

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2008 AT
THE PARISH CENTRE LOCKLEYS DRIVE WELWYN
THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30PM**

Before the meeting opened a member of the public, Mrs Parrella wished to address the Committee in relation to her premises and a possible new planning application at 9 Limberlost. Welwyn.

The Committee was not able to not comment on the application until it had been received in the office. The Chairman then thanked Mrs Parrella.

**THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING WERE PREPARED BY
COUNCILLOR Mrs S. BUTLER**

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

IN ATTENDANCE : J. Green and R. Oxley (Welwyn Planning and Amenities Group), H. Ober (Welwyn Tree Warden) and Mrs. Parrella

APOLOGIES : The Clerk (Compassionate Leave)

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed all present and opened the Meeting.

2008/66 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST.** Cllr. Skidmore declared an interest in Planning Application No. N6/2008/1160/FP, 7a and 8 Wendover Lodge, Church St., Welwyn, as he had objected to this as a private citizen.

2008/67 **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1ST JULY 2008**
It was **RESOLVED** that these were a true and accurate record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

2008/68 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1ST JULY 2008** : None.

2008/69 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** ::

N6/2008/957/TP Land at 14 -16b The Avenue, Welwyn
Felling of T2 (beech tree) and T5 (hornbeam) covered by TPO 314.
Councillor Page said that this had already been approved by the Borough Council (call in date 25th July).

N6/2008//TP 40 Harmer Green Lane, Digswell Erection of single storey side extension and garage.
Already approved (see above)

N6/2008/968/FP 22 The Crescent, Welwyn Erection of two storey and single storey side extension and garage
Council's decision : no observation

N6/2008/975/TP Maran House, 56 Hertford Road, Digswell Fell yew tree covered by TPO68T1
Councillor Butler to visit site and report back.

N6/2008/977/TP 7 Copper Beeches, Welwyn Reduce and shape two lime trees by 25%, reduce and shape silver birch by 25%, all covered by TPO103G2
Council's decision : no observation

N6/2008/978/FP and N6/2008/981/LB 6 New Place, Welwyn Loft conversion incorporating roof lights to east elevation, new window to south elevation and internal alterations to utility room.
Council's decision : **OBJECTION** on the grounds that the alterations would affect the appearance of an important Grade 2 listed building .

N6/2008/984/FP 7 Marlborough Close, Welwyn Erection of two storey front extension
Council's decision : no observation

N6/2008/1035/FP Well Cottage 10 Pennyfathers Lane, Digswell Erection of single storey side and two storey rear extensions following demolition of existing single storey elements
Council's decision : no observation

N6/2008/1072/FP 29 Mardley Ave., Welwyn Erection of two storey annexe following demolition of existing detached garage.
Council's decision : **OBSERVATION** that a condition of consent should be that the annexe should not at any time be sold separately from the main dwelling.

N6/2008/1075/FP 24 Mill Lane, Welwyn Erection of replacement boundary wall
This had been included as an agenda item for this meeting as a copy of a relevant letter had been forwarded as a courtesy to the Parish Council, who had been pressing for the repair of the wall for some time.
Council's decision : no observation

N6/2008/1103/FP Erection of dwelling following demolition of existing Dr. Ober commented that the plans included no mention of retention or otherwise of existing trees on this site.
Council's decision : **OBJECTION**, on the grounds that the proposed building's height and area would be over dominant on this site, and out of character with adjacent properties.

N6/2008/1104/FP Land between Plas y Coed and Little Bury, Digswell Lane, Digswell Erection of four bedroom dwelling.
Some concern over proposed removal of hedges.
Council's decision : no observation

N6/2008/1125/FP 14 Gwynfa Close, Welwyn Extension to care home to provide four new bedrooms with associated facilities
There was some concern that this care home was originally one dwelling, which was expanding as a care home into an institution not in keeping with

the road. Four new units would add to traffic etc. On the other hand, the home provides a valuable service to an ageing population. The Committee voted not to object to the application by 4 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions.
Council's decision : no observation.

N6/2008/1160/FP 7a and 8 Wendover Lodge, Church St. Welwyn Erection of single storey extension at ground floor level between blocks.
Council's decision : no observation

N6/2008/1201/FP 5 Greenways, Digswell Relocation of boundary fence
It was felt that the relocation of this high fence closer to the boundary would be detrimental to the streetscape, and too close to the highway, narrowing the view.
Council's decision : **OBJECTION**

N6/2008/1205/FP Land to rear of 26 Great North Road, Welwyn Erection of two storey detached dwelling with associated access and parking
Council's decision : **OBJECTION**, on the grounds that this would be an over-development of the site, and the proposed building would be over-dominant on the street, as it fronts on to Oakleigh.

N6/2008/1221/FP 6 High Street, Welwyn Installation of externally illuminated fascia sign and projecting sign.
Council's decision : **OBJECTION** on the grounds that both signs are out of keeping in a conservation area.

N6/2008/1223/TP 11 Oak Piece, Welwyn Thin Crown and cut back by 25% group of hornbeams covered by TPO 69 GP
Council's decision : **OBSERVATION** : That work is done under the supervision of the Borough's Arboriculturalist and carried out by a trained and competent contractor.

N6/2008/1233/TP 13 Oak Piece, Welwyn Prune and reduce crown by 25% and remove dead wood of oak tree T1 covered by TPO 69
Council's decision : **OBSERVATION** : That work is done under the supervision of the Borough's Arboriculturalist and carried out by a trained and competent contractor.

N6/2008/1242/FP 14 Chestnut Walk, Welwyn Erection of a detached double garage to front of property
Council's decision : no observation

N6/2008/1254/FP 21, 23 and 25 School Lane, Welwyn Erection of non-illuminated site board
Council's decision : no observation

N6/2008/1259/TP 8 Mardley Wood, Welwyn Works to trees covered under TPO 108 T1 oak to be felled and T2 oak crown thinned by 30%.
Council's decision : **OBJECTION** to felling of protected oak tree.

N6/2008/1262/TP 10 The Chase, Welwyn 40% reduction to cedar tree in front garden.

Council's decision : **OBSERVATION** : That work is done under the supervision of the Borough's Arboriculturalist and carried out by a trained and competent contractor.

2008/70 Item 5 on Agenda : Planning Appeal 11a Oaklea, Welwyn

This application dates back to 2007, and the letter had been sent to the Clerk as a courtesy. No comment by the Council is necessary.

2008/71 Item 8 on Agenda : see above – Planning Application N6/2008/1075/FP 24 Mill Lane, Welwyn.

2008/72 Planning decisions read and accepted.

2008/73 Item 10 on Agenda : Co-option of members onto the Planning Committee. This was minuted at the last Full Council meeting

2008/74 Item 11 on Agenda : Three Valleys Water Consultation. Councillors Neville and Skidmore to liaise and draft a proposal to the Clerk.

2008/74 **CLOSE OF MEETING** :

The Chairman thanked all present, and closed the meeting at 9.25.

Signed :

Chairman, Planning and Licensing Committee

Dated 2nd September 2008