

WELWYN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25th JULY 2006 COMMENCING AT 8.40pm

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor J Roper, Councillors M Benson, J Blackburn, A Burnapp, C Passmore, M Rowland, I Skidmore, C Hukin, S Butler and P Neville (Absent at start of meeting.)

IN ATTENDANCE:

A Lane.

2006/74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

I Wheeler (Other Commitments), R Findlay (Clerk)

2006/75 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27th JUNE 2006:

It was Resolved to sign the minutes of the meeting as being correct and accurate.

2006/76 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 27th JUNE 2006:

The installation of the Civic Centre fire alarm will be put to the Clerk on her return for an update.

The assistant Clerk to contact the Frythe and finalise the visit and confirm the itinerary of the visit.

2006/77 PCSO's

It was noted that the Councillors feel it to be sensible for the views of the parishioners to be gained about the suggestion that Welwyn Parish Council might contribute towards the cost of a second PCSO for the Parish. To aid discussion, the clerk to make a representation to other local Parishes including Woolmer Green and Codicote relating to the viability and practicality of the suggestion made by the constabulary that Welwyn Parish might share the costs of such an appointment.

The Clerk is also to establish NALC findings on the subject of PCSO's for discussion as a major item on the agenda at the next meeting. This was agreed by the Full Council.

At this juncture Councillor Neville returned and gave his apologies.

2006/78 'WELWYN HATFIELD AS A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE'

It was suggested that this item be deferred until the next meeting, once all the councillors have had a chance to read through the information and make their own views.

This should be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Leisure Facilities and Open Spaces Committee, for referral to the Civic Centre Working Party.

2006/80 a) PLANNING & LICENSING COMMITTEE 4th July 2006:

Cllr Hukin presented the minutes and answered any questions raised,

He advised Full Council that the new Tree Warden scheme was discussed at length at the Planning & Licensing meeting along with the East of England Plan. These were both found to be very informative and interesting.

b) LEISURE FACILITIES & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE 11th July 2006:

Cllr Benson presented the minutes and explained that she would be arranging a meeting with the new Montessori School hirer of the White Hill Centre to discuss any matters or problems arising.

Councillors J Roper, I Skidmore, M Benson and the Clerk will be looking for a way forward to ensure the effective hire of the White Hill Centre and offered their assistance.

2066/51 Councillors were under the impression that no actions outstanding regarding the Section 106 Agreement for the new Scout HQ.

c) ALLOTS.CEM & CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE 18th July 2006:

Cllr J Blackburn presented the minutes and offered to answer any queries.

Regarding the agreement to a Tenancy of Will (**2006/55**) The cost of the £200 was broken down and explained to the Councillors.

Cllr Benson expressed her disagreement with the decision to proceed with the Tenancy of Will.

d) FINANCE COMMITTEE 25th July 2006:

Cllr Skidmore reported that the bill for the Health Clinic at the Civic Centre had finally been settled by the NHS.

Cllr Benson questioned the amounts being spent on the public toilets and would like the council to consider if we can carry on maintaining this service. Cllr Skidmore undertook to report to Council with a breakdown to show how much is spent on vandalism and how much is spent on maintenance.

Cllr Skidmore reported that the Inland Revenue have advised that we are underpaid by £8,000, Cllr Skidmore is challenging this and has authorised the Assistant Clerk to ask for more details.

Regarding the quotations received for replacement of the Christmas Lights. Cllr Rowland expressed the view that the quote from Blachere is far too much and feels we can get a much better price elsewhere.

The Clerk to get a quote from Lamps & Tubes for comparison.

Cllr Hukin expressed concern that expenditure on this item had not been budgeted in the current year.

Cllr Benson assured Council that all quotes for the Christmas Lighting will be put forward by the Leisure Facilities and Open Spaces Committee to the Finance Committee and Full Council before any decisions are made.

e) **YOUTH WORKING PARTY**

Cllr Roper undertook to call a meeting of the Youth Working Party any further and have something concrete to report next meeting.

f) **CLEANER WELWYN WORKING PARTY**

Council agreed that the pilot Cleaner Welwyn Week had been extremely successful. It was agreed that plans should be drawn up to extend it to Digswell, Oaklands and Mardley Heath in 2007.

Clerk to add on to the agenda again for September.

g) **CIVIC CENTRE WORKING PARTY**

Cllr Benson undertook to set a date for the next meeting.

2006/81 CHRISTMAS LANTERN PARADE

Clerk to invite Howard Hughes to give a presentation to the Leisure Facilities and Open Spaces Committee.

2006/82 COUNCILLORS WRITTEN REPORTS:

None received.

2006/83 CLOSE OF MEETING:

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.42pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....2006