

Speldhurst Parