



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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in the Committee Room, Langton Green Village Hall on Monday 20th June 2011 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Podbury (Chairman), Mrs Hull, Brown, Langridge, Milner and Woodward

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs Meirion Flemington – Asst Clerk

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

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence:** There were none.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.
3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** Cllr Mrs Podbury was contacted by a Speldhurst resident, who expressed concern with the Rusthall Parish Application TW/11/01493. No opinion was expressed.
4. **The Minutes of 23rd May 2011** were signed as a correct record.
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - Terms of Reference:** After some discussion it was **AGREED** that notes of the public open session of planning meetings will not be retained and that one sentence should be deleted from the Terms of Reference to avoid ambiguity. The Terms of Reference will be on the Agenda for approval at the next Full Council meeting.
 - Burswood signs on the Green at Groombridge:** After some discussion it was **AGREED** that consent should be sought of the Parish Council for each sign with a sample of the sign and its size, that signs should only be in place for two weeks prior to an event and that the Parish Council reserve the right to withdraw consent at any time. This recommendation will be put to the Full Council.
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/11/01319/CEU/GM2

Location: 29 Asher Reeds, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate (Existing): Change of use of land to residential garden

Decision; Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/11/01443/HOUSE/ARJ

Location: Bonds, Bullingstone Lane, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Installation of main access gate to driveway

Decision: Recommend approval

Comment: The proposed gate is appropriate for this location

TW/11/01458/HOUSE/EA1

Location: Furzefield Farm, Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Two-storey side extension and first floor side extension

Decision; Remain neutral – leave to planning Officer

TW/11/01493/TPO/DMD

Location: 2 Colbran Way, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Trees – OAK (T1), OAK (T2) and HORSE CHESTNUT – Cut back overhanging branches; YEW (T1) – Remove all branches on east side; YEW (T2) – Fell

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

Comments: Concern expressed that T2 Yew has already been cut back despite having a TPO and that cutting back any trees on one side only may unbalance the roots. Both Oaks and T2 Yew should remain as they have TPOs and it is important that as much screening as possible from the trees should be retained.

TW/11/01558/FUL/EG1

Location: Holmewood House School, Barrow Lane, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Retrospective – Spoil mound in the southeast corner of the school (maximum 20m x 50m)

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comments: Concern expressed that the site is within the AONB and should not be used as a dumping ground for waste material. Also concerned that an application for the disposal of spoil is retrospective and was not part of the original planning application.

TW/11/01580/FUL/GM2

Location: 18 Northfields, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Construction of single-storey bungalow and car parking space to rear garden of Nos. 16 and 18, together with providing two car parking spaces to no. 18

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comment: It is appreciated that the roof height is lower than the previous application however if TWBC is minded to give consent we would ask that a condition is placed that further accommodation in the roof space will not be permitted in the future.

7. Items for Information:

Cllr Mrs Podbury reported that the acoustic fence at Heathgate Cottage has been limited to 2m by TWBC. **The Assistant Clerk to obtain a copy of the decision notice from TWBC.**

Cllr Mrs Podbury reported that the DPD – Planning Contributions (S.106 monies) will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Brown reported that KALC recommend Parish Councils to consider the material to be used when considering planning applications.

Cllr Mrs Hull advised that the Groombridge Farm Shop car park appears to have been tarmacked.

The date for the next meeting is Wednesday 6th July.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman