

Speldhurst Parish Council

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 8th February 2010

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – Clerk

Michael Bourne was present – TW/10/00191

Cllr Mrs Soyke was present – TW/10/00191

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** There were none.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Personal: Cllr Milner – TW/10/00227 his wife is a Governor. Cllr Mrs Hull – TW/10/00026 resident is known to her.
- 3. Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
- 4. The Minutes of 25th January 2010** were signed as a correct record.
- 5. Matters Arising:** Cllr Mrs Podbury had looked in to the files of Aysgarth Farm and had decided that there was no legal requirement for the conifer hedge to be cut down. She recommended that there was no case to take the matter further and this was agreed by the committee.
The Clerk reported that he had been in telephone contact with Maureen Berry of Craigmere, Barrow Lane regarding WT111 and she confirmed that the land was owned by the Berry Trust and that she and her husband were responsible for the footpath. They would be looking in to the matter as early as possible.
- 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.

Mr Bourne addressed the Committee and gave a short history of the business and some details why the new storage facility for the cold store/chiller and extension of the farm shop were necessary for his business.

TW/10/00191/FUL/SW3

Location: Groombridge Farm Shop Groombridge Hill Groombridge Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Proposal: Extension to farm shop and provision of separate cold store/chiller

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

Comment:

1. We would like the original stipulation (5) “The stall shall be used to sell farm produce produced by Mr M Bourne and no more than 15% of the gross value of all the produce sold at the SITE shall be from any other producers or sources”.

We feel strongly that no other organisation should be allowed to sell their produce on the site.

2. As stated in the previous application “We are also concerned about the present lighting and do not recall details of specific lighting on the previous applications”

TW/10/00096/LBC/IS1

Location: Burnt House Burnt House Lane Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: Listed building consent – Renewal – single storey extension to form breakfast room (TW/05/00166 refers)
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Conservation Officer

TW/10/00092/HOUSE/IS1

Location: Burnt House Burnt House Lane Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: Renewal – single storey extension to form breakfast room (TW/05/00166 refers)
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/00085/HOUSE/IS1

Location: 38 Dornden Drive Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: Rear extension, front extension and a first floor extension
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/00075/FUL/GM2

Location: 2 Dornden Drive Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: To remove obsolete wooden garage doors (in front of storage area) and replace with a wall and window
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/00063/HOUSE/SW3

Location: 69 The Boundary Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: First floor extension over existing garage
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/00026/HOUSE/NR2

Location: Speldhurst Bank Barden Road Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: Extension to existing dwelling; Window alterations and two new dormer windows
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/00077/HOUSE/NR2

Location: 30 Holmewood Ridge Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: Two storey front, side and rear extension; first floor side extension; conservatory/garden room to rear; replacement of roof; construction of pent roof over part of the garage; rendered exterior finish
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/00198/HOUSE/SF1

Location: 21 Holmewood Ridge Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Proposal: Two storey extension to front; electric gates to front entrance; increase height of existing side extension

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/00194/HOUSE/RE4

Location: 1 Cobhams Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Proposal: First floor side extension over garage to form annexe, ground floor cloakroom extension, replacement of flat roofed porch canopy with lean-to tiled roof canopy

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/00227/LBC/RE4

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

Proposal: Listed Building Consent – Minor internal alterations to provide classroom space within former dormitories on the Mansion first floor

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

7. Items for Information

Cllr Langridge had been contacted by a resident of Ironstones regarding the use of the address of Holmewood Gardens The Boundary Langton Green TN4 8RP being used for the Middlefield development. The Clerk had made some enquiries and confirmed that the address is NOT going to be used. The roads have been named as follows

Colbran Way Langton Green Tunbridge Wells TN3 0BF

Redland Avenue Tunbridge Wells TN4 8AJ

Cottington Drive Tunbridge Wells TN4 8BF

Middlefield Court Tunbridge Wells TN4 8RP

First of all TWBC does NOT allocate post codes. This is done by the Royal Mail which does not recognise Parish Boundaries. Debbie Larkin has appealed to RM saying that this will lead to confusion but they have not changed their mind. (It should be noted that there are areas of Goudhurst that are in Kent that have East Sussex post codes).

Rusthall is not mentioned – this is because the Royal Mail does not recognise Rusthall because it is not a Parish.

Action – Cllr Langridge to contact resident and update him.

Action - The Clerk will contact the Royal Mail and ask them to re-consider the use of the TN3 postcode.

Cllr Mrs Podbury asked if the committee had problems with the TWBC planning website and the universal response was that it was very difficult and unfriendly and often the site was down.

Action - She asked if the Clerk would write to TWBC to let them know of these difficulties and to consider redesigning it.

Cllr Mrs Podbury mentioned that it was necessary to review the Terms of Reference for Planning and this would be done as soon as possible.

Action – Clerk and Chairman to review.

Cllr Brown mentioned that he had heard that Holmewood House is starting a rebuilding programme.

Cllr Mrs Paulson-Ellis brought to the attention of the committee the High Court judgement regarding a house that had been built behind bales and the owners had lost their case.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman