

**Minutes of the meeting of the
PLANNING & LICENSING COMMITTEE
Held On Tuesday 4th November 2008
At The Parish Centre Lockleys Drive Welwyn
which Commenced At 7.30pm**

- PRESENT:** Councillor C Hukin (Chairman) and Cllrs. M Benson, J Blackburn, S Butler, I Colpitts, P Neville, L Page and I Skidmore.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** J Lewis (Office Administrator) , Jon Greene and Ron Oxley (*Welwyn Planning & Amenity Group*) and 3 members of the public
- APOLOGIES:** The Clerk (Annual leave) and Cllr H Ober (*Welwyn Tree Warden*) (other commitments).
- 2008/94** **WELCOME.**
The Chairman welcomed all present and declared the meeting open
- 2008/95** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
Cllr. L. Page declared a prejudicial interest in application no. N6/2008/2000/FP 18 Great North Road Welwyn as he owned a property neighbouring the proposed development site.
- 2008/96** **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2008.**
After amending the draft minutes to delete Cllr. Neville and Cllr. Page from being present.

It was then **RESOLVED** the minutes were a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 2008/97** **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2008.**
Minute 2008/87 Application no. N6/2008/1776/MA Former Welwyn Ford Garage.
It was reported that a letter of Objection had been sent to the Borough Council.

Tripartite Working Party. The Chairman reported that the Working Party had met on 1st November 2008. The Chairman would send on his notes of the meeting to the Clerk to be distributed to the Committee at a later date.
- 2008/98** **CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ONTO THE COMMITTEE.**
It was proposed by Cllr Neville and seconded by Cllr Skidmore that Jon Green and Ron Oxley representing the Welwyn Planning & Amenity Group be co-opted onto the Committee under the terms of the Council's Standing Order 54a.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

At this juncture, Jon Greene and Ron Oxley joined the meeting.
- 2008/99** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
N6/2008/1860/TP 5a Roundabout Lane Welwyn
Thin crown by 30% of Oak tree T2 covered by TPO225

Council's decision- No observation.

N6/2008/1867/TP Digswell Water Lodge Digswell Lane Welwyn
Re-pollard all lime trees back to trunk covered by TPO136

Council's decision- No observation.

N6/2008/1871/TP 1 Harmer Green Lane Digswell Welwyn
Cut back Oak tree T1 covered by TPO66 remove branches touching house completely to prevent problem recurring

Council's decision- No observation.

N6/2008/1872/TP 12 Bluebells Welwyn
Reduce & thin crown by 20-25% of triple stemmed hornbeam covered by TPO60 G1

Council's decision-No observation.

N6/2008/1909/FP 10 Parkside Welwyn
Erection of two storey side extension

Council's decision-OBJECTION.

The proposal is considered to be over-development of the site and out of keeping with the surrounding buildings. It does not enhance the appearance of the Conservation Area.

N6/2008/1921/FP 93 Robbery Bottom Lane Welwyn
Installation of front dormer

Council's decision- No observation.

N6/2008/1921/FP 4 Lanercost Close Welwyn
Erection of front porch

Council's decision- No observation.

N6/2008/1941/FP 54 Warren Way Welwyn
Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension.

Council's decision- No observation.

N6/2008/1964/FP Hatherleigh, 10 Spinney Lane Welwyn
Erection of canopy to front elevation.

Council's decision- No observation.

N6/2008/1974/FP The Pump House Orchard Road Welwyn
Conversion & extension of existing pump house to form a new dwelling with associated access & parking

Council's decision- OBSERVATION.

This application is supported and the Council would wish to see the property brought back into use.

N6/2008/2009/FP 14 Gwynfa Close Welwyn
Extension to care home to provide four new bedrooms with associated facilities.

Council's decision- No observation.

N6/2008/2012/DT Land at Welwyn By-Pass Road Welwyn
Replacement of existing streetlight with 10.73 metre high monopole complete with streetlight & 3 antennas (12.3 metres total) & associated radio equipment cabinet.

Council's decision- No observation.

At 8.27pm the Committee agreed to suspended Standing Orders to allow two members of the public to speak in respect of application number, N6/2008/2000/FP 18 Great North Road Welwyn

At 8.46pm- the Committee agreed to re-instate Standing Orders.

2008/100 **PROPOSED VODAFONE BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT LAND OUTSIDE BP GARAGE WELWYN BY-PASS WELWYN.**
This had been discussed earlier in the proceedings

2008/101 **IN CASES OR URGENCY TO DISCUSS ANY APPLICATIONS WITH A DUE DATE BEFORE THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

At this juncture, Cllr Page having earlier declared an interest application N6/2008/2000/FP, withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the discussion .

N6/2008/2000/FP 18 Great North Road Welwyn
Erection of two semi-detached dwellings, residential block consisting of five 2 bed flats incorporating new vehicular access, parking & amenity space following demolition of existing dwelling.

Council's decision- OBJECTION.

The Council bases its objection on the high density of the proposed development and the size, height and bulk of the proposed new buildings. The proposal would be out of character with the surrounding dwellings. The Council is also concerned about the number of trees that would be removed if the proposed development were permitted.

At this juncture, Cllr Page re-joined the meeting.

N6/2008/2047/MA Appeledene 7 Normans Lane Welwyn
Demolition of existing bungalow, erection of replacement dwelling, detached double garage & additional section of 3 metre high acoustic fencing panels adjacent to the A1 (M).

Council's decision- No observation.

N6/2008/2054/FP 25 The Chase Welwyn
Erection of single storey rear extension.

Council's decision- No observation.

2008/102 **PLANNING DECISIONS.**
All the decisions were duly noted by the committee.

2008/103 **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS- TREES IN ADELE AVENUE DISGWELL.**
Correspondence between the Clerk and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council was noted.

Cllr Butler was asked to draft a response to the recent correspondence received from WHBC and send to the Clerk.

2008/104 **CLOSE OF MEETING.** The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Signed:.....Chairman, Planning & Licensing Committee

Date: 2nd December 2008.