



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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Council Office, Langton Green Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Rowe (Chairman), Ellery and Turner

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 Scarbrough and Woodliffe – both work commitments. The membership of the Planning Committee was discussed and it was agreed that there were currently not sufficient councillors on the committee who could be guaranteed to attend to ensure that all applications are given adequate consideration. The Assistant Clerk was asked to raise this matter with the Clerk.
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 **16th December 2019** be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - Lawful Development Certificate: application for an additional parking area adjacent to the pavilion was being processed by TWBC.
 - Speeds Farm development: Councillors agreed to the name 'Speeds Farm Place' which was also acceptable to the developer.
 - Furze field Farm planning application – the Assistant Clerk advised that SPC had not been invited to comment by TWBC for this application because of an administration error at the borough council. Councillors agreed to ask TWBC to put a note on the file that SPC were not consulted on this application and did not provide a view.
7. **Public Open Session:** there were no member of the public present.

8. **Planning Appeals:**

19/01471/FULL

Location: Cedar House, Monteith Close, Langton Green.

Proposal: Erection of fence to part of boundary with Monteith Close, circa 1.9 metres high (retrospective).

It was noted that this appeal had been dismissed. The Assistant Clerk was to ask TWBC for advice on enforcement and the application would be added under 'Compliance' on future planning agendas until such time as it was considered compliant. To be monitored.

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

19/03372/FULL

Location: Danemore Farm, Leggs Lane, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0RH

Proposal: Single storey side extension.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

19/03572/FULL

Location: 13 Asher Reeds, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0AL

Proposal: Two-storey front and side extension, including front porch canopy, and part two-storey, part single storey rear extension.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

19/03549/FULL

Location: Victoria Cottage, Peshurst Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0PQ

Proposal: Second floor rear extension and single storey side extension.

Decision: Whilst we acknowledge that the move from the flat roof to a pitched roof has improved the overall design, we stand by our original objection on the basis that the scale and proportions of the extension and the materials are out of keeping with the character of the property.

19/03230/LBC

Location: Langton Park Lodge, Fordcombe Road, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0RB

Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Structural works, repairs and minor internal remodelling to kitchen and bathroom, including roof repairs, weather boarding, brickwork, stonework, internal refurbishment and services upgrade as well as internal and external redecoration.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer.

19/03229/FULL

Location: Langton Park Lodge, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0RB

Proposal: Structural works, including works to weather boarding, brickwork, stonework and external redecoration.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

19/03115/OUT

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

Proposal: Outline (All Matters Reserved) – Demolition of existing block of 3 garages and replacement with 3 oak framed garages.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

10. **Compliance Issues:**

- a) The Old Dairy, Barden Road, Speldhurst – The Assistant Clerk had contacted the Enforcement Officer regarding the replanting of the hedge and was advised that the case was considered compliant and the case closed. It was noted that a hedge had been planted inside the new fence however the boundary was considered untidy with tree trunks laid alongside the road. Councillors asked the Assistant clerk to go back to TWBC Enforcement Officers for advice on asking the developer to tidy up the area and remove the tree trunks along the roadside.

11. **Items for information:**

- a) It was noted that this was Cllr Rowe's last meeting as Chairman and that Cllr Ellery would take over as Chairman until May 2020.
- b) Date of next meeting: The Assistant Clerk was to email the committee to confirm availability for either the 17th, 18th or 19th February 2020.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chairman