



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 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.30pm

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs Podbury (Chairman), Mrs Hull and Woodward

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Chris May - Clerk

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

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence:** Cllr Brown (prior engagement), Cllrs Langridge and Milner (holiday)

2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.

3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.

4. **The Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011** were signed as a correct record.

5. **Matters Arising:**

**Holmewood House School** planning application TW/11/01558 – spoil heap. The clerk had contacted the Planning Officer for the reason for the withdrawal. There had been objections from the Tree Officer and Environmental Services and the heap is to be moved and another application submitted as soon as possible.

**Groombridge Farm Shop** – The Assistant Clerk had contacted the Enforcement Officer and had been advised the applicant did have permission for a tarmac drive

**Hollonds Farm** – The applications were to be “called in” by Borough Cllr Stanyer but because the Planning Officer was minded to refuse this action had not been taken. The situation regarding **TW/11/01771/REM/NR2** was not clear and **Cllr Mrs Podbury will contact Cllr Stanyer** to clarify this.

**Leiston-Sizewell Town Council planning proposals** – The Committee would propose that the Council should support the first part of the proposal but felt that the second part was unwarranted. **Cllr Woodward to contact the TWBC Planning Department for their view.**

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/11/01761/HOUSE/EG1**

Location: 34 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: 3 No. additional first floor windows at side elevations and 5 No. first floor rear external doorsets with Juliet balconies pursuant to planning permission **TW/10/03753**

Decision: Remain neutral

**TW/11/01764/HOUSE/EG1**

Location: 34 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Increase the width of the proposed detached garage pursuant to planning permission **TW/10/03753**

Decision: Remain neutral

**TW/11/01814/HOUSE/NR2**

Location: 21 Northfields, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Two - storey side and rear extension – notification of revised planning application details

Decision: Remain neutral

**TW/11/01844/CAC/NR2**

Location: Hollonds Farm, Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Conservation Area Consent – Demolition of garage block

Decision: Recommend refusal

Comment: Approval was given to demolish and rebuild as garages and we see no reason to change that decision. Concern was again expressed that this proposal would add to over-development of the whole site and the volume of traffic using the access onto the A264.

**TW/11/01865/HOUSE/SF1**

Location: Mill Farm, Broomhill Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Demolition of existing rear conservatory, timber store and double storey flat roof extension and replacement with double storey extension with dormer

Decision: Remain neutral

Comment: Concern expressed that Green Belt policies are adhered to and we note the lack of consultation expressed by neighbours

**TW/11/01966/TPO/DMD**

Location: Miles, Ferbies, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: TREES: T1 OAK – Prune back all lateral branches overhanging the garden and building to the line of the centre of the hedge

Decision: Recommend refusal

Comment: The trunk of the tree is in the middle of the hedge and by cutting one side will cause imbalance and we are concerned that this will make the tree more prone and a potential safety risk.

**TW/11/01980/FUL/IS1**

Location: The Bloem Gallery and Cafe, Ashdene Studio, Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Change of use from A1 to residential dwelling with minor alterations

Decision: Remain neutral

Comment: Concern is expressed at the loss of another business unit

**TW/11/01990/FUL/IS1**

Location: The Bloem Gallery and Cafe, Ashdene Studio, Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Change of use from A1 to 2 residential dwellings with minor alterations

Decision: Recommend refusal

Comment: Concern is expressed that the proposed area for two residential dwellings is too small and the parking implications on the A264

**TW/11/02119/HOUSE/EA1**

Location: 32 Salisbury Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Entrance Porch

Decision: Remain neutral

**7. Items for Information:**

Cllr Podbury commented that the TWBC training day was mostly for new Councillors.

It was noted that the Planning Magazine had an article saying that Planning Departments were under pressure to approve and there were more local shops closing.

Cllrs were asked to ensure that the Planning Magazine was circulated promptly between Cllrs.

The Clerk had been contacted by a resident about granite kerbing in Peshurst Road. Cllr Mrs Podbury would send him planning details.

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

Chairman