



provide a facility or not or where it could be installed. He then suspended the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

A lengthy discussion followed, with the children present describing the sort of facility they wanted. They said that teenagers should go to the larger facility in Rochester but that they could not get there themselves. One resident was totally against any form of facility. The Chairman suggested that the children could show councillors examples of suitable facilities in the surrounding area and offered to make this possible. He then thanked those present for their contributions and re-convened the meeting.

Cllr Thomas said that with regard to its siting, the only sensible place seemed to be on the right hand side of the kickwall. Cllr Mrs Munday pointed out this might be a distraction for the cricketers.

## **5 PLANNING**

### **a Applications**

- 174* **i MC/12/1771:** 27 Cooling Road: Construction of 2 storey front and rear extensions, porch to front, extension to loft and land level changes to front garden to form hardstanding

Having declared a personal and pecuniary interest as the applicant, Cllr Bailey left the room.

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Munday, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed to object on grounds of over-development of the site; the proposed building would be contrary to the existing street scene and there would be loss of amenity to the neighbours.

### *175* **Out of Time**

None.

### *176* **c Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

## **D Appeals and Other Matters**

### *177* **i Estuary Airport**

Cllr Crozer reported on a seminar he had attended.

### *178* **e Licensing Applications**

None.

## **6 FINANCE**

### *179* **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

**180 b Cheques Signed since the Last Meeting**

The cheques signed since the last meeting as listed on Appendix B were ratified.

**181 c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100477-100485).

**182 d Audit 2011/12**

It was noted that the audit for the year to 31 March 2012 had been concluded successfully.

**7 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**183 a Icon Theatre**

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Crozer and agreed a grant of up to £300 be made, subject to the applicant's use of The Villager bus or not. The grant made under S145 of the LGA 1972.

**8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**

**a Recreation Ground**

**184** i. General matters. Nothing to report

**185** ii. Cricket fence. Cllr Collins reported that he had still no response from David Laphorn.

**186 b Play Park**

Cllr Mrs Watson reported on the RoSPA inspection report. Nothing was high risk but a few items should be monitored.

**187 c Outdoor Gym**

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that the installation would begin the following day and be completed the following week.

**188 d Allotments**

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that two plots were overgrown and she would speak to the holders.

**189 e Forge Common**

Cllr Collins said the farmer had cut the grass at no cost to the Council.

**190 f Village Grounds Maintenance**

Nothing to report.

**9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

*191* **a Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Collins had nothing to report. Cllr Thomas said the application to Natural England for a grant for an all-weather path on the public footpath from the Recreation Ground to Ruggles Close had been refused as it was not creating a new public right of way or upgrading the existing to a bridle path.

*192* **b Street Cleaning**

It was reported there was litter in Dux Court Road.

*193* **c Tree Warden**

Nothing to report.

*194* **d Dux Court Road**

Cllr Gordon reported the bank in Dux Court Road was coming away.

*195* **e Electricity Poles**

It was reported new electricity poles would be installed in Christmas Lane.

*196* **f Half Moon Way/Christmas Lane Junction**

Cllr Bailey referred to a comment made by a member of the public who had suggested a mini-roundabout at the junction of Half Moon Way and Christmas Lane. It was agreed this suggestion be forwarded to the Highways Manager.

**10 HALLS**

*197* **a Recreation Hall**

Cllr Thomas reported on two forthcoming fundraising events. The grant application to Awards for All for phase 2 had been refused.

*198* **b Memorial Hall**

Cllr Collins reported the kitchen had been refurbished..

**11 YOUTH**

*199* Cllr Mrs Munday said the Youth Club had recommenced after the summer holidays and there was still a waiting list.

**12 RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

*200* **a Representative's Report**

Cllr Collins had not been able to attend the last meeting.

**13 KALC/MEDWAY AREA COMMITTEE**

*201* No meeting had been held.

**14 POLICE LIAISON**

**202 a Police Liaison Representative's Report**

Cllr Andrews said no-one had communicated with him.

**15 COMMUNICATION**

**203 a Surgery**

Cllr Mrs Watson reported most people were asking about the bus shelter. There had been a complaint that there was no public telephone in the village and that mobile phone coverage was bad.

**204 b High Halstow Times**

It was reported Mrs Smith had found someone to take over from the October issue. It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Gordon and agreed a garden voucher to the value of £50 be presented in recognition of her services.

**205 c Web Site**

Nothing to report.

**16 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**206 a Project 90**

The next Project 90 would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September and would be led by Cllrs Mrs Munday and Collins.

**17 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

207 Nothing to report.

**18 RELIEF IN NEED**

208 A letter had been received asking for nominations for the Parish Council Trustees. Cllr Mrs Munday said she would be happy to continue. It was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Gordon and agreed she continue. Cllr Mrs Munday reported that Mrs Bufford did not want to continue. Cllr Bailey expressed interest. The matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**19 CONSULTATION**

209 No documents received.

**20 CORRESPONDENCE**

**210 a Invitation to Kent Downs AONB Countryside Day**

Received.

**21 REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

211 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

**22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**212 a Friends of St Margaret’s**

Cllr Thomas said that the constitution allowed for two nominees from the Parish Council. Cllrs Gordon and Mrs Munday expressed interest. The item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**212 b Barking Dog**

A barking dog was causing a nuisance.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the public session.

Mrs Forward mentioned shooting on land at Buckhole Farm. She was informed that what was being done was within the law.

The Chairman thanked members of the public and reconvened the meeting.

**CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

**23 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

213 It was proposed by Cllr Jerreat, seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed that members of the press and public be excluded from the following item as it was a legal matter.

**24 BUS SHELTER NEAR HERONSBANK**

214 The Clerk gave an update on the current situation. The matter was ongoing.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.25 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2012