

**Minutes of a meeting of**  
**THE PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**  
**held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007 in the Parish Centre, which commenced at**  
**7.30pm.**

- PRESENT:** Elected Chairman, Cllr. I. Skidmore. S Butler and Cllrs. M. Benson, J. Blackburn, C. Hukin, J. Roper and I. Skidmore
- IN ATTENDANCE:** R. Findlay (Clerk) and Jon Green (*Welwyn Planning and Amenity Group*), Mr R Oxley (*Welwyn Planning and Amenity Group*). Dr H Ober (*Welwyn Tree Warden*)
- APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllrs P. Neville (Holiday) and I Colpitts (Other Commitments).

**2007/63 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**  
The Chairman, Cllr Hukin, had previously sent his apologies to the Clerk as he would be late arriving for the meeting. It was **Resolved** that Cllr. Skidmore, take the chair for the meeting.

Cllr. Skidmore then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2007/64 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2007.**  
As none of the Councillors present were at the last meeting, with the exception of Councillor Neville, it was agreed to defer the accuracy of the Minutes until later in the meeting when Cllr. Hukin would be present to discuss the accuracy.

**2007/65 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2007**  
There were no matters arising.

**2007/66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**  
There were none declared

**2007/67 APPLICATIONS.**

**N6 2007/1195/FP: 14 Gwynfa Close. Welwyn. Erection of Single storey front extension.**

Councils Decision: NO OBSERVATION

**N6 2007/1199/TP: Copperkins Lodge Harmer Green Lane Digswell Welwyn. Reduction of Oak Tree by 30% and Reduction of Beech Tree by 3Q% covered by TPO 276 G1**

Councils Decision: NO OBSERVATION

**N6 2007/1211/LB: North Welwyn Railway Station Harmer Green Lane Digswell Welwyn. Alterations to the modern internal booking hall partition wall to provide a dda compliant ticket window**

Councils Decision: NO OBSERVATION

**N6 2007/1215/FP: 2 Heathbrow Road. Welwyn. Single storey side extension, rear conservatory and raising of roof to form additional first floor accommodation.**

This application was defer until Cllr. Hukin's arrival at the meeting.

**N6 2007/1222/TP: 31 Mardley Hill Welwyn. Reduce Beech Trees by 4.5 mtrs covered by TPO 24 Area 3**

Councils Decision: OBJECTION.

The application does not state how tall the trees actually are.

There is no reason why the trees should be reduced. They are part of the Tree-scape of Oaklands.

The Council recommends that a qualified Arborologist look at the trees.

*At this juncture (8pm) Cllr, C. Hukin arrived for the meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Skidmore stay in the Chair.*

The Committee then looked at the deferred application.

**N6 2007/1215/FP: 2 Heathbrow Road. Welwyn. Single storey side extension, rear conservatory and raising of roof to form additional first floor accommodation.**

Councils Decision: It was agreed that Cllr Hukin looks at the site of the application and report his observations to the Clerk.

**N6 2007/1230/FP: 40 Harmer Green Lane Digswell Welwyn. Proposed single storey side extension and new garage.**

Councils Decision: OBJECTION.

(Cllr. Neville had looked at the property and sent in his observation on this application)  
The Committee agreed that the application has an extensive side extension, taking up much of the frontage. The extension would be highly prominent in the street scene and is damaging to the "essentially Arcadian character" in that part of Harmer Green. (Note, Page 19 of the Digswell Character Appraisal).

**N6 2007/1240/TP: The Wellington Inn. 1 High Street Welwyn. Reduction of 8 trees by 50% covered by TPO 316**

Councils Decision: OBSERVATION

There is a significant Treescape in the location.

The Council are concerned about the amount of reduction, and feels that the management of the trees would be preferable. The Council would like to see the preservation of the Treescape as much as possible. It is essential that the District Arborologist look at the trees

**N6 2007/1241/FP: Site Adjoining 6 London Road Opposite Hertford Road Welwyn. Erection of a New Dwelling**

Councils Decision: NO OBSERVATION.

