

Minutes of the Meeting of Elvetham Heath Parish Council
Held at The Key Centre Elvetham Heath
Monday 15th December 2014 at 7.45pm

PRESENT

Cllr Marilyn Robson (MR)	Chairman	Elvetham Heath PC
Cllr Chris Alden (CA)		Elvetham Heath PC
Cllr Emma Watmore (EW)		Elvetham Heath PC
Cllr Nicky Bond (NB)		Elvetham Heath PC
Cllr George Brown (GB)		Elvetham Heath PC
Jan Hyatt (JH)	Clerk	Elvetham Heath PC

123/14	<p>Apologies for absence Apologies had been received from Cllr. Caroline Ellison & Cllr Richard Woods</p>	
124/14	<p>Declarations of Interest & associated dispensations All councillors present declared a disposable pecuniary interest in the setting of the precept.</p> <p>The Clerk received written dispensation requests from each councillor present to participate in the discussion and vote upon the precept. In line with the council's Code of Conduct, the Clerk granted each member a dispensation will last until the end of the current electoral cycle.</p>	
125/14	<p>Approval of the Minutes The minutes of the meeting of 17 November 2014 (nos. 108/14-122/14) were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>The minutes and recommendations of the following committees were accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning committee 17 November 2014 Nos. 27/14 – 33/14 • Finance & Policy committee 20 November 2014 Nos. 08/14 – 16/14 • Finance & Policy committee 02 December 2014 Nos. 17/14 – 23/14 	
126/14	<p>Public Session None.</p>	
127/14	<p>Police Report Members of the local neighbourhood team were unable to attend but had sent the crime report for November which was reviewed and contained items already reported either via previous police reports or the Clerk's report.</p>	

<p>128/14</p>	<p>Facilities Fees and Charges The finance committee presented its recommendations for changes to the fees and charges for 2015-16. There will be no change to the published rates but parties will be extended in time to 3 hours and charged on an hourly basis.</p> <p>Resolved: To accept the proposed fees and charges for 2015-16.</p>	
<p>129/14</p>	<p>Budget & Precept 2015-16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The finance committee presented the proposed budget which assumes that the council will be granted a cultivation licence to maintain all the highway verges etc. This necessitates an increase in the precept. <p>Resolved: to accept the budget for 2015-16 as proposed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The finance committee then proposed a 9.6% increase in the precept taking the total raised to £117,100 with a Band D of £58.80 (a £5 per annum increase) <p>Resolved: to set the precept for 2015-16 at £117,100.</p>	
<p>130/14</p>	<p>Signage – Elvetham Heath boundary Signs Hampshire Highways have offered to match fund boundary signs at a total cost of £440 for 2. Whilst the council is interested, members would prefer something of a different style from those already installed in Fleet & Church Crookham.</p> <p>It was also noted that a Fleet Town Council ‘Welcome to Fleet’ sign had been sited on the A323 within Elvetham Heath parish boundary.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To investigate whether a different style sign can be used. To write to Fleet Town Council and Hampshire Highways requesting that the Fleet boundary sign be moved. 	
<p>131/14</p>	<p>Bank Account The Clerk explained that it had taken several months to obtain a bank mandate form from the bank so that the signatories could be changed to accommodate the new councillors.</p> <p>Resolved: to continue using HSBC bank and have only the members of the Finance & Policy committee as signatories.</p>	
<p>132/14</p>	<p>Quarterly Update The Clerk presented the quarterly update and highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is currently no power to the 2 street lights at the end of the footbridge but HCC is investigating The tennis/netball court surface has been jet washed and treated further as the jet washing did not clean the surface sufficiently. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The gardener who has a stall at the farmers' market will be carrying out regular maintenance to the Key Centre garden from January. • Supermarket trollies continue to be a real problem in the Key Centre car park. 	
133/14	<p>Finance The schedule of payments for December was presented to the council for review and approval.</p> <p>Resolved: to accept & approve the payments</p>	
134/14	<p>Chairman's Report & Announcements The Chairman reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Hart District Council meeting where the preferred strategy for housing growth was agreed. • Attended a useful funding seminar held at HDC offices • Attended 2 meetings about the play park development and 1 fete meeting. • Drew councillors' attention to the changes in the bus services for the Fleet area from the beginning January. Whilst Elvetham Heath residents are not the worst affected in the Fleet area, it was agreed that the council should write to both HCC and Stagecoach stating that it is concerned that the bus service will no longer drive through the development and that changes to the route make is useless as a commuter service leaving residents with very limited travel options. 	
135/14	<p>Councillor Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bond: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attended one play park meeting • Cllr Alden: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attended one play park meeting. • Cllr Watmore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing to report • Cllr Brown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing to report 	
136/14	<p>Clerk's Report The Clerk had circulated her report previously and highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been issues with the gates to the Turners Way car park and whilst temporary repairs have been carried out, it is likely these will need replacing at some point. There is a suggestion that these be left open on a trial basis to ascertain whether they are need in the long run. • A resident had received a letter accusing her of littering which purported to come from a Hart Parish Council volunteer. She obviously assumed this was something to do with EHPC. • There have been more reports that the Scouts are breaching the terms of their licence to occupy the pavilion. <p><i>Agreed: invite the chairman to a meeting to discuss.</i></p>	

137/14	Date of next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 19 January 2015	
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

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