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**Minutes of a meeting of
THE PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
Held on Tuesday 3rd MARCH 2009
in the Parish Centre, Lockleys Drive, Welwyn.
which commenced at 7.30 pm.**

PRESENT: Chairman, Cllr. C. Hukin and Cllrs. M. Benson, J. Blackburn, S Butler, I. Colpitts, P. Neville and I. Skidmore.

Co-opted Members: Jon Green (*Welwyn Planning and Amenity Group*) and Herbert Ober (*WHBC Tree Warden*)

IN ATTENDANCE: R. Findlay, Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr L. Page (Borough Council Meeting) and R. Oxley (Family Illness)

The Chairman and Vice Chairman were absent from the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Neville and Seconded by Cllr. M. Benson that the Chairman of the Council, Cllr. J. Blackburn take the Chair for the meeting. **Unanimously agreed.**

2009/017 WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed all present and opened the meeting.

2009/018 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY 2009
It was **Resolved** the minutes were true and accurate record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

2009/019 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 3RD FEBRUARY 2009
2009/013 It was reported that the Council has subsequently heard that this application was indeed within the Green Belt. The Clerk will contact the Borough Council to ensure that the Council's observations have been logged.

The Clerk has been asked to contact the Borough Council to ask why this Council was not informed that a change to the Green Belt was taking place.

2009/020 APPLICATIONS.

N6/2009/163/FP 23 Heathbrow Road Welwyn
Erection of chimney & formation of pitched roof & alternations to existing front & rear dormer windows

Councils Decision: No observations

N6/2009/207/FP 14 Hillside Way Welwyn
Erection of two storey rear extension.

Councils Decision: No observations

N6/2009/209/TP 31 Parkside Welwyn
Removal of sycamore tree covered by TPO76 T5

Councils Decision: **Objection:**
The Council strongly object to the removal of this prominent tree and would like to see the application refused.

N6/2009/213/FP 3 St Johns Close Welwyn
Erection of two storey rear extension.

Councils Decision: No observations

N6/2009/231/FP 7 Turpins Ride Welwyn
Retention of terracing decking.

Councils Decision: **Objection**

The Council strongly objects to this application. The "decking" is considered to be stepped balconies instead of Decking. It is grossly intrusive which is impacting on several neighbors.

N6/2009/5/FP Units 5 & 6 29 Mill Lane Welwyn
Change of use from B1 use to D1 use

Councils Decision: **Observation**

The Council would like the Borough Council to consider parking for their customers this could have an impact on residents in Mill Lane.

N6/2009/183/FP 5 Cubitts Close Digswell Welwyn
Erection of rear conservatory

Councils Decision: No observations

N6/2009/252/FP 8 The Limberlost Welwyn
Erection of new bungalow following demolition of existing dwelling.

Councils Decision: No observations

N6/2009/262/FP 4 Dewers Close Welwyn
Erection of front porch, two storey side extension, first floor rear extension & pitched roof extension to part existing/part approved rear extension.

Councils Decision: **Objection**

The building comes right up to the boundary. This Council objects because it is over development of the site, out of keeping with other properties in the area and likely to lead to a terracing effect.

8.30pm - At this juncture Cllr. I. Colpitts left the meeting for another appointment.

N6/2009/274/FP 13 The Avenue Welwyn
Erection of replacement dwelling.

Councils Decision: No observations

N6/2009/275/FP 16 The Avenue Welwyn
Erection of detached replacement dwelling, bund & acoustic fence.

Councils Decision: No observations

N6/2009/276/FP 18 The Avenue Welwyn
Erection of new dwelling following demolition of existing & erection of bund & acoustic fence.

Councils Decision: No observations

N6/2009/281/FP 46 New Road Digswell Welwyn
Erection of part single & part two storey rear extension

two storey front extension & two storey side extension over existing car port. Erection of new double garage

Councils Decision: No observations

N6/2009/282/FP 20 Carleton Rise Welwyn
Erection of rear conservatory.

Councils Decision: No observations

N6/2009/324/FP 16 Turpins Chase Welwyn
Retention of summerhouse/storage shed in front garden

Councils Decision: **Observation**

Should this application be approved this Council would like to see a clause in the conditions that the building is not to be used as a dwelling.

N6/2009/335/MA 7A & 8 Wendover Lodge, Church Street Welwyn
Erection of single storey extension to create a link between two blocks.

Councils Decision: No observations

N6/2009/371/FP 1A Wilga Road, Welwyn (Online application)

Councils Decision: No observations

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DECISIONS

There was a planning application for 23 New Road Digswell granted by the Borough Council. It was reported to the Committee that works had exceeded the permission granted. It was **Unanimously agreed** that the Clerk contact the Borough Council's enforcement officer to report this matter. (Cllr. Butler will Liaise with the Clerk).

All the decisions were duly noted.

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REPORT FROM THE PLANNING WORKING PARTY

Cllr. Skidmore reported and summarised that the Working Party had put together a submission, to be a formal response as part of the public consultation on the statement of the 'Issues and Options' stage of the Borough Council's Local Development Framework. This is to be recommended by the Planning Committee to Full Council at their meeting on 23rd March 2009. As this was a lengthy document, the Clerk will send copies to all members of the Council in the next few days to enable all Councillors to be familiar with its content.

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CLOSE OF MEETING.

The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.30pm

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

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