

He informed members that Councillor Simpson had been successful in obtaining a small grant of £400 from Medway Council and he thanked her for her assistance in this matter.

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The Chairman reported that a letter had been received regarding the allotments, he asked for member's agreement to discuss this as a confidential item excluding the press and public. This was agreed by all present.

8. Clerks Report.

The Clerks report was noted by all present.

Members noted the request from Beaches Fun Fair to hire the Pottery Road Recreation Ground. It was agreed that before this request was accepted that a site meeting should be held with the fun fair to discuss this further.

Action: Clerk to write to fun fair.

9. Financial Matters.

It was resolved to accept the financial statement. (Rees/Andrews)

10. Public Question Time.

A resident attended the meeting and spoke regarding the burial ground. The Chairman stated that this item was being dealt with by Medway Council Bereavement Officer/Rural Liaison Committee and was progressing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.55pm for refreshments.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.20pm.

The Chairman invited the Mayor to address the meeting.

11. Allotment Rules.

The Chairman informed members that this was still ongoing and the draft allotment rules had been drawn up. He stated that a Finance and General Purposes Meeting would be arranged to discuss and agreed these for formal ratification at a full council meeting.

Action: Clerk to progress F&GP Meeting.

12. Police Matters.

Councillor Grewcock spoke regarding the problem with youths throwing snow at vehicles and houses and stated that the police were aware of this.

Councillor Pearce spoke regarding a problem with the youth club in the village hall, this was discussed and Councillor Gatfield confirmed that the matter had been dealt with.

13. Planning Matters.

MC/2009/0122 240 Main Road Hoo No Objection.
Erection of a single storey rear extension.

MC/2009/0119 Damhead Wharf, Damhead Creek, Hoo – Objection.
Application to moor an accommodation barge at Damhead Creek from January 2009 - November 2010 to house up to 200 specialist workers employed at the Grain combined Heat Project, Isle of Grain, Kent. The barge is fully self-sufficient and will not connect to any town services.

14. Infants Play Area.

Councillor Bamber spoke regarding this matter, she stated that the play area in Pottery Rd had been inspected by Medway Council and they had confirmed that the play equipment was in need

of replacing. She confirmed that they were looking into possible funding options and she would progress this and report back to a future meeting.

Action: Cllr Bamber.

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15. Hoo Partnership.

The Chairman reported on the progress of the improvements to the Village Centre.

16. Reports from Ward Councillors.

Councillor Bamber gave her report to the meeting.

17. Urgent Items (referred from item 6.)

No matters were raised.

18. Staff Review.

To be discussed as a confidential item excluding the press and public.

19. Date of next meeting

Thursday 5th March 2009.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed to the press and public at 9:15pm.

***Signed.....
Chairman***

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