

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2010
AT THE PARISH CENTRE LOCKLEYS DRIVE WELWYN
THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Councillor C Hukin (Chairman) and Cllrs. M Benson, S Butler, R McKay, P Neville and I Skidmore

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr J Grant (Codicote Parish Council), J Green (Welwyn Planning & Amenity Group), Mr Genever (a resident) and Mrs A S Pack (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Dr H Ober (Welwyn Tree Warden) (holiday) and R Oxley (Welwyn Planning & Amenity Group) (illness).

*To allow Cllr Grant to leave the meeting early
the Chairman dealt with agenda item no. 10 at this point.*

**2010/148 REPORT FROM CODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING
THE APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR HERTFORDSHIRE
AS IT RELATES TO DANESBURY PARK ROAD WELWYN.**

Cllr Grant presented the application that Codicote Parish Council had prepared. As agreed by Full Council, Welwyn Parish Council to be joint applicants with Codicote Parish Council. The Clerk signed the documentation on behalf of Welwyn Parish Council. It was reported that the application might take up to five years to process.

Cllr Grant left the meeting at this point.

Public Participation.

*To allow Mr Genever to leave the meeting early
the Chairman allowed him to address the Committee at this point.*

Mr Genever then addressed the Committee with regard to Planning application no. N6/2010/2615/FP 7 Turpins Ride Welwyn.

Mr Genever left the meeting at this point.

2010/149 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were none.

2010/150 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2010.

Resolved “That the Minutes of 23rd November 2010 be approved and signed”

Unanimously agreed.

2010/151 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 23RD NOVEMBER 2010.

Minute No. 2010/142 Matters arising from Minutes of 2nd November 2010- Closed Churchyard St Marys Church, Church Street, and Welwyn. The Clerk reported that following consultation with the Borough's Tree Officer that permission had been granted for revised works. The Clerk also reported that she would be seeking quotations for the work for consideration by the Leisure Facilities and Open Spaces Committee.

2010/152 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

N6/2010/2777/TP 27 Oaklands Rise Welwyn. .Reduce two oaks by 2 metres covered by TPO54.

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

N6/2010/2615/FP 7 Turpins Ride Welwyn. Retention of rear garden decking.

OBJECTION. This Council cannot see any material improvement between this application and the previous one to which both this Council and the Borough objected... The proposed structure is intrusive and over-dominant

10/02481/1 (North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC) application). The Old Water Tower Danesbury Park Road Welwyn. Conversion and extension of existing single storey storage/stable building and water tower to form a 4 bed roomed dwelling.

No Observation.

NHDC to be thanked for consulting the Council on this application.

2010/153 IN CASES OF URGENCY ONLY TO DISCUSS ANY APPLICATIONS WITH A DUE DATE BEFORE THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

N6/2010/2911/FP 5 St Johns Close Welwyn. Erection of single storey side extension, first floor front extension single storey infill extension to create a new front entrance porch and lobby and replacement roof.

No Observation.

N6/2010/2896/FP 6 Codicote Road Welwyn. Erection of detached dwelling with integral garage.

OBJECTION. Over development of the site by virtue of the size and bulk of the house. This Council considers the proposed design inappropriate for a site in the Conservation Area.

N6/2010/2791/FP Bridge Cottage Surgery 41 High Street Welwyn. To replace a dispensary in an existing doctors' surgery with a pharmacy, installation of new fire door.

OBJECTION. This Council considers the application as being, in reality, a disguised attempt to change the use of the building to a retail unit. The Local Development Framework does not envisage the area as retail. Retail square footage is already in adequate supply.

N6/2010/2450/FP 83 Harmer Green Lane Digswell Welwyn. Erection of garage block with games room.

OBSERVATION. The proposed games room must not be used as a habitable area.

N6/2010/2913/S73B Harrow Farm Pottersheath Road Welwyn. Variation of condition 2 (time limit) from planning permission N6/2007/1769/FP for the use of land for the siting of a residential mobile log cabin for a temporary period of three years for the occupation as a farm workers' dwelling.

OBJECTION. This Council objects to a further permanent dwelling in the Green Belt.

2010/154 **PLANNING DECISIONS.** These were noted.

2010/155 **PRIOR CONSULTATION BY WELWYN PARISH COUNCIL OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS AND NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENTS.** A report from the Office Administrator was presented to the Committee and its contents were noted.

2010/156 **TREE PROTECTION ORDERS AT THE FRYTHE WELWYN.** WHBC to be requested to supply a copy of the tree preservation orders on this site for inclusion on the next Planning and Licensing Committee Agenda. Clarification to be sought as to whether any of the buildings on the site are listed. This item to be placed on the next Planning and Licensing Committee Agenda. Welwyn Parish Council visited the Frythe some years ago and was given a booklet detailing trees of significance on the site. A search to be conducted to find a copy of this booklet.

2010/157 **LICENSING.** There were no applications relating to premises in Welwyn Parish.

2010/158 **CLOSE OF MEETING.** The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed:.....

Chairman, Planning & Licensing Committee

Dated 4th January 2011