

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
WELWYN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH AUGUST 2010 AT
THE PARISH CENTRE LOCKLEYS DRIVE WELWYN
WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.45PM**

PRESENT: Councillor J Blackburn (Chairman) and Councillors A Blackett, C Hukin, L McLusky and I Skidmore

IN ATTENDANCE: A Pack (Clerk to the Council)

APOLOGIES: Councillors M Benson, S Butler, I Colpitts, B McKay and P Neville

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the public were in attendance

OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Chairman welcomed all present and opened the meeting.

2010/076 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

2010/077 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26TH JULY 2010

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 26TH July 2010 be approved and signed.

Unanimously agreed.

2010/078 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26TH JULY 2010.

Minute Number 2010/065 Casual Vacancy. The Chairman to include a request for volunteers to be co-opted onto the Council in his next report in the Parish Magazine. In the interim Councillor to discuss the Casual Vacancy with interested parishioners.

2010/079 PROPOSED PARKING SURVEY – WELWYN VILLAGE

Notes from HCC re the methodology to be used to conduct a parking survey in Welwyn Village were circulated with the Agenda as Appendix 1

Hertfordshire County Council Highway Design Team Notes were circulated with the Agenda as Appendix 2

A Report from Councillor Skidmore was circulated with the Agenda as Appendix 3

Councillor Skidmore in summarising his report, attached as Appendix 3 to the Agenda, advised the provision of sufficient on and off street parking in Welwyn village has been a long term problem, which could be exacerbated further if the proposed mini roundabout is installed at the approach to the High Street. This problem however cannot be tackled without obtaining information about who uses the park parks, for how long etc and who uses the on-street parking that is available. To obtain this data it is proposed to conduct a Parking Survey,

methodology circulated as Appendix 1 of the Agenda. The Parking Survey will cost approximately £ 8,000 and Welwyn Parish Council have been requested to enter into a partnership agreements with Hertfordshire Highways (HH) Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (WHBC) and County Councillor Richard Smith who has committed a contribution from his 'Locality budget', to fund this survey.

Councillors raised concerns about the limited scope of the proposed survey and suggested it could be widened to ask motorists as an example, the purpose of their visit to the village and how long they intend to park. It was acknowledged however that a parking survey was required before any decisions could be made about future use of existing on and off street parking or the provision of additional parking.

It was proposed by Councillor Skidmore, seconded by Councillor McLusky and

RESOLVED "that the Parish Council to fund 25% of the cost, to a maximum of £ 2,000, of a parking survey in Welwyn village, in partnership with HH, WHBC and Councillor R Smith's Locality budget".

**Vote: 4 for
1 abstention
The motion was carried**

EXEMPT BUSINESS

Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following items on the Agenda, the Chairman as this point excluded the public and accredited representatives of newspapers on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Act by virtue of the paragraph specified against the items.

2010/080 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING (EXEMPT BUSINESS) HELD ON THE 26th JULY 2010.

RESOLVED" that the Minutes of the Council (Exempt Business) meeting held on the 26th July 2010 be approved and signed".

Unanimously agreed.

2010/082 SPINDLEBURY COTTAGE

RESOLVED "that the Council approve acceptance of the offer to purchase Spindlebury Cottage, received by sealed bid".

2010/083 AN APPLICATION FOR BORROWING APPROVAL FROM COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLVED "that the Council endorse the application for a loan of £ 400,815 from the PWLB using an Annuity plan over a 25 year period, at a fixed interest rate of 3.82%".

2010/084 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman thanked all present and declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed.....Chairman, Welwyn Parish Council

27th September 2010.

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