

# WELWYN PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE FACILITIES & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2006 IN THE PARISH CENTRE, COMMENCING 7.30pm

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**PRESENT:** Chairman, Councillor M. Benson and Councillors, A. Burnapp, C. Passmore, J. Roper and M. Rowland (arriving at 7.45pm).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor, J. Blackburn (Holiday)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** R. Findlay, (Clerk), D. Leslie (Civic Centre Caretaker) and two members of the public.

**2006/48 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2006:**  
The minutes of the above meeting were taken as read and duly signed by the Chairman.

**2006/49 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2006:**

- Welwyn Christmas Lights: This was deferred until later in the meeting as an agenda item.
- Remedial Works to the Pavilion Guttering: The Clerk reported she had still not received the revised quotes but should have them for the next meeting for discussion.
- Cleaner Welwyn Week: It was reported that Councillor Ian Wheeler did a splendid job organising the event and the Committee applauded his efforts and Councillor Chris Passmore for his initiative in bring the 'Cleaner Welwyn Week' idea to the Committee. It was reported that approximately 14 black sacks full of litter was collected from around the village on the first evening. The cleaning of the River Mimram was also very successful. It was decided to make this a regular feature and also to include Digswell and Oaklands/Mardley Heath. It was agreed to get Councillors from the different wards and local people involved. The Councillors would identify what needed to be done in their areas. Disappointment was expressed that little or no support came from the Borough (District) Councillors. Thanks were given to Borough Councillor, John Burnapp for his time and involvement during Cleaner Welwyn Week.

*At this juncture Councillor Rowland arrived and gave his apologies (7.45pm)*

- Welwyn Festival: The Committee complimented the Clerk and her staff for their efforts in the arrangement of the Parish Council stall. Thanks were also given to the Councillors who were able to attend on the day and help in setting up and clearing away. £88.30 was raised at the event from the Tombola. All the proceeds were given to the Welwyn Festival Committee to distribute to the charities of their choice.

**2006/50 CIVIC CENTRE: *Entertainment License.***  
It was agreed to move this item to the closing stages of the agenda for discussion.

**2006/51 SECTION 106 AGREEMENT – NEW SCOUT HEADQUARTERS**

The Clerk reported that the Solicitor needed further instruction from the Committee on the 106 agreement. It was agreed, the Chairman of the Council (Cllr. Roper), Chairman from the Leisure... (Cllr. Benson) and the Chairman of Allotments... (Cllr. Blackburn) would arrange a date to meet and discuss the documents and then advise the Clerk.

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**2006/52 WHITE HILL CENTRE:**

At the beginning of the meeting the Chairman was handed a petition by Helen Clayton which had been signed by nine people in regard to the Montessori Nursery who use the small hall at the White Hill Centre in Ottway Walk.

The Clerk reported that Mrs. Mansi who runs the Montessori Nursery had given notice that she would cease hiring the premises after her session on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2005.

**Resolved**, the Clerk to write and ask Mrs Mansi to ensure all her equipment is removed Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2006.

Members then discussed ay length a proposal from Mr. Johal to use the small hall at the Civic Centre on an exclusive basis.

**Resolved**, with the withdrawal of Mrs. Mansi on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2006 the Parish Council will not hire any of its facilities for exclusive use.

***At this juncture press and public were invited back into the meeting***

**2006/53 WELWYN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:**

A quote had been received from 'Lamps and Tubes' to replace the original lights with LED strips and three different quotes had been received on a 3 year rental contact for new Christmas Lights from 'Blachere'. The Committee discussed the quotes.

**Resolved**, Due to the cost involved in replacing and repairing the original Christmas Lights it was agreed for members to recommend to full Council that the Council rents rather buying a new set of Christmas lights possibly from Blachere. This would make it more cost-effective for the Council with savings on storage, maintenance, servicing and erection and taking down of the lights.

The Committee agreed to look into which lights would be suitable and Councillor Rowland will look at the existing brackets and fixtures in the high then report back to full Council.

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**2006/54 CIVIC CENTRE: Entertainment License.**

The Clerk and the Caretaker reported on the changes to the Entertainment License at the Civic Centre.

**Resolved**, The Committee are actively positive in the pursuance of the requirements of the License. The Committee will arrange a date to meet to discuss the License at length. The Clerk is to make further enquires from other Clerks with Entertainment Licenses for their premises.

**The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.32pm**

Signed.....Chairman of Leisure Facilities and Open Spaces Committee.

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2006

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