

Wheathampstead Parish Council Planning Committee 15 April, 19.00h

Present Councillors:	G Clark	Chairman
	A Brewster	
	I Begg	
	D Hills	Arrived 19.10
	T Reason	Arrived 19.15
	J Turner	
	S Walford	Arrived 19.10
	Julia Warren	Clerk
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1017-09 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors and J. Burgess, Clements and Stammers (personal reasons).

1018-09 PUBLIC SPEAKING

None.

1019-09 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Clark declared a personal interest in Minute 1021-10, as she is on Plans North of the District Council Planning Authority. The way she votes at Parish Council will not necessarily be the way she votes at District Council.

1020-09 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March were approved.

Resolved: To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 9 March 2010 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman

1021-09 PLANNING

The following plans was considered:

5/10/0597	The Old Rectory, King Edward Place	Change of use form B1(office to C12(residential) including removal & alterations of internal partition walls, removal of ceiling above first floor and above ground floor offices 3&4 and replacement front door. Demolition of
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		existing flue, canteen building and lean-to structure and erection of building containing six apartments
5/10/0622LB	The Old Rectory, King Edward Place	Listed building consent
5/10/0703	51 Manor Road	Rear dormer window (amendment to planning permission 5/08/1557 dated 21 August 2008)
5/10/0216A	Wheathampstead Education Centre	Display of two advertisements comprising six non-illuminated pole mounted signs (retrospective)

**Resolved: Parish Council recommendation to SADC
NO OBJECTION**

With regard to 5/10/0216A, retrospective permission, Wheathampstead Parish Council had no objection to the sign as actually positioned on the roadside. It would be reluctant to support it as shown on the plan, ie on the edge of the Nature Reserve

1022-10 ROAD NAME CONSULTATION

St Albans District Council had consulted regarding road names for developments at the former Education Centre in Butterfield Road (Mortimer Close / Brocket Way or Wheeler Road), and the former Vale Garage site at 139 Lower Luton Road (Knighton Vale).

Councillors Confirmed the unsuitability of Brocket Way, there already being a Brocket View in the Village. Councillors were unhappy with the Mortimer Wheeler suggestions stating that some local historians maintain that Sir Mortimer Wheeler's influence at Devil's Dyke was minimal. The Dyke was the other side of the Village from the development site so the connection was not all that appropriate.

Persimmon having consulted the Parish Council on a development/marketing name had favoured the education history of the site in their development name, calling the site Tutor Gate. Councillors therefore believed that one of their original suggestions with an educational theme (such as Old School Reach, Old School Ridge, Teachers' Way, Scholars' Walk, Old School Drive) would be better. Their preferred theme of Roman or Celtic names had not found favour with Persimmon

Councillors were totally supportive of the inclusion of Vale for the 5 home development on Lower Luton Road. Councillors preferred a local connection and were unable to recall a local connection with Knighton and requested clarification from SADC.

