

4. In your own words, what is the function of the Parish Council?

5. Over the past 12 months, what do you think the Parish Council has done well?

6. What made it good?

7. Over the past 12 months, what do you think the Parish Council has done poorly?

8. What made it poor?

## The role of the Parish Council

9. Below are the current working groups or committees of the Parish Council. For each one, please indicate what you think their top priority should be over the next 12 months:

Community Assets	
Environment and Leisure	
Finance	
Health & Safety	
Highways	
Planning	
Policy	
Village Plan	

10. What other key area(s), if any, do you think the Parish Council should focus on over the next 12 months?

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11. One role of the Parish Council is to represent the interests of the villagers in dealings with the next tier of local government (that is Central Beds Council). In the past 12 months, do you feel that this has been:

- ☐ Mostly effective?
- ☐ Mostly ineffective?

## Your interactions with the Parish Council

12. Which statement best describes your level of involvement with the Parish Council?

- ☐ I want to be more involved.
- ☐ I am involved at a level that works for me.
- ☐ I want to be less involved.
- ☐ I do not want to be involved at all.

13. There are 10 Parish Councillors. How many could you name?

- ☐ 1-3
- ☐ 4-6
- ☐ 7-10

14. In the past 12 months, how often have you attended a Parish Council meeting?

- ☐ Often
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Didn't know I could

15. If applicable, what would encourage you or help you to attend more often?

16. Have you ever:

	Yes	No	Didn't know I could
Spoken at a Parish Council meeting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Formally contacted a Parish Councillor or the Clerk to the Council?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. If you answered 'yes' to Q16, what was the general nature of your intervention(s)?

18. If you answered 'yes' to Q16, which statement best describes the response from the Parish Council? (If you have had multiple dealings with PC, tick all that apply)

- ☐ PC understood my concern, it was in their remit, and they were able to address it.
- ☐ PC understood my concern, it was in their remit, but they were unable to address it.
- ☐ PC understood my concern, it was outside of their remit, and they pointed me to the correct agency.
- ☐ PC understood my concern, it was outside of their remit, and they assisted me in my dealings with the correct agency.
- ☐ PC did not understand my concern.
- ☐ PC ignored my concern.
- ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

19. To help enhance the Parish Council's services to the community, would you consider becoming a Parish Councillor?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

20. You do not have to be a Parish Councillor to help on Parish Council working groups (for example, the Village Plan group is made up of 3 councillors and 2 laypeople). Would you consider volunteering on a working group?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

## Communication from the Parish Council

21. In the past 12 months, how often have you:

	Often	Occasionally	Never	Didn't know existed
Read the PC summary in the Messenger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visited the PC web pages on the village website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read the minutes of PC meetings on the village website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22. How satisfactory did you find these sources of information?

- ☐ Mostly satisfactory
- ☐ Mostly unsatisfactory

23. What one improvement to the Parish Council communications would be most valuable to you?

24. In your view, what information should the Parish Council communicate to the community?

## Parish Council finances

25. Thinking about the Parish Council's finances, which of the following statements best describes your situation?

- ☐ I know and understand the PC's finances clearly
- ☐ I know about the PC's finances, but I would like to understand more
- ☐ I would like to know more about the PC's finances
- ☐ I am not interested in the PC's finances

**Parish Councils get their funding by receiving a small amount of the local Council Tax, called the Parish Precept. Meppershall Parish Council currently has a yearly income of approximately £40,000, made of contributions of £50-£100 per household per year.**

26. List the 3 most important things you think this money should be used for:

1	
2	
3	

27. Would you be willing to pay more Council Tax to make your top 3 priorities happen in Meppershall?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

28. The Parish Council holds about one year's income as a contingency fund. Do you think that this is:

- ☐ Too low?
- ☐ About right?
- ☐ Too high?
- ☐ No opinion

29. In your view, what should this contingency fund be used for?

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## Feedback on the overall Village Plan consultation

**This questionnaire is the final part of the Village Plan consultation phase. Thank you for your contribution. Your feedback on the overall process would be welcome.**

30. Rate the following aspects of the consultation:

	Very good	Good	Poor	Very poor	No opinion
Topics covered over the 9 questionnaires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Length of each survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clarity of questions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31. Please indicate below any burning question you think we should have asked?

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