



Local Government for Langton Green, Speldhurst, Ashurst and Old Groombridge

**Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Council Offices, Langton Green Village Hall**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs Price (Chairman), Barrington-Johnson (ex-officio), Round and Rowe.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mrs Kate Harman – Assistant Clerk

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:** There were no members of the public present.

1. **To enquire if anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting:** No one present intended to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.
2. **To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence:** apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Woodliffe, Ellery, Turner, and Scarbrough – all previous engagements.
3. **Disclosures of Interests:** there were none.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying:** there were none.
5. **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising:**
  - a) Lawful Development Certificate for additional parking area adjacent to the pavilion: it was agreed that the Chairman and Assistant Clerk would work together to submit a planning application.
  - b) Stone Cottage, Langton Green – It was agreed that permission to tarmac the frontage of this property be recommended as a refusal to the Amenities Committee. The area is designated village green and owned by SPC. Additionally, Councillors did not wish to set a precedent.
7. **Public Open Session:** there were no members of the public present.
8. **Planning appeals:**

**18/03582/FULL**

Location: 21 Newlands, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Demolition of two existing houses and the erection of six 3-bedroom homes and four 4-bedroom homes, plus associated access, parking and landscaping.

Cllr Mrs Price had responded to this appeal on behalf of SPC and would check that it had been received. Cllr Barrington-Johnson said that the Village Society had also sent in an appeal.

9. **Planning applications for discussion and decision:**

**19/02008/FULL**

Location: Danemore Park, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0JP

Proposal: Creation of swimming pool and erection of plant room and garden wall.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

Note: No site notice observed.

**19/02009/LBC**

Location: Danemore Park, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0JP

Proposal: Listed Building Consent - Creation of swimming pool and erection of plant room and garden wall.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer.

Note: No site notice observed.

**19/01277/TPO**

Location: Salomons Estate Ltd, Broomhill Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0TD

Proposal: Trees: Poplar (T1) – Reduce by 50%; Sweet chestnut (T2) – Fell; Birch (T3) – Fell.

Decision: We object, unless the Tree Officer confirms that the trees are unsafe. These trees were to be retained and protected under the original planning permission no.

16/03676/FULL. If these trees now need to be removed because they are unsafe as a result of the groundworks contrary to the original protection requirement, they should be replaced in situ. We request Salomons explain how this damage occurred.

Note: No site notice observed.

**19/02259/TPO**

Location: Court House, Broom Park, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0RF

Proposal: Trees: Western Hemlock (T1) – Fell; Noble Fir (2) – Fell.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

Note: No site notice observed.

**19/02237/FULL**

Location: Land Adjoining Pax Cottage, Stockland Green Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Conversion of existing lock up garage to dwelling.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

10. **Compliance Issues:**

- a) Herons Oast Farm – The TWBC Enforcement Officer had confirmed that there had not been a breach of planning in this instance.
- b) Cedar House, Monteith Close – It was noted that the retrospective planning application for a fence had been refused.

- c) 31 Hither Chantlers – the Clerk had reported the issue of removal of trees to the TWBC Enforcement Officer however at the time of the meeting no response had been received.
- d) The Assistant Clerk had written to Stephen Baughen regarding mis-placed site notices and in particular one which Cllr Barrington-Johnson had noted on Holmewood Ridge. At the time of writing, no response had been received.
- e) An email had been received from TWBC Enforcement regarding the guidelines for fences and hedges which would be used when considering planning applications.

**11. TWBC Planning Department's Draft Local Plan**

Councillors discussed the plan in detail. Suggested changes and comments were agreed which would be circulated to Full Council ahead of October's meeting when the plan would be considered.

12. **Items for information:** The Assistant Clerk said that she would email Councillors to obtain availability ahead of the next meeting which was planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

***Chairman***