

# WELWYN PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the **PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE** held on **1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2006**, in the Parish Centre, which commenced **at 7.30pm**

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**Before the meeting started the Chairman introduced, Oliver Waring and Claire Lilley from Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.**

Mr Waring and Mrs Lilley explained to the committee members how they are now part of the Planning Department and are informed of all tree applications. Mr Waring went on to explain how if a tree is under threat they can place a TPO (Tree Protection Order) on a tree.

Mr Waring and Mrs Lilley explained that in contacting the Council people can enquire if there is a TPO on a tree, this information will soon be available on their website. He also explained to the Committee that with every application the trees are inspected before any decision is made.

The Chairman thanked Mr Waring and Mrs Lilley for their time and their explanations on how TPO's work and the reason behind this.

**At this juncture, the Chairman opened the meeting.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Councillor C Hukin and Councillors P Neville, S Butler, J Blackburn and J Roper

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  
Amanda Lane,( Temp. Office Administrator, Oliver Waring (WHC Tree Officer) Claire Lilley (WHC Tree Officer) and Dr Ober,(Welwyn Tree Warden).

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**  
Councillor I Skidmore (Other Commitments) and R Findlay, Clerk (other commitments)

### **2006/35 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2006**

The minutes having been read were signed as accurate and correct.

### **2006/36 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**N6/2006/34FP.** It was reported the appeal had been refused and the Committee thanked Councillor Butler for her hard work.

Ammended plans for application number: N6/2006/758OP were discussed and appeared no different to the last application and an updated set of plans has been requested.

Information from Chris Conway (WHC Chief Planning Officer) Is expected on the East of England Plan, at the moment there are only generalised comments.

**N6/2006/849FP.** This revised plan was received. There were no observations.

**N6/2006/851/TP.** That was presented regarding works to a tree was not up for discussion as a standard letter had been sent out from the Clerk at the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council to the application holder.

**2006/37 WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL TREE POLICY**

It was agreed to discuss the WHC Tree Policy at the next meeting in September to enable the Committee to read the documents for their comments at the meeting.

**2006/38 APPLICATIONS**

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<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Observations</b>
N6/2006/857/FP	9 Glebe Road, Welwyn	No Observation
N6/2006/867/FP	31A Turpins Ride, Welwyn	No Observation
N6/2006/891/FP	Beacon House, 50 New Road, Digswell, Welwyn	No Observation
N6/2006/893/FP	4 Robbery Bottom Lane, Mardley Heath, Welwyn	No Observation
N6/2006/930/FP	3 Spindleberry Close, Welwyn	No Observation
N6/2006/942FP	1 Roundabout Lane, Welwyn	<b>Observation:</b> There is lack of information on the application. Where on the site is the conservatory? Are there any other works being carried out other than the conservatory?
N6/2006/943FP	Appledene, Rabley Heath, Welwyn	No Observation
N6/2006/947FP	Sherrardswood School, Welwyn	<b>Observation:</b> If the planning application is approved, a time limit should be adjoined with the application.
N6/2006/963/FP	5 Oaklea, Oaklands, Welwyn	No Observation

**Further Planning Applications had been received, as shown below, which were not on the Agenda. The Chairman of the meeting was of the opinion these should be considered as a**

**matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances as defined in Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.**

N6/2006/998/OP	6 Windsor Close, Welwyn	Cllr Blackburn will look at this and report back to the Clerk.
N6/2006/1001/	70 Warren Way, Digswell, Welwyn	Cllrs. Butler and Neville will look into this application and report back to the Clerk.
N6/2006/997/	3 Oaklea. Oaklands, Welwyn	The Chairman will look into this application and report back to the Clerk.

**2006/39 DECISIONS**

<b>APPLICATION NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION &amp; LOCATION</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
N6/2005/1595/FP	Two storey side extension & external alterations 46 Carleton Rise, Welwyn	<b>GRANTED</b>	No Observation
N6/2006/610/FP	Erection of single storey extension 16 Danesbury Park, Danesbury Park Road, Welwyn	<b>GRANTED</b>	No Observation
N6/2006/611/FP	Erection of single storey extension 13 Danesbury Park, Danesbury Park Road, Welwyn	<b>GRANTED</b>	No Observation
N6/2006/613/AD	Non illuminated shop logo on flank wall 21-27 High Street, Welwyn	<b>REFUSED</b>	<b>Objection:</b> Inappropriate in a conservation area.
N6/2006/614/FP	Erection of rear conservatory 17 Turpins Chase, Welwyn	<b>GRANTED</b>	No Observation
N6/2006/621/TP	Removal of beech tree covered by TPO24 Area 3 15 Heath Road, Welwyn	<b>REFUSED</b>	<b>Objection:</b> Unnecessary removal of a protected tree.
N6/2006/631/FP	Formation of new crossover and access 34 New Road, Welwyn	<b>REFUSED</b>	No Observation

The Chairman expressed his concerns as to why there was no comment made by the Committee on the other refused application, number: **N6/2006/631/FP**. It was reported that there were no objections from the Committee when the application was considered.

**2006/40 LICENSING**

The Committee is still awaiting reports from the Leisure, Facilities and Open Spaces Committee meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55pm

**Signed:..... Chairman of the Planning and Licensing Committee.**

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006**