	MEPPERSHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	
	Meeting of Working Group on 13th November 2019	
	Present: J. Parsons, M. Thomason, A. Marabese, K. Karslake and L Standbridge	
1.	**Review actual financial spend v budget** a. 2020-2021 MPC Budget – **Alex to request £1000 and virement (carry over) of unspent funds this year.** b. Additional admin support – There may be the necessity to budget for additional admin support in 2020 above the support already provided by the Clerk. Provision in the budget needs to be made for this	
2.	**Community aspirations** a. MPC Councillors are struggling with providing aspirations for the NP Plan **Alex to email our suggestion to them for comment / addition.** b. The group suggested using the UN Global Sustainable Development Goals as a basis for creating the aspirations. Suggestions for inclusion were: • Invest in current rural character of the village • Increase leisure and green spaces (take ownership where possible) • Enhance accessibility (e.g.: signage, access, facilities, ROW) • Improve green transport • Invest in latest technology to bring 'city style' connectivity to the village • Link in with other village next works • Protect community assets	
3.	**GIP** **Alex to chase Cliff and Mike for completed GIP / progress report** Note: the Parish Leisure strategy needs to be updated post GIP	
4.	**Other** **a. Alex to query with Sally Chapman what the write up on business needs to include / focus on.** **b. Alex to accept offer to meet with Gravenhurst NP Project Leader in the new year.** c. It was agreed that the foreword to the NP would include the following quotation from John Byng, Traveller and author of The Torrington Diaries, 1797 who describes his first impressions of Meppershall. "….but placed in a dismal country upon a wretched soil, in a starving village, with roads nearly impassable: (nothing but force could set me down in such a place).	
5.	**Dates of next meeting** a. Wednesday 4th December, 7:30pm – John Parson house Focus will be to review GIP and aspirations from MPC Alex to invite Tom of CBC to the meeting.	