**N6 2007/1254/TP: 16 The Drive. Welwyn. Works to fell 5 Pine Trees covered by TPO 24 Area 3**

Councils Decision: OBJECTION

The Council can see no reason for the trees to be felled and suggests management of the trees rather than them being removed. Again this is part of the Treescape

There was no other information attached to the application so the Council feels they are unable to make an informed decision.

**N6 2007/1259/TP: 1 Rollswood Road. Welwyn, Felling of Oak Tree T2 covered by TPO 310**

Councils Decision: OBJECTION

It was noted that the tree in the application is labelled as T1 on one plan and T2 on the other. The Council presume the plan is correct for T2.

The Council object to the felling of the tree, as this is a significant part of the Treescape. No reason is given for the felling of the tree.

**N6 2007/1265/FP: 12 Rosecroft Lane. Oaklands. Welwyn. – Single Storey rear extension.**

Councils Decision: NO OBSERVATION

**N6 2007/1277/OP: 76 Warren Way. Digswell. Welwyn. – Outline application for the erection of detached 3 bed Chalet Bungalow with Garage.**

Councils Decision: NOT TO ALLOW THIS OUTLINE APPLICATION

The Council does not think this application appropriate, as it would interfere with the way the road had been designed and would be compromising to the junction, being built on the corner of the road. The street has an open streetscope and this application would be over dominant and out of keeping with Foxley Grove, Warren Way and Wardside Road.

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**DECISIONS.**

The Clerk reported that in the future the Councils recommendations would be printed alongside Welwyn Hatfield's decisions on the Decision documents sent out with the agendas.

All the following decisions were duly by the Council.

**N612007/9791FP: 4 Robbery Bottom Lane. Welwyn - Demolition of existing Bungalow & erection of a new dwelling.**

*Borough Council's Decision:* PERMITTED

**N6120071002/FP: 20 Briary Wood LANE. Welwyn - Single storey extension.**

*Borough Council's Decision:* PERMITTED

**N612007/1010/FP: 65 Robbery Bottom Lane. Welwyn – Erection of Front Boundary Wall**

*Borough Council's Decision: WITHDRAWN*

**N612007/1014/FP: 15 Mardley Hill. Welwyn – Erection of single storey rear & side extensions after demolition of existing garage.**

*Borough Council's Decision: PERMITTED*

**N612007/1023/FP: 9 Warren Way. Welwyn – Erection of a first floor rear & side extension.**

*Borough Council's Decision: PERMITTED*

**N612007/1026/FP: 18 Mardley Avenue. Welwyn – Erection of two storey rear extension & insertion of a front dormer.**

*Borough Council's Decision: REFUSED*

**N612007/937/FP: 6 Juniper Gardens. Welwyn – Erection of front dormer & conversion of garage.**

*Borough Council's Decision: PERMITTED*

**N612007/939/FP: 18 Station Road. Welwyn – Erection of single storey side & front extension.**

*Borough Council's Decision: PERMITTED*

**N612007/941/TP: 59 New Road. Welwyn – Removal of 2 Sycamore Trees covered by TPO 260**

*Borough Council's Decision: GRANTED*

**N612007/446/MA: 7A & 8 Wendover Lodge, Church Street. Welwyn – Erection of 16 (2 Bedroom) flats in two blocks, with underground car parking, access & amenity space, following the demolition of two existing dwellings.**

*Borough Council's Decision: PERMITTED*

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**REPORT FROM THE PLANNING WORKING PARTY.**

It was reported that the Working party were waiting for news about a meeting from Welwyn Hatfield officers, Chris Conway, Carol Hayman and/or Sue Tilley. If nothing is heard from them in within the next two weeks the Clerk will contact Chris Conway on her return from annual leave.

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**CLOSE OF MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.52pm.

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

Date.