

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE PLANNING & LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 2009 AT
THE PARISH CENTRE LOCKLEYS DRIVE WELWYN
THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Councillor C Hukin (Chairman) and Cllrs M Benson, J Blackburn, S Butler, I Colpitts, P Neville and I Skidmore, Cllr Dr H Ober (Welwyn Tree Warden) and J Green and R Oxley (both Welwyn Planning & Amenity Group)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr R McKay

APOLOGIES: R Findlay (Clerk)- illness

2009/024 OPENING OF MEETING. The Chairman welcomed all present and opened the meeting.

2009/025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

2009/026 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2009. It was **AGREED** that these were a true and accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.

2009/027 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3RD MARCH 2009. Cllr Dr Ober reported on a meeting he had with the Borough's Tree Officer who had noted the Council's input into decisions on tree work applications.

2009/028 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

N6/2009/307/FP 12 Maran Avenue Welwyn. **Council's decision:** No observation.

N6/2009/371/FP 1a Wilga Road Welwyn. **Council's decision:** No observation.

N6/2009/387/FP 12 Cubitts Close Digswell Welwyn **Council's decision:**

OBJECTION. The proposal brings the building too far forward and as a consequence is detrimentally dominant in the streetscape.

N6/2009/401/FP 6 Mimram Place Welwyn **Council's decision.** No observation.

N6/2009/408/FP 14 Gwyfa Close Welwyn **Council's decision.** No Observation.

N6/2009/412/FP 11 Mardley Heights Welwyn **Council's decision.** No Observation.

N6/2009/418/FP 31 Oaklands Rise Welwyn **Council's decision.**

OBSERVATION. That the work is carried out under the supervision of the Council's Arborculturalist and by a trained and competent contractor.

N6/2009/351/FP 49 Mardley Hill Welwyn **Council's decision.** No Observation.

N6/2009/467/FP Land adjacent to 17 Bracken Lane Welwyn **Council's decision.** No Observation.

N6/2009/475/FP 2 Firway Welwyn **Council's decision.** No Observation.

N6/2009/482/FP 12 Rosecroft Lane Welwyn **Council's decision.** No Observation.

2009/029 IN CASES OF URGENCY ONLY. TO DISCUSS ANY APPLICATIONS WITH A DUE DATE BEFORE THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

N6/2009/197/FP 38 Station Road Digswell Welwyn **Council's decision.** No Observation.

N6/2009/527/FP 7 Mill Lane Welwyn **Council's decision.** No Observation.

N6/2009/532/FP 26 Canonsfield Road Welwyn **Council's decision.** No Observation.

N6/2009/534/FP 4 St Johns Close Welwyn **Council's decision.** No Observation.

N6/2009/538/FP 20 The Avenue Welwyn **Council's decision. OBJECTION.**

The Council wishes to object to this proposal. The proposal is contrary to the Borough's Green Belt policy which we support. Additionally an application for three houses with a shared driveway on this site which previously had one dwelling would in any case represent overdevelopment. Should the Borough Council be minded to approve this proposal it is noted that a full tree survey of the site does not appear to have been completed.

N6/2009/540/FP 76 Warren Way Digswell Welwyn **Council's decision.**

OBSERVATION. The Council does not object to this proposal. However, we wish to observe that should permission be granted a condition of approval should be that there should be no future subdivision of the property into two dwellings.

The Committee noted that there was frequently a two week gap between receipt of applications at the Borough Offices and their receipt at our Office greatly reducing the time available for review of applications before the passing of the call-in date. The Clerk was asked to inform the Borough's Planning Department of this problem and ask for a more prompt service to allow the Committee to carry out its responsibilities.

2009/030 PLANNING DECISIONS. These were noted.

2009/031 CPRE-WELWYN HATFIELD CORE STRATEGY ISSUES &

OPTIONS. The Committee noted CPRE for Hertfordshire's letter to the Borough on this matter. It noted that Full Council had agreed that we would exchange copies of our submissions. It was **AGREED** that copies of our submissions would be made available to residents upon request.

2009/032 PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AT BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING MEETINGS. It was **AGREED** that we would endeavor to have representation at Borough Planning Meetings where applications to which we had made objection were being discussed.

2009/033 CLOSE OF MEETING. The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.35pm

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

Dated 5th May 2009

