

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
WELWYN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007 AT  
THE PARISH CENTRE LOCKLEYS DRIVE WELWYN  
COMMENCING AT 7.45PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Roper (Chairman) and Cllrs M Benson, J Blackburn, S Butler, I Colpitts, C Hukin, L Page and I Skidmore.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** R Findlay (Clerk to the Council), J Lewis (Office Administrator), PC Jerry Wright and PCSO Rob Taylor (Hertfordshire Constabulary), A Brown and R Thurman (Welwyn Film Record Society).

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs H Hughes (other commitments) and L McLusky (holiday) and P Neville (who was attending another meeting, but would be late later in the proceedings).

**2007/124 WELCOME**  
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2007/125 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2007.**  
These were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**2007/1256 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2007.**

- Revival of Association of Welwyn Hatfield Parishes:  
The Clerk reported HAPTC was trying to arrange a date for a meeting of the Parishes at the Civic Centre.
  
- Borough's Corporate & Community Plan:  
The Clerk reported there still had been no acknowledgement from Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council regarding the Council's response.
  
- Review of Boundaries & Electoral changes:  
The Clerk also reported there had been no acknowledgement from the Boundaries Commission regarding the Council's response.

**2007/127 KICK WALL.**

**At this juncture Standing Orders were suspended to enable PCSO Rob Taylor to address the Council.**

PCSO Taylor told the Council how the ides of the 'Kick Wall' developed.

**The Council then agreed to go back into session.**

It was reported, the Leisure Facilities and Open Spaces Committee agreed to the Kick Wall in principle. It had been agreed that the Clerk look at possible funding and to obtain quotes.

After discussion, there were some reservations regarding the project.

It was **resolved** that the Council supports the project, in principle, subject to further reports from the Leisure Facilities and Open Spaces Committee.

**2007/128 SEPTEMBER REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & WORKING PARTIES.**

- Planning and Licensing Committee:  
Cllr Skidmore who chaired the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007 presented a report of the meeting and answered questions.

- Finance Committee:

Cllr Roper who chaired the meeting of the held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007 presented the August accounts and recommended to Council they accept the payments of **£25,586.45**.

It was **resolved** the Council accept all the payments for the month of August 2007 totalling **£25,586.45**

- Leisure Facilities & Open Spaces Committee:

Cllr Blackburn, Chairman of the Leisure Facilities & Open Spaces Committee presented a report of its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

It had been agreed at the meeting to purchase of a mower for the Council from Welwyn and District Bowls Club at a cost of **£500.00**

It was also agreed that this would be put to the next Finance Committee recommending that the £500.00 be made from the Council's Capital Fund.

The Council then discussed the Grass cutting Contract.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk invite Tenders for the Grass cutting at the Cemetery and Churchyard for 2008/2009

- Civic Centre Working:

It was agreed that the Notes from the Working Party are to be presented to the Leisure Facilities and Open Spaces Committee and not the Council meetings. Therefore, these were not discussed at the meeting.

**2007/129 DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE: FIVE-YEAR PLAN.**

Council agreed to withdraw this item from the agenda

**2007/130 FACILITIES FOR YOUTH WORKING PARTY.**

*8.45pm: At this juncture, Cllr Neville joined the meeting.*

Cllr Roper presented a draft paper on proposed Terms of Reference for a new Working Party, this would look at all the Council's facilities at the playing field at Ottway Walk. Councillors were asked to study the document and send any comments to the Clerk.

**2007/131 COUNCILLORS' WRITTEN REPORTS.**

Cllr Roper presented a previously circulated paper of a meeting at 'Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council for Town and Parish Councils' he had attended on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Following discussion it was:

Resolved, the Clerk be asked to follow up an offer from the Chief Executive of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and arrange a meeting with the Council.

Cllr Roper gave a verbal report of the Annual General Meeting of the 'Welwyn Anglo-French Twinning Association' he had attended on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

It was **resolved** that 'Twinning Association' be on the agenda for the January 2008 Council meeting.

**EXEMPT BUSINESS.**

*Under section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the next two items on the Agenda, the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following two items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of*

**2007/132 CIVIC CENTRE LEASE UPDATE.**

It was reported that this had progressed.

Due to the Clerk being on Annual Leave for the past two weeks, she asked that this matter was not discussed at this time, until she had had chance to be updated on the situation and advise Council.

**Resolved**, this not be discussed at this time.

**2007/133 CLERK'S COMPLAINT UPDATE.**

The Clerk reported that she had had a meeting with the Councillors involved and agreements had been reached, the Clerk has now agreed not to take the matter further.

**2007/134 CLOSE OF MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.23pm.

Signed:..... Chairman, Welwyn Parish Council.

Date:.....2008