

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
WELWYN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2008
AT THE PARISH CENTRE LOCKLEYS DRIVE WELWYN
COMMENCING AT 7.45PM**

PRESENT: Councillor J Roper (Chairman) and Cllrs M Benson, J Blackburn, S Butler, I Colpitts, H Hughes, C Hukin, L McLusky, P Neville, L Page and I Skidmore

IN ATTENDANCE: R Findlay (Clerk) and J Lewis (Office Administrator)

APOLOGIES: None

2008/06 WELCOME. The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2008/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllrs Butler and Neville both declared an interest in item no. 2008/12 as they are Trustees of Digswell Village Hall and this could be mentioned in the proposed Budget for the 2008-2009.

2008/09 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2008
RESOLVED, the Minutes were a true and accurate record and then duly signed by the Chairman.

2008/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2008.
It was asked if Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council had been advised of the Public Meeting which had been held on 10th January 2008. The Clerk confirmed that that they had been notified once it had been agreed at Council and that she had subsequently asked the Borough Council who would be attending a few days before the meeting. The Clerk had been told nothing had been decided by the Borough Council of who or whether anyone would be in attendance.

2008/11 TO AGREE INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR DECEMBER 2007.
The Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented draft minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 18th January 2008.

The Finance Committee recommended to the Council that they accept the income and expenditure, for December 2007 the expenditure totalling **£23,602.37** gross.

Resolved, the Council accepted the expenditure of **£23,602.37** for the month of December 2007.

2008/12 TO AGREE THE BUDGET & PRECEPT FOR 2008/2009
The Chairman of Finance and the Clerk presented a Draft Budget for 2008/2009.

Resolved, unanimously that the 2008/2009 Budget be accepted by the Council and the Precept of £188,738 be the demand sent to the Borough Council.

EXEMPT BUSINESS.

Under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following items on the Agenda, at this juncture The Chairman excluded the public and accredited representatives of newspapers from the meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

2008/13 CIVIC CENTRE

The Chairman and the Clerk updated the Council. It was reported that a meeting to negotiate the Civic Centre Rent and Lease with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council's, Geoff Sampson and Mike Storey was to take place on Tuesday 29th January 2008 at the Parish Centre.

The Chairman and Clerk are also to meet with Grant Shapps MP on 1st February 2008 to discuss the Civic Centre.

2008/14 CLOSURE OF MEETING. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.59pm

Signed:.....Chairman of the Council

Date 26th February 2008.