



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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in the Committee Room, Speldhurst Village Hall on Thursday 30th September 2010 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Podbury (Chairman), Mrs Hull, Mrs Paulson-Ellis, Ellis, Langridge and Milner

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs Meirion Flemington – Asst Clerk

- 1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence:** Cllr Brown (prior engagement), Cllr Wheeler (prior engagement)
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Mrs Paulson-Ellis – TW/10/03026/TPO/DMD – applicant is known to her – personal interest
- 3. Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
- 4. The Minutes of 9th September 2010** were signed as a correct record.
- 5. Matters Arising:**
There were no matters arising
- 6. Planning applications for discussion and decision – unless otherwise stated all decisions are unanimously agreed :**

Members of the public are invited to make representations to the Committee on any application on the Agenda.

There were no members of the public present.

TW/10/02848/TPO/DMD

Location: Chailey House, Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: TREES: OAK – Reduce and shape crown by 25-30%, Remove dead, dying, weak, crossing and competing branches, Remove epicormic to crown break

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/10/02891/TPO/DMD

Location: Land rear of 16, 17 & 18 The Grange, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Trees: OAK – Reduce crown by 20%; Remove epicormic growth; Reduce branches overhanging gardens
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer
Comment: There are no landowner/applicant details on the front page of the application

TW/10/02829/LBC/SF1

Location: Lower Church Farmhouse, Speldhurst Hill, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Listed Building Consent – Removal of bottom 8 treads of staircase in hallway and the reinstatement of a semi-circular stair
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer

TW/10/02976/FUL

Location: 34 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and garage, erection of replacement dwelling and garage and associated works
Decision: Recommend approval
Comment: A neighbour has expressed concern re overlooking – this one bathroom window should have frosted glass

TW/10/02973/HOUSE/SF1

Location: Lakeside Cottage, Fordcombe Road, Fordcombe, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Replacement entrance gates and fencing
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/02974/LBC/SF1

Location: Lakeside Cottage, Fordcombe Road, Fordcombe, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Listed Building Consent – Replacement entrance gates and fencing
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer

TW/10/01811/OUTMJ/RCC

Location: Spire Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Fordcombe Road, Fordcombe, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Outline (Layout not reserved) – Extensions and alterations to existing hospital and provision of 48 net additional parking spaces
Additional details discussed
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer (as before – no further planning comments form to submit)

TW/10/02971/ADV/GM2

Location: Langton Green Service Station, Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Advertisement – 3 No. Internally illuminated canopy fascias; 2 No. Internally illuminated hanging boxes; 1 No. Internally illuminated twin leg pole sign
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/02619/ADV/SF1

Location: Land at Park Farm and Jct A264 with B2188 Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Retrospective – Advertisement – 2 non-illuminated free-standing directional sign boards (one at each location)

Decision: Recommend refusal

Comment: Concern that this type of non-rural coloured sign is inappropriate in the countryside

TW/10/03026/TPO/DMD

Location: Winterbourne, Broom Park, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: TREES – T1 GRAND FIR – cut back encroachment over driveway to small wall. G1 GROUP OF FIR – lift crown by 1m to clear neighbouring hedge. G2 FIVE MAPLES AND TWO DEAD PINE – fell. T2 CONIFER – fell

Cllr Mrs Paulson-Ellis took no part in the discussion

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

Comment: Concern over number of trees to be felled and the poor quality of plans accompanying the application

TW/10/02617/FUL/GM2

Location: David Salomons Estate, Broomhill Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Air handling plant to rear roof and alterations to two windows to allow for pipe access

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/02620/LBC/GM2

Location: David Salomons Estate, Broomhill Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Air handling plant to rear roof and alterations to two windows to allow for pipe access

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer

7. Items for Information

TWBC Planning Training on 27th September was well attended and informative. The assistant clerk has prepared notes.

The Community Right to Build (Grant Shapps report) discussed at TWBC Planning Training needs further consideration and a response to Greg Clark MP. CPRE are expressing concern and the view that the proposal needs further thought as it should not bypass the planning process and should rely on a proper assessment of local housing need.

Groombridge Farm Shop was discussed and minuted at the planning meeting held on 9th August.

Appropriate design and materials in planning applications ref. 1A Hither Chantlers, Langton Green – write to TWBC expressing concern at white painted render out of keeping with street scene.

Any questions for TWBC Planning must go through the clerk.

Heathgate Corner, Langton Green gate access onto A264 – enforcement issue. The property is Rusthall House and TWBC will be contacted regarding removal of the gate under enforcement procedures.

Tree Preservation Order Consultation document – needs consideration – deadline 20 December 2010. Action point for all members of the planning committee for a decision to be made at October's planning meeting.

TWBC are unable to provide a map of TPOs in the parish but a TPO disk is available albeit they cannot guarantee that it is fully 'up to date'. The assistant clerk to obtain a disk from TWBC.

Sewerage tankers are travelling in and out of the sewerage works in Broom Lane, Langton Green during the night. The assistant clerk to ascertain whether this is authorised or not.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Chairman