

Minutes of the Meeting of Elvetham Heath Parish Council
Held at The Key Centre Elvetham Heath
Monday 21st July 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

2 x members of the public from 7.50 to 8.15pm

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council
HCC – Hampshire County Council
ACSO – Accredited Community Safety Officer

	<p>Public Session (held between minute nos. 69/14 & 70/14) Mr & Mrs Bunn raised concerns about the lack of progress on road adoptions particularly in relation to their own road – Lyndhurst Road. MR explained the current situation and JH updated them on the latest information for their road.</p>	
60/14	<p>Apologies for absence Apologies had been received from Cllr Chris Alden who had another meeting to attend.</p>	
61/14	<p>Declarations of Interest & associated dispensations None</p>	
62/14	<p>Approval of the Minutes The minutes of the meeting of 23 June 2014 (nos. 45/14-59/14) were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>The minutes and recommendations of the following committee were accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning committee 23 June 2014 Nos. 01/14 – 04/14 	

<p>63/14</p>	<p>Police Report Members of the local neighbourhood team were unable to attend but had sent the crime report for June which was reviewed. It contained many of the same items as had been reported verbally at the June meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues of vandalism at golf club with youngsters gaining access through broken fence at the far end of area 9 (footpath adjacent to railway). PCSO Evans had encountered a group of youngsters nearby who were carrying wire cutters. Names and addresses were noted and strong words of advice given. There have been no further incidents. • Morrisons has suffered another break-in (this time to the main store) again targeting large quantities of cigarettes 	
<p>64/14</p>	<p>Grant Request under S137 LGA 1972 A grant request had been received from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Whilst their work is very valuable it was not considered local enough for EHPC to award a grant.</p> <p>Resolved: not to award a grant to the Wildlife Trust</p>	
<p>65/14</p>	<p>Annual Return Following a query from the External Auditor over the new treatment of the fixed asset register, the return had been sent back for the prior year figures to be amended to reflect the current year treatment.</p> <p>Resolved: to approve the prior year amendment as requested by the auditor.</p>	
<p>66/14</p>	<p>August Meeting A meeting had been scheduled for 18 August.</p> <p>Resolved: to cancel the August meeting but retain a planning committee meeting if required.</p>	
<p>67/14</p>	<p>Key Centre - Fire Extinguishers The current contract to lease 9 fire extinguishers from Chubb is up for renewal. Research by the Facilities Manager has shown that over a 10 year period it is substantially cheaper to buy the extinguishers with a maintenance contract attached rather than lease them. Several different quotations were considered and it was agreed to go with a local firm.</p> <p>Resolved: to buy 9 fire extinguishers from Richard Thorpe Fire Safety Services in Aldershot and not to renew the current lease contract.</p>	
<p>68/14</p>	<p>Key Centre Acoustics 3 quotations were reviewed in March but the decision was deferred. These were</p>	

	<p>reviewed again in light of some further information.</p> <p>Resolved: to accept the quotation from Resonics – the most cost effective solution.</p>	
69/14	<p>Turner’s Way Recreation Area – football pitch</p> <p>The football pitch in Turner’s Way was decommissioned by HDC on health and safety grounds long before the parish was established. EHPC looked into the costs of reinstating it but they were considered prohibitive especially given the low returns it could generate. It has therefore become a recreation and kick-about area.</p> <p>Options were being considered again following a request from the local ACSO and issues with football on the green.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To leave the pitch area as a recreation area and not carry out works to bring it to a football league standard. • To chase the grounds maintenance contractor to move the goals and carry out maintenance on the goal mouth areas • To open the junior pitch for the summer holidays to encourage footballers to move from the green 	
70/14	<p>The Key Play Area</p> <p>It was agreed to set up a working party to progress the project for the play area. It was also agreed to recruit 2 or 3 members from outside of the council via a request in the next newsletter (due early September).</p>	
71/14	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The schedule of payments for July was reviewed and approved. • The bank reconciliations and cash books were reviewed and signed by the Chairman. 	
72/14	<p>Chairman’s report and announcements</p> <p>The Chairman reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She and the Clerk had attended the recent HDAPTC meeting where changes in the management at HDC were discussed. The parish lengthsman scheme was also discussed. EHPC should probably consider joining the scheme – further information is awaited. • Attended a meeting organised by the Clerk with officers from HDC about the state of the highway verges and roundabouts. • Attended the summer concert and wished to thank and congratulate Cllrs Emma Watmore and George Brown who had organised the event. • Had been on car park duty during the concert and was appalled at the speed, recklessness and poor driving on display. This should be monitored as there could be a case for some more traffic calming. • Following the national policy of Morrisons supermarket to suspend the need for a £1 coin to use a trolley, trollies have been left all over the Key 	

	<p>Centre car park and elsewhere on the Heath. MR has spoken to the manager and contacted the Customer Service Dept at Morrisons Head Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerned that the public consultation about the reduction of the speed limit in Reading Road North was not publicised. 	
73/14	<p>Councillor Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Brown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended a summer concert meeting Helped at the concert Cllr Watmore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended concert meetings Worked at the concert. Cllr Bond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helped with the clearing up after the concert. On Sunday discovered and cleared a large amount of litter from the skate boarding area. Cllr Ellison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helped with concert set-up Attended a new councillor course Has requested that the bins (which are used mainly as dog poo bins) are moved away from the new benches in the nature reserve Reported that youngsters had an open fire on the nature reserve near the motorway fence. Cllr Woods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helped with the concert set-up In District Council role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 20 Ravelin Road application has been approved (ii) There will be a consultation about the local plan over the summer with 5 options about allocating new housing 	
74/14	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated her report previously and highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Another hole has appeared in the fence between Turner's Way recreation area and the Motorway Services. This is due to be repaired soon. More complaints have been received about the maintenance of the roadside verges and hedges. She attended a meeting with officers from HDC who are trying to organise a further meeting with HCC to progress transferring the responsibility to the parish. One allotment holder has been evicted and it looks likely that her plot will be reassigned to another plot holder who has requested a larger allotment. In September the vacant plot will be offered to the next person on the waiting list. Thames Water has finally organised the reinstatement of the street light that was removed from the St Swithin's cycle path last winter. Thames Water will be carrying out some investigative work to the foul water main which runs under several areas on the Heath. Holes will be dug along the St Swithin's cycle path and near the footbridge in Giffard Lane. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The A323 between Pale Lane and the entrance to Elvetham Heath is to be closed for up to 6 weeks to enable some essential high voltage cable works to take place. 	
59/14	Date of next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 15 September 2014 	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

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