

The following members were appointed as representatives to outside bodies:

Rural Liaison – Grewcock (sub: Bamber)
Footpaths – Singleton (sub: Pratt & Rees)
Village Hall – Bloomfield (sub: Pratt & Gatfield)
Police Liaison – Gatfield (sub: Pearce)
Local Agenda 21 – Pearce & Singleton
Tree Warden – Mr Alan Page
Public Transport – Mrs Alan Page

7. **Declaration of Interests.**

No interests were declared.

8. **Minutes of the previous meeting.**

It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record (Rees/Gatfield) these were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

9. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

Dog Bins – Councillor Reeves spoke regarding the recent problem with the emptying of the dog bins at the Recreation Grounds.

Allotment Fence – The Clerk confirmed that she had written a letter to Hoo Village Institute asking for a financial contribution towards the fence, however to date she had not received a response to this letter.

Speed limits outside of Broad Street Cottages (Main Road) – The Chairman spoke regarding this matter and reported that he had requested a site meeting with Medway Council to discuss this matter. The Clerk confirmed that she had written a letter to Medway Council regarding this, however to date a response had not been received.

10. **Urgent Matters**

Councillor Reeves reported that there was a skip at the entrance of the recreation ground on Parish Council land. He stated that he had contacted the skip company, however they had not yet collected it.

The Chairman stated that he would deal with this matter.

Action: Chairman to deal with this matter.

11. **Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman gave his report to all present.

CCTV – The Chairman reported Medway Council were looking into the problems with the CCTV Camera in the centre of the village and there was a possibility that MC may need to re-site the pole to gain maximum effect.

Allotment Fence – It was reported that a quotation had been sought from Westsole Fencing at a cost of £8620.00 for a 2 metre high galvanised metal fence, or £4249.00 for a 1.8 metre high-galvanised mesh fence.

Members discussed these quotations and it was agreed that alternative quotations should be sought and an item should be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

Action: Clerk to place on agenda.

12. Clerks Report.

Members noted the Clerks report (Singleton/Pearce)

Members noted letter from Red Cross – the invitation from the Red Cross to attend their Birthday celebration. It was agreed that Councillors Pearce, Counsell and Pratt would attend to represent the Parish Council

Action: Clerk to respond to Red Cross.

Funfair – The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the funfair, this was noted by members.

The Chairman reported on a letter received from two children from Hoo Primary School regarding the condition of the play area at Pottery Road Recreation Ground. Members noted this and the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.

Action: Clerk to respond to letter.

The Chairman also reported on a number of letters that had been received by the Village Voices regarding parish related matters.

These letters were noted by all present and it was suggested to the Editor of Village Voices to perhaps direct resident's comments to Medway Council regarding these matters.

13. Financial Matters.

It was resolved to accept the financial statement. (Singleton/Simpson)

14. Public Question Time.

A resident attending the meeting mentioned her serious concern regarding the dust from the building site to the East of Bells Lane (Chimes Green).

She stated that she was appalled by the severity of the dust and felt that more should be done to alleviate the problem.

The Parish Council sympathised with the resident and stated that this problem had been noted previously, however it is believed that there were no conditions set within the original application regarding the matter of dust and therefore there was little action that could be taken.

A debate followed and it was agreed that the problem maybe solved if the development site was damped down and wheel washes were in place. It was agreed that this matter needed to be addressed as a matter of priority. It was therefore agreed to write to the chief Executive of Medway Council regarding this matter, sending a copy of the letter to the three Ward Councillors and the Environment Agency.

Action: Clerk to send letter as directed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.50pm for refreshments.

The meeting was reconvened at 9.05pm

15. Police Matters.

The Chairman informed members of the police contact numbers.

16. Planning Matters.

MC/2007/0558 2 Old George Court, Main Road, Chattenden – **No Objections.**

Construction of a part 2 storey first floor side extension incorporating two new dormer windows.

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MC/2007/0621 9 Gordon Road, Hoo – **No Objections.**

Conservatory.

- MC/2007/0634 15 Main Road, Hoo – **No Objections.**
Alterations and addition to form 2 self contained flats.
- MC/2007/0660 Land Adjoining 19/21 St Werburgh Crescent, Hoo - **Objections**
Construction of a 3 bedroom detached dwelling with games room in roof space, conservatory and associated parking (demolition of existing garages.)
Members discussed this planning application and raised objections as it was out of keeping with other dwellings, it would overlook neighbouring properties and it was over intensification of the site.
Action: Chairman to send letter of objection.
- MC/2007/0648 Plot D Jetty Road Kingsnorth Industrial Estate – **No Objections.**
Change of Use to form vehicle operating centre/yard/storage and associated offices and erection of a maintenance workshop with ancillary buildings.
- MC/2007/0681 182 Bells Lane. Hoo - **Objections**
Outline application for demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and construction of one detached house and four semi-detached houses.
Members raised objections to this application following a vote of 9 to 1 to object. Objections were raised regarding the access and egress of the site and also that it did not fall within the village envelope.
Action: Chairman to send letter of objection.
- MC/2007/0686 44 Elm Ave, Chattenden – **Objections.**
Construction of a part two-storey part first floor extension to provide additional flat at first floor level.
Objections were raised following a vote of 7 to 1 to object. Objections were raised due to over intensification of the site and out of keeping with other dwellings.
Action: Chairman to send letter of objection.
- MC/2007/0607 Rosehill, Ratcliffe highway, Hoo – **Comments.**
Removal of Agricultural occupancy condition.
Members considered this planning application and agreed that although they had no objection to the removal of the occupancy condition, they did have concern for any development potential that may follow with regards to the land if the property was sold. It was therefore agreed that this concern should be forwarded to Medway Council.
Action: Chairman to send letter outlining PC concerns.
- MC/2007/0696 108 Wylie Rod, Hoo – **No objections.**
Single storey rear extension for disabled use.
- MC/2007/0735 Oast Cottage, Stoke Road, Hoo – Application still to be considered.
Double storey side extension.

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17. Youth Proposals.

The Chairman reported that this matter was still being progressed by Hoo Partnership and at present there was nothing further to report.

Councillor Gatfield reported on an email that she had received regarding this project, this was noted by all present.

18. Website.

The Chairman reported that the website was now up and running and he asked all members to have a look at the site and submit any information that they felt relevant. He reported on the initial costs and of the maintenance costs for the website. This was agreed by all present.

19. Reports from Ward Councillors.

Apologies were received from Councillor Bamber.

20. Urgent Items (referred from item 10.)

No urgent matters were raised.

21. Date of next meeting

Thursday 7th June 2007.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10:05pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated