



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

**Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in the Committee Room, Speldhurst Village Hall**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs Barrington-Johnson (Chairman), Rowe and Langridge

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mrs Kate Harman – Assistant Clerk, Mrs Katie Neve and Mr C May - Clerks

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

1. **To enquire if anyone intends to record the meeting:** No one present intended to record the meeting.
2. **To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Myles (holiday), Turner and Rajah (both Covid related) and Ellery (unwell).
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 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising:** To be dealt with under 'Compliance'. Sandown – Kate to monitor.
7. **Public Open Session:** There were no members of the public present.
8. **Planning Appeals:** There were none.
9. **Planning applications for discussion and decision:**

**21/01874/TPO – 2 Courtenwell, Speldhurst Road, Langton Green**

**Proposal:** Trees: Oak (T3) – 25% reduction, dead wood, crown raise and crown clean, removal of dead wood for safety; Oak (T4) – removal of one snapped branch.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Tree Officer.

**21/02090/TPO – High Trees, Broom Park, Langton Green**

**Proposal:** Trees: Thuja Hedge (T1) – reduce by 1 metre to previous reduction points and to cut back the side overhanging the tennis court by 1 metre.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Tree Officer.

**21/02061/FULL – Green Isles, Ewehurst Lane, Speldhurst**

**Proposal:** New detached garage and office building.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

**21/02038/FULL – 46 Dornden Drive, Langton Green**

**Proposal:** Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey rear and side extension.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

**21/02010/FULL – 16 Dornden Drive, Langton Green**

**Proposal:** A single-storey, rear extension.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

**21/02017/FULL – The Anchorage, Langton Road, Speldhurst**

**Proposal:** Proposed replacement outbuilding.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

**21/01998/FULL – 2 North View, Barden Road, Speldhurst**

**Proposal:** Demolition of the existing single storey garage to be replaced with a single storey link and extension to rear, as well as a two-storey extension to the rear of the dwelling.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

**21/01943/FULL – 2 Forstall, Langton Green**

**Proposal:** Proposed extensions and alterations.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

**21/01917/FULL – 22A Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green**

**Proposal:** Demolish existing conservatory and kitchen extension; erection of a single storey rear extension and single storey utility extension.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

**21/01764/FULL – 1 Dornden Drive, Langton Green**

**Proposal:** The re-instatement of a first-floor landing window on the east elevation of the property and front porch re-configuration.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

**21/01242/FULL – 59 Dornden Drive, Langton Green**

**Proposal:** Single storey orangery extension to rear of property.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

**21/01306/LBC – Burnt House, Burnt House Lane, Langton Green**

**Proposal:** Listed Building Consent - Fit replacement solid wood shutters to replace existing shutters which are worn out and no longer function.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Conservation Officer.

**21/01010/FULL – Tophill Farm, Groombridge Hill, Groombridge**

**Proposal:** New timber garage and new raised terrace to dwelling.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

**21/00898/FULL – 78 Dornden Drive, Langton Green**

**Proposal:** The construction of an infill rear extension.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

**21/02116/FULL – 29 Newlands, Langton Green**

**Proposal:** Ground floor garage conversion and infill extension with first-floor extension over the garage and internal rearrangements and alterations.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer. We have some concerns regarding this application - whilst we leave the decision to the Planning Officer we are concerned about the proximity to the neighbouring property. Additionally, the side elevation drawing was not accurate and did not reflect a true picture.

**21/01927/LBC – Holmewood House School, Barrow Lane, Langton Green**

**Proposal:** Listed Building Consent – Roof extension to medical centre adjacent western range of mansion: installation of new bathroom in western range.

**Decision:** Remain neutral, leave to Conservation Officer.

10. **Recreation Ground, Southwood Road, Rusthall application 21/00068/FULL:** The Assistant Clerk had contacted Greg Clark MP's office to obtain feedback regarding his meeting with Stephen Baughen. Councillors were disappointed with his response and the Chairman said he would write back expressing SPC's disappointment. The Assistant Clerk was asked to contact Rusthall PC and ask for their views and if they would like to contribute to a joint letter. The committee chairman will check with the Chairman of the council to confirm his agreement before sending any message to our MP.
11. **TWBC Draft Local Plan:** there was nothing to report.
12. **Compliance Issues:**
  - Little Mallett, Langton Green: there was nothing to report.
  - Leggs Farm, Leggs Lane, Langton Green 19/02079/AGRIC: An update had been received from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Planning. The retrospective application was caught in an administrative backlog and it was hoped it would be verified in time to go on the August agenda.
13. **Items for Information:**
  - Cllr Rowe said that residents of Groombridge had been posting comments on social media regarding a brochure they had been sent by Martin Homes which indicated a much bigger development at Burrswood than had been indicated by them during the

joint meeting with SPC. The Assistant Clerk was asked to email Cllr Myles and another resident of Groombridge to find out if anything was known. During their meeting with Martin Homes, SPC had been advised that the next stage of the process would be in the Autumn and they would be in touch as soon as they were aware of any progress which didn't appear to be the case. If necessary, SPC would write to Martin Homes to find out more.

- Date of the next meeting: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

**There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.13pm.**

Chairman