

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE PLANNING & LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE PARISH CENTRE LOCKLEYS DRIVE WELWYN ON
TUESDAY 16TH MARCH 2010 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Councillor C Hukin (Chairman) and Cllrs S Butler, R McKay & H Ober.

IN ATTENDANCE: J Lewis (Office Administrator) and R Oxley (Welwyn Planning & Amenity Group) and 4 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs M Benson, P Neville and I Skidmore (all other commitments) and Mr J Green (Co-opted member representing Welwyn Planning & Amenity Group) (other commitments).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mr Ian Garner and Mr Richard Armstrong both residents of The Avenue Welwyn addressed the meeting on planning application no. N6/2010/0211/S73B Four Oaks 1-4 Great North Road Welwyn.

7.45pm Mr Garner and Mr Armstrong left the meeting at this juncture.

Mr Nigel Pyne-Gilbert and Mr Simon Reed-Purvis both residents of St. Mary's Close Welwyn addressed the meeting on planning application no. N6/2010/0278/FP The Grange 3 Codicote Road Welwyn.

7.55pm Mr Pyne-Gilbert and Mr Reed-Purvis left the meeting at this juncture.

2010/31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were none.

2010/32 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2010.

RESOLVED "That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2010 be approved and signed"

Unanimously agreed.

2010/33 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 23RD FEBRUARY 2010.

Minute no. 2010/28 Planning application no. N6/2009/248/MA Former Clock Hotel Church Street Welwyn. It was reported that this application had been withdrawn and that the invitation to Bridge Cottage Surgery to attend this meeting had been postponed pending any new application on this site.

2010/34 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

N6/2010/0015/FP 5 Darby Drive Welwyn. Erection of two storey side extension, single storey garage and office extension to outbuilding.

No Observation.

N6/2010/0156/TP 40 New Road Digswell Welwyn. Removal of silver birch (T1), sycamore and lime trees, reduction of height and crown by 20-30% of all

other sycamore, beech, cypress, hawthorn and horse chestnuts on site covered by TPO.

OBSERVATION. That any trees are felled only with the prior agreement of the Borough's Arboriculturalist and that all work is carried out by a trained and competent contractor.

N6/2010/0171/FP 51 Harmer Green Lane Digswell Welwyn. Erection of two detached houses with garages, access road and landscaping following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings.

OBJECTION. The Site is within the Green Belt and is over-development. The proposed development is also detrimental to existing pedestrian rights of way on Harmer Green Lane and the footpath/byway bordering the site.

N6/2010/0211/S73B Four Oaks 1-4 Great North Road Welwyn. Removal of conditions 1 (caravans used for residential purposes only), 2 (permission only whilst children are in full-time education) and 3 (no more than four caravans) from Planning permission N6/2001/11/FP

OBJECTION. This site is within the Green Belt. The original permission granted in 2001 had conditions imposed to allow the applicant's children to attend school. This has now been fulfilled. This Council cannot see therefore why the conditions imposed originally should now be renewed let alone extended.

N6/2010/0071/FP 14 & 16 Wilga Road Welwyn. Proposed demolition of two bungalows and erection of two terraces of three houses.

OBJECTION. The proposal is an over-development of the site and the proposed dwellings are by reason of their height and bulk out-of-keeping with the surrounding streetscape.

2010/35 IN CASES OF URGENCY ONLY TO DISCUSS ANY APPLICATIONS WITH A DUE DATE BEFORE THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

N6/2010/0200/FP High Trees 1a Roundabout Lane Welwyn. Erection of single storey side extension and conservatory following removal of existing conservatory.

No observation.

N6/2010/0218/FP 4a Wendover Drive Welwyn. Erection of single storey side extension and open front porch.

No observation.

N6/2010/0278/FP The Grange 3 Codicote Road Welwyn. Proposed two bedroom dwelling.

OBJECTION. This site is within a Conservation Area. This Council cannot see that this proposal is an improvement on the previously refused application.

2010/36 PLANNING DECISIONS. These were noted.

**2010/37 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONSULTATION- Improving engagement by statutory and non-statutory
consultees.** This document was noted.

2010/38 FOOTPATH A1000 HERTFORD ROAD WELWYN. The Committee noted the letter sent by a resident to Hertfordshire Highways. It was reported that Councillors had inspected the footpath and it was agreed that this matter be kept under review.

2010/39 LICENSING. There were no licensing applications relating to premises within Welwyn Parish.

2010/40 CLOSE OF MEETING. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Signed:.....

Chairman, Planning and Licensing Committee

Dated 2nd April 2010.