

Minutes of the Meeting of Elvetham Heath Parish Council
Held at The Key Centre Elvetham Heath
Monday 23rd June 2014 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr Marilyn Robson (MR)	Chairman	Elvetham Heath PC
Cllr George Brown (GB)		Elvetham Heath PC
Cllr Nicky Bond (NB)		Elvetham Heath PC
Cllr Caroline Ellison (CE)		Elvetham Heath PC
Cllr Richard Woods (RW)		Elvetham Heath PC
Cllr Emma Watmore (EW)		Elvetham Heath PC
Jan Hyatt (JH)	Clerk	Elvetham Heath PC

ALSO PRESENT

County Cllr Sharyn Wheale	to 8.25pm	Hampshire County Council
PC Dan Lehec	to 7.50pm	Hampshire Police

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council
HCC – Hampshire County Council

	Public Session None	
45/14	Apologies for absence Apologies had been received from Cllr Chris Alden who was unwell.	
46/14	Declarations of Interest & associated dispensations None	
47/14	Approval of the Minutes The minutes of the meeting of 3 June 2014 (nos. 28/14-44/14) were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.	
48/14	Police Report PC Lehec reported the following for May and June: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several incidences of small conifers being removed from a property in Kintbury Close • 1 x non-dwelling burglary from unlocked garage • 1 x report of racing motorbikes 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 x reports from Elvetham Crescent residents about teenagers playing football on the green • Professional break-in at Morrisons petrol station – theft of large quantity of cigarettes • Issues of vandalism at golf club with youngsters gaining access through broken fence at the far end of area 9 (footpath adjacent to railway). <i>Clerk has been speaking to golf club and is organising repair to fence and other possible deterrents.</i> <p>MR thanked PC Lehec for his report and he left the meeting at 7.50pm</p>	JH
49/14	<p>Finance and Policy Committee Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed to change the meeting dates for the quarterly meetings of this committee as those originally set clashed with an outside meeting. Meetings will now take place on the 4th Tuesday of July, October, January & April.</p>	
50/14	<p>Appointment of Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to set up an events committee with terms of reference as circulated • There will be one meeting on 6 October to diarise events for 2015 -16 and prepare budget request • The following members were appointed and the Chairman elected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cllr Alden – Chairman ○ Cllr Ellison ○ Cllr Woods ○ Cllr Robson ○ Cllr Watmore 	
51/14	<p>Local Government Pension Scheme 2014 – Discretions Policy</p> <p>A draft discretions policy had been circulated and was explained by the Clerk.</p> <p>Resolved: to adopt the LGPS Discretionary policy as circulated.</p>	
52/14	<p>Grounds Maintenance Contract</p> <p>The current contract with Lotus Landscapes Ltd will expire at the end of September but can be extended by up to 2 years with an RPI increase.</p> <p>The Clerk recommended an extension whilst negotiations with HCC were ongoing to take over the highways ground maintenance. She confirmed that it would be possible to extend for one year and then extend for the further year if negotiations were still ongoing.</p> <p>Resolved: to extend the contract for one year with the option to further extend if necessary.</p>	
53/14	<p>Farmers' Markets</p> <p>The 3 month trial has 1 month left but some continuity is required to ensure that</p>	

	<p>traders and customers keep attending. A review in late July after the third market would not leave sufficient time to organise a market in August. The first two markets have been very successful.</p> <p>Resolved: to continue with the markets on the 2nd Saturday of each month until the end of 2014. A formal review will take place in September.</p>	
54/14	<p>Public Benches Cllr Watmore proposed that some benches be installed on the village green. A bench is still required for the front garden of the Key Centre.</p> <p>Resolved: to ask the Clerk to research the cost of installing 3 new benches and to bring the final proposal to council in due course.</p>	JH
55/14	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The schedule of payments for June was reviewed and approved. • The bank reconciliations and cash books were reviewed and signed by the Chairman. 	
56/14	<p>Chairman's report and announcements The Chairman reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fete had been a huge success and she thanked again all who helped • She represented the Council at the HCC Service for the Commemoration of the First World War. 	
57/14	<p>Councillor Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helped with the fete set-up • Cllr Watmore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attended another summer concert meeting and has been working on publicity with Deputy Clerk. ○ Helped with the fete. • Cllr Brown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attended the concert meeting with EW • Cllr Ellison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helped with the fete set-up ○ Will be attending a new councillor course with Cllr Alden on 1 July. • Cllr Woods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helped with the fete ○ In District Council role is now the ward representative on HDC planning committee. • County Cllr Wheale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to work on the cycle/pedestrian safe route to Calthorpe Park School from Elvetham Heath. The project has been risk assessed and is dependent upon developer contributions. The money from Edenbrook development for road improvements is 	

	<p>insufficient so the project must wait for another development. In the meantime she will ensure that any junction improvements do not cause problems for a future safe school route.</p> <p>NB. County Cllr Wheale left the meeting at 8.25pm.</p>	
58/14	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated her report previously and highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of a dog flyball team who booked the junior pitch were subjected to aggressive complaints from local neighbours over noise. As a result they will not be returning. The school became involved over the use of the pitch but it should be noted that the land is a public open space outside of school hours. • Lots of complaints have been received about the maintenance of the roadside verges and hedges. We are currently in the process of arranging another meeting with HDC and HCC about transferring the responsibility of this maintenance to EHPC. • Both Clerks carried out an inspection of the allotments recently. Most were looking exceptional but there is one which will need addressing. 	
59/14	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 21 July 2014 	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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