

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE PLANNING & LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE PARISH CENTRE LOCKLEYS DRIVE WELWYN ON
TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2010 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Councillor C Hukin (Chairman) and Cllrs S Butler, R McKay and I Skidmore

IN ATTENDANCE: J Lewis (Office Administrator), J Green and R Oxley (both Welwyn Planning & Amenity Group)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs M Benson and P Neville (both work commitments) and Cllr H Ober (holiday).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present.

2010/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were none.

2010/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2010.

RESOLVED "That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2010 be approved and signed"
Unanimously agreed.

2010/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 2ND FEBRUARY 2010.

Minute no. 2010/12 Road sign at Danesbury Park Road junction with Codicote Road. The Office Administrator reported that Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council had scheduled the installation of these signs in due course.

Minutes no. 2010/16 Planning application no. N6/2009/2454/FP The Grange 3 Codicote Road Welwyn. It was reported that a Councillor has attended the meeting of the Borough's Planning Control Committee where this application was considered and that the Borough had permitted the application.

2010/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

N6/2009/2763/FP 5 Pennyfathers Lane Welwyn. Erection of single storey extension with glass connecting walkway and extension to basement.

No observation.

N6/2010/0034/FP 2 Broom Hill Welwyn. Formation of rear dormer window, infill rear covered area and enlargement of kitchen window.

No observation.

N6/2009.2733/LB 5 Pennyfathers Lane Welwyn. Removal of internal wall between kitchen and bathroom, conversion of resulting space into kitchen/dining room and minor alterations to utility room.

No observation.

N6/2009/2755/FP 14 High Street Welwyn. Installation of new “through the glass” ATM to the front elevation.

OBJECTION. This Council considers that there is an already adequate ATM facility in Welwyn. This Council believes that the proposed siting of this ATM can only add to the current problem of illegal parking on the nearby pedestrian crossing. Additionally, this Council considers that the proposed site is vulnerable for security purposes.

N6/2010/0078/TP Woodland behind Oaklea Welwyn. Fell two sweet chestnuts, reduce oak crown by 20%, reduce crowns of two hornbeams by 15-20% and fell ash all covered by TPO

OBSERVATION. This Council considers that permission should not be granted to fell protected trees unless this is considered absolutely necessary by the Borough’s Arboriculturalist. Additionally, this Council asks that work is carried out by a trained and competent contractor.

N6/2010/0101/LB 2 Codicote Road Welwyn. Replacement windows

No Observation.

2010/24 IN CASES OF URGENCY ONLY TO DISCUSS ANY APPLICATIONS WITH A DUE DATE BEFORE THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

N6/2010/0091/FP 2 Tylers Wood Harmer Green Lane Digswell Welwyn. Erection of rear extension and alterations to roof.

No observation.

N6/2010/0016/FP 6 Great North Road Welwyn. Erection of single storey rear extension, demolition of garage and removal of rear dormer.

No observation.

N6/2010/0193/FP 1 Juniper Gardens Welwyn. Reduce back to old cuts from previous tree work to oak tree (T2) covered by TPO99

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

N6/2010/0219/TP 41 Canonsfield Road Welwyn. Removal of damaged branch and dead branches to a douglas fir tree and fell sycamore tree covered by TPO190.

OBSERVATION. This Council considers that permission should not be granted to fell protected trees unless this is considered absolutely necessary by the Borough's Arboriculturalist. Additionally, this Council asks that work is carried out by a trained and competent contractor.

2010/25 WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON WELWYN HATFIELD STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT –PHASE 1 – URBAN CAPACITY.

RESOLVED "That the Council only respond to question 4 of the consultation as follows – The Former Ford Garage, By Pass Road, Welwyn: we note that planning permission has been granted for thirty eight dwellings on this site whereas the Strategic Assessment placed a capacity for twenty eight dwellings. This is a big increase in density to that originally proposed"

Unanimously agreed.

2010/26 FOOTPATH A1000 HERTFORD ROAD WELWYN. The Committee noted a copy of a letter sent by a resident to Hertfordshire Highways. Members of the Committee were asked to visit the site before the next Committee meeting. The Acting Clerk was asked to place this item on the agenda of the next Committee meeting.

2010/27 DIGSWELL PARKING RESTRICTIONS. The Committee noted details of a survey of Digswell residents carried out by the Borough regarding the proposed parking restrictions. The Committee commended the actions of the Digswell Residents Association and asked the Acting Clerk to write to the Association expressing the Council's support for their campaign.

2010/28 PLANNING APPLICATION No. N6/2009/248/MA Former Clock Hotel Church Street Welwyn. It was reported that Bridge Cottage Surgery High Street Welwyn had submitted an objection to this application to the Borough. The Committee requested that this matter be placed on the agenda of the Full Council meeting scheduled for 29th March 2010 and that the Acting Clerk write to the Surgery inviting them to attend and speak to the meeting.

2010/29 LICENSING. There were no applications relating to premises in Welwyn Parish.

2010/30 CLOSE OF MEETING. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed:.....

Chairman, Planning & Licensing Committee

Dated: 16th March 2010.