

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
WELWYN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2010 AT  
THE CIVIC CENTRE PROSPECT PLACE WELWYN  
WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor P Neville (Vice Chairman) and Councillors S Butler, I Colpitts, C Hukin, B McKay, L McLusky and I Skidmore

**IN ATTENDANCE:** A Pack (Clerk to the Council)

**APOLOGIES** Councillors J Blackburn, M Benson and A Blackett.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** Mr. B Morris.

**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman welcomed all present and on behalf of the Council wished to send best wishes for a speedy recovery to the Chairman, Councillor John Blackburn who was to undergo heart surgery in the next few days.

**2010/148 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2010/149 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010 be approved and signed".

**Unanimously agreed.**

**2010/150 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010.**

**Minute No. 2010/140 Provision of Public Toilets in Welwyn.** Alter to read "...The Council to consider offering an annual sum of £ 500 to each premises....."

**2010/151 CASUAL VACANCY**

Applications for Co-option onto the Council had been received from the following residents:

Mr B Bryant whose resume was circulated with the Agenda as Appendix 1

Mr B Morris whose resume was circulated with the Agenda as Appendix 2

Although Mr Bryant did not attend the meeting, it was agreed unanimously to proceed with the co-option process. It was proposed by Councillor Skidmore, seconded by Councillor Colpitts and

**RESOLVED** " that Mr B Morris be co-opted onto the Council".

**Unanimously agreed**

Mr Morris to sign his declaration of acceptance of office at the next Full Council meeting.

**2010/152      REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Leisure Facilities and Open Spaces.** Councillor McLusky, Chairman of the Committee, presented a report of meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and answered questions.

**Planning and Licencing** Councillor Hukin, Chairman of the Committee, presented a report of the meeting held on the 14th December 2010 and answered questions

**2010/153      PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS IN WELWYN.**

Progress report to be made at the next Full Council meeting.

**2010/154      CIVIC CENTRE**

**OPEN DAY- SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010.**

A Civic Centre Open Day was well attended with a full programme of events. Details were circulated with the Agenda as Appendix 3

The winner of the Christmas Poster Competition was Lucy Portalska, age 8 of St Johns Primary School. A copy of the winning poster, which is to be used as the Chairman's Christmas Card in 2011, was circulated with the Agenda as Appendix 4.

The Council thought the Open Day went very well and gave congratulations to all involved in the organisation of the event.

**THE FUTURE MANAGMENT OF THE CIVIC CENTRE BEYOND 2014**

Councillor John Dean's secretary advised due to existing commitments a meeting cannot be arranged until early 2011. Report to be made at the next meeting. It was noted that the Chief Executive of WHBC would be invited to attend the meeting also.

**2010/155      VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION – DIGSWELL**

Council's approval is sought for the draft questionnaire (attached to the Agenda as Appendix 5) to bear the Council's name, reflecting that the Village Green application is a Council initiative (Resolution 2010/119).

The landowner's agreement is not needed when applying to register a Village Green (any more than it is needed when applying to register a Right of Way, both being matters of evidence of use).

As requested by the Leisure Facilities and Open Spaces Committee, the landowner's identity has now been ascertained (*attached: map and 2x Land Registry titles*). This information would indeed have been necessary if we had been making a Commons application.

Proposed draft leaflet was circulated with the Agenda as Appendix 5

Village Green title Numbers Map was circulated with the Agenda as Appendix 6

Land Registry title HD 33024 was circulated with the Agenda as Appendix 7

Land Registry title HD 173171 was circulated with the Agenda as Appendix 8

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Colpitts, seconded by Councillor Skidmore and

**RESOLVED** “ that the Council agree that the draft questionnaire, as detailed in Appendix 5 of the Agenda, includes the Council's name, reflecting that the Village Green application is a Council initiative (Resolution 2010/119).

**Unanimously agreed.**

**2010/156      CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chairman thanked all present and declared the meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed.....Chairman, Welwyn Parish Council

31<sup>st</sup> January 2011.