



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

**Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm on
Monday 16th October 2023 in the Palmer Room, Langton Green Recreation Ground**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Rowe (Chair), Curry, Davies, Dooley and Norton.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mrs K Harman – Assistant Clerk.

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

1. **To enquire if anyone intends to record the meeting**

The Assistant Clerk was recording the meeting for the purpose of accuracy of the minutes and would delete the recording once the minutes had been signed at the next Planning Committee meeting.

2. **To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cleaver and Mures (holiday), Leach (childcare) and Tarricone (Covid related).

3. **Disclosures of Interests**

Cllr Rowe declared an interest in the application for 17 Roopers, Speldhurst, as he is a neighbour.

4. **Declarations of Lobbying**

There were none.

5. **Minutes: RESOLVED** That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18th September 2023 be approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

6. **Public Open Session:**

There were no members of the public present.

7. **Planning Appeals**

There were none.

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

23/02610/TCA – Court Lodge, Groombridge Road, Groombridge

Proposal: Tree in a Conservation Area Notification – Spruce (T1) – Remove, Willow (T2) – reduce to a pollard; 5 x Silver Birch (G1) – Remove.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Tree Officer.

23/02605/TPO – Tree Tops, Stonewall Park Road, Langton Green

Proposal: Trees: 8 No. Ash; Oak; 2 No. Sycamore – Top all trees approximately 5 metres.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Tree Officer.

23/02606/TPO – White Moore, Stonewall Park Road, Langton Green

Proposal: Trees: Birch (T1); Sycamore (T2); Cherry (T3) – Reduce and shape by approximately one third by 3-4 metres.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Tree Officer.

23/02555/FULL – Tamerton House, Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension, blocking and relocation of windows on first floor and internal reconfigurations.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

23/02513/TPO – Kirby Court, Long Slip, Langton Green

Proposal: Trees: Ash (T1) – Section fell to ground level.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Tree Officer.

23/02503/LBC – Etherton Lawn, Stockland Green Road, Speldhurst

Proposal: Listed Building consent – Conversion of existing garden store to residential annexe including alterations to fenestration.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Conservation Officer.

23/02511/FULL – 17 Roopers, Speldhurst

Proposal: Replacement weatherboarding to elevations along with low level render finish. Adjust existing West Election door and window openings. Replace existing rear dormer to garage roof. Fit 2 rooflights to front slope of garage roof and 3 rooflights to rear slope.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

23/02502/FULL – Etherton Lawn, Stockland Green Road, Speldhurst

Proposal: Conversion of existing garden store to residential annexe including alterations to fenestration.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

23/02501/FULL – 17 Barden Road, Speldhurst

Proposal: Rear and side extension, loft conversion with rear dormer and rooflights and changes to fenestration.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

23/02449/FULL – 11 Dornden Drive, Langton Green

Proposal: Detached new dwelling and garage. Associated hard and soft landscaping. Vehicular driveway.

Decision: We Remain neutral, however there are some specific points raised by neighbours which we would like the planning officer to take account of. We note that the design appears to be of a high quality.

23/02447/FULL – 30 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green

Proposal: Replacement of front hedge with boundary walls, gate and railings.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

23/02419/FULL – Bay House, Stonewall Park Road, Langton Green

Proposal: Replacement 1.8m fencing along garden boundary spanning 20 metres.

Decision: Remain neutral, subject to the points raised by KCC Highways.

23/02419/FULL – Ashurst Place, Lampington Row, Langton Green

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 21/02886/FULL – Amendments to the original landscape plan to allow for sufficient landscape and environmental enhancements to accord with original PEA and Proposed LEMP.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

23/01006/FULL – 29 Northfields, Speldhurst

Proposal: Conversion of garage into office space with new fenestration and door, extension of existing driveway.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

23/02384/LAWPRO – 24 Dornden Drive, Langton Green

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) Extension to the area of existing driveway in the front garden and new timber finish vehicular and pedestrian gates.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

9. **TW Local Plan**

There was nothing to report. It was agreed this item would be removed from future agendas and that Cllr Curry who is a Borough Councillor would bring any appropriate matters to the committee as and when they arise. Cllr Curry explained the Local Plan to the newer members of the committee.

10. **Compliance Issues**

There were none.

11. **Items for information**

- Date of next meetings: 13th November and 11th December 2023 all in the Palmer Room, LGVH.
- TW Agreement timescales: The Clerk had received an email from the Brenchley and Matfield Parish Council Clerk which she had circulated to members.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.05pm.

Chair