

Speldhurst Parish Council

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

Minutes of The Planning Committee Meeting held in The Committee Room, Langton Green Village Hall on Tuesday, 14th April 2009 at 7.30pm

In the absence of Cllr. Mrs Paulson-Ellis, Cllr. Mrs Podbury proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that Cllr. Wheeler chair the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT : Cllr. Wheeler (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs Podbury
Cllr. Brown
Cllr. Ellis
Cllr. Langridge

OFFICER PRESENT : Pauline Lambell - Clerk

15 members of the public and Borough Councillor David Jukes

1. Declarations of Interest :

All Councillors declared a Personal Interest – 34 Hither Chantlers as the applicant is a Parish Councillor. **Cllr. Brown declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest** as Cllr. Colley is a neighbour. **Cllr. Mrs Podbury – Personal** – Caynham Camp – as applicant is known to her.

2. Declarations of Lobbying : **Cllr. Wheeler** had been lobbied by Mr Sharples, a neighbouring resident of Quinces. Cllr Wheeler had expressed no recommendations and had asked Mr Sharples to email his points to the Parish Council Clerk.

3. Apologies for Absence :

Cllr. Mrs Paulson-Ellis – holiday
Cllr. Stevens – prior commitment

4. Minutes of the meeting dated 25th March 2009 – copies having previously been forwarded to Members, were approved and signed.

5. Planning applications for discussion and decision – unless otherwise stated all decisions are unanimous

Cllr. Wheeler explained the procedure to members of the public. All were given ample opportunity to express their views. Cllr. Wheeler read out the email from Mr Sharples.

09/00860/FUL/NR2

Address: Quinces, Stonewall Park Road, Langton Green
Proposal: Demolition of garage and erection of three bedroom detached house

Decision: Recommend Refusal

- The proposed design is out of keeping with the street scene
- Proposed height of the building would make it dominant in the street
- The new house will be overbearing on Pinewood
- We are concerned with the threat to the large Beech tree as comments regarding the driveway are contradictory. In the application it indicates that the driveway will remain intact but in the Tree Protection Plan it indicates that the driveway will be dug up and the roots protected.
- The new garage to Quinces has been reduced by .3M to 2.7M wide which will make the entry difficult for most cars.
- Pinewood appears to be incorrectly indicated on the Root Survey.
- We are extremely concerned regarding the statement on the application under details of pre-application advice received; `revised scheme will be recommended for approval`.
- Bearing in mind the amount of public interest in this application, we request that it is determined by Western Area Planning Committee.

09/00907/FUL/SF1

Cllr. Brown left the room and did not make any comment on this application.

Address: 34 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green
Proposal: New garage attached to existing house
Decision: Remain Neutral – leave to Planners

Cllr. Brown was invited to rejoin the meeting.

09/00931/TPO/DMD

Address: Boundaries of Willowdale & Breakstones, Speldhurst Road and 13 Langholm Road, Langton Green
Proposal: Trees
Decision: Remain Neutral – leave to Tree Officer

09/00933/TPO/DMD

Address: 1 Oxlea, Langton Green
Proposal: Trees

Decision: Remain Neutral - leave to Tree Officer

09/00975//FUL/RCC

Address: Caynham Camp, Southfields, Speldhurst
Proposal: Construction of a one and a half storey, 4 bedroom detached dwelling and detached 2 bay garage to rear of Caynham Camp and new single bay garage for Caynham Camp, with access from Southfields
Decision: Recommend Approval

- A suitable sized house for this large plot

Revised Planning Application – 08/04133 – Holmewood House School -

The Clerk was asked to acknowledge receipt.

New Advertisement Signs – Chilstone, Fordcombe - Cllr. Mrs Podbury had checked the Local Plan but could not find any guidance. The Clerk was asked to write again expressing concerns at the colour of these signs.

Items for Information

Hillside, Bullingstone Lane, Speldhurst. Mr and Mrs Calder attended this meeting. As the Parish Council had recommended refusal of this application, the applicants wished to clarify certain points to enable them to put in amendments.

Cllrs. Brown and Langridge had attended a recent KALC Planning Information Day.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding applications requested by the Committee to be determined by Western Area Planning Committee. The Clerk was asked to obtain clarification from TWBC.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9pm

CHAIRMAN