

Minutes of a meeting of
THE PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
held on Tuesday 8th January 2008 in the Parish Centre
which commenced at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Chairman, Cllr. C. Hukin and Councillors, M. Benson, S. Butler, J. Blackburn, I Colpitts, P. Neville, L. Page and I. Skidmore

IN ATTENDANCE: R. Findlay (Clerk), Jon Green and R Oxley (*Welwyn Planning and Amenity Group*)

APOLOGIES: All Committee members were in attendance.

2008/01 WELCOME
The Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

2008/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr. I Colpitts declared an interest in planning application 2007/1875FP

2008/03 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2007
Resolved the Minutes were an accurate and correct then duly signed by the Chairman.

2008/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2007

55 Mardley Hill. The Chairman reported that he and Councillors Colpitts and Page had looked at the application and proposed site and made an objection to the Borough Council. The reasons for the objection were in relation to Density, mass having a terraced effect, the access road, that the footpath would only be 4metres wide and the long frontages could be maintained in a heavy wooded residential area. A copy of the objection had been placed in a folder in the Councillors room.

16 The Drive. The Chairman reported he had a call from Mr Aston from WHBC Planning department regarding the Parish Council's objection on the removal of trees on this application. It was agreed that the Parish Council changed their original objection to an observation.

Observation:

Trees 1&3 are not removed.

Trees 2& 5 are to be replaced with similar trees

And

All work to be carried out under the supervision of the Borough's Arbiculturalist and by professional contractors.

Cllr. Butler reported that the Welwyn Hatfield Times ran the story that Herts, County Council has objected to the Mardley Hill application because of safety issues.

2008/05 APPLICATIONS.

N6 2007/1799FP –44 Hertford Road Digswell

Erection of single storey front extension.

Decision: No observations

N6/2007/1824/FP – 108 Harmer Green Lane Digswell.

Erection of detached outbuilding, porch and wall.

OBSERVATION: If this application is approved the Parish Council would like a restriction stating that the outbuilding is not to be used as a dwelling.

N6 2007/1829FP - 5 Moor Cottages Mimram Walk
Erection of extension to existing outbuilding & timber shed.
Decision: No observations

N6 2007/1838/FP – 4 Hangmans Lane Welwyn.
Reduce crowns up to 20% of Oak Trees T4, T5 & T7 covered by TPO 401

OBSERVATION: That the work is done under the supervision of the Borough's Arbiculturalist and by professional contractors.

N6 2007/1853FP - 19 Briary Wood Lane
Replacement of existing flat roof with pitched roof over double garage.
Decision: No observations

N6/2007/1859/TP - 12-14 The Avenue Welwyn
Felling of beech tree T2 & two hornbeams T5 & T6 covered by TPO 314

OBJECTION TO ALL: Strong objection to the removal of the trees as these were part of the approved original application not too long ago.

N6/2007/1873/FP - 25 Station Road Digswell Welwyn
Change of use from A1 (retail) to A2 (financial & professional services)

OBSERVATION: The Council are in favour of the application which would maintain the vitality of the parade.

At this juncture, Cllr. I. Colpitts left the room having declared an interest in the next planning application.

N6 2007/1875FP – 21 Turpins Chase Welwyn Parish Council Retention of climbing frames & fence panels in rear garden.
Decision: No observations

Cllr. Colpitts returned to the meeting

N6/2007/1882/TP - 17 Turpins Ride Welwyn
Works to trees T1, T2 & T3 (Group 1) covered by TPO34

OBSERVATION: That the work is done under the supervision of the Borough's Arbiculturalist and by professional contractors.

N6 2007/1886FP - 9 New Place School Lane Welwyn Parish Council Erection of rear conservatory.
Decision: No observations

N6/2007/1888/TP - 14 Bluebells Welwyn
Works to hornbeam trees T1, T2, T4, T5, T6, T9 & T10 & removal of T3, T8 & T9 & T10 all covered by TPO89 G3

OBJECTION TO ALL: The application does not state what percentage the trees are to be reduced by and the removal of the trees would be too radical.

N6 2007/1899FP - Halls House, 2 Halls Close Welwyn Parish Council Erection of single storey rear extension following partial demolition of existing rear extension.
Decision: No observations

N6 2007/1905FP – Halls House, 2 Halls Close Welwyn Parish Council Erection of single storey rear extension following partial demolition of existing rear extension.
Decision: No observations

It was agreed by the Committee that as a matter of urgency the following additional applications be discussed at this meeting due to the “call in date” which is before the next meeting.

N6 2007/1922FP – Land at 2 Copse Hill Welwyn
Erection of new 4 bedroom dwelling with double garage

Decision: It was agreed that Cllrs. Blackburn and Page look at the site and report back.

N6 2007/1927FP – 18 The Avenue Welwyn
Erection of detached dwelling following demolition of existing.
Decision: No observations.

N6 2007/1952FP – 7 Turpin Rise Welwyn
Erection of two storey rear extension & single storey front extension.

Decision: It was agreed that Cllr. Page look at the site and report back.

N6 2007/1955FP – 26 Canonsfield Road Welwyn
Erection of two storey & first floor side extensions & new rear dormer.

Decision: It was agreed that Cllrs. Hukin and Page look at the site and report back.

N6 2007/1957FP – 16 Oaklands Rise Welwyn
Erection of single storey rear extension, first floor side extension & single storey side extension for use as garage.

Decision: It was agreed that Cllr. Page look at the site and report back.

N6 2007/1967FP – 10 Dudley Close Welwyn
Erection of single storey rear extension.
No observations.

N6 2007/1968TP – 3 Bluebells Welwyn
Pollard 6 Hornbeams covered by TPO 53

Decision: It was agreed that Cllrs. Hukin and Page look at the site and report back.

N6 2007/1847FP – 7a Canonsfield Welwyn
Demolition of existing bungalow & detached garage & erection of new chalet bungalow.

This application did not have a call in date. It was agreed that Cllrs. Hukin and Page look at the site and report back.

2008/06 DECISIONS

All the decisions were duly noted.

2008/07 PLANNING WORKING PARTY

It was agreed that the Working Party are to meet to discuss the Borough Council's Core Strategy for the views on the areas in question including Digswell.

It was agreed there was insufficient time for the consultation and it was agreed to ask the Borough Council for an extension. It was noted that they already had a Digswell appraisal and the Welwyn appraisal

2008/08 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.28pm

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

Date2008