



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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in the Parish Council Office, Langton Green Recreation Ground on Tuesday 2nd October 2012 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Langridge (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Podbury, Mrs Soyke, Hemming and Turner

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs Meirion Flemington – Assistant Clerk

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

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence:** Cllr Mrs Hull (prior engagement) and Cllr Mrs Horne (prior engagement)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none
3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none
4. **The Minutes of 11th September 2012** were signed as a correct record.
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - Neighbourhood Planning:** Cllr Turner will distribute a short paper at the Open Meeting on 8th October and a date in November is planned for the next Working Group meeting.
 - Tunbridge Wells South Wastewater Treatment Works:** Cllr Langridge reported that Southern Water have not put the agreed road signs in place yet. **The Assistant Clerk to contact Southern Water.**
 - Planning Appeals:** The Planning Appeal on Newlands, Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst has been dismissed and Dashpers, Stonewall Park Road, Langton Green has not yet been determined. **The Assistant Clerk to check the timing for determination of the Dashpers Planning Appeal.**
 - Tree Preservation Order – Sweet Gum – 22 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green:** After discussion it was **AGREED** that no representation to TWBC is required.
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.

TW/12/02368/FUL/GM2

Location: 38 Dornden Drive, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Replacement dwelling

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/12/02450/HOUSE/GM2

Location: Cutlass Cottage, Speldhurst Nurseries, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: New dormer windows to existing roof

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/12/02508/HOUSE/KLM

Location: 1 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Rear single storey breakfast room extension, front porch, first floor side extension to west facing roof, internal alterations and conversion of attic space including the provision of 2 no roof lights to form guest suite

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comments: Parts of the drawings are incorrectly annotated making them very unclear and difficult to understand.

TW/12/02510/HOUSE/SF1

Location: 3 St Mary's Lane, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: single storey front extension, two single storey side extensions, two storey rear extension

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comments: Concern expressed that the proposed side extension is too close to the boundary with No. 5 St Mary's Lane and that this boundary is an established hedge, including a tree, which would be at risk of damage. The proposed front porch would be too close to the road and out of keeping with the street scene. The significant boundary hedges have not been shown on the drawings. The proposed roof lights are out of keeping with other properties in the vicinity.

TW/12/02519/TPO/DMD

Location: Broom Farm, Broom Lane, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: TREES: T1, T2-2 no. OAK – Cut back branches growing towards property; T3 – OAK – Remove large low branch growing towards property

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/12/02521/FUL/GM2

Location: Mill Farm, Broomhill Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Change of use of dog kennels and associated office to mix of B1, storage, ancillary shop unit and associated facilities (kitchen/wc), and car parking

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comments: We understand that this is more details on the original planning consent therefore our remain neutral position and associated comments from the previous application stand.

TW/12/02560/TPO/DMD

Location: 5 Roopers, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: TREES: ROW OF CYPRESS – Reduce re-growth, prune back lateral branches

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree officer

TW/12/02570/TPO/DMD

Location: 14 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: TREES: T1 – OAK – Fell

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/12/02581/FUL/SF1

Location: Land adjacent to Little Hardwick, Langholm Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Two-storey 4/5-bed dwelling and attached garage

Decision: Recommend refusal

Comments: Concern expressed at overdevelopment of the site, access issues and tree issues.

7. Items for Information:

The Assistant Clerk passed round an email from TWBC regarding Gypsy Awareness Training on 16th October. Cllr Mrs Soyke will be attending.

Cllr Soyke reported mess and disturbance of the ground at the southern end of the green at Groombridge. **The Assistant Clerk to investigate.**

Cllr Mrs Soyke enquired about whether there is an imminent planning application on the Station car park at Ashurst. **The Assistant Clerk to investigate.**

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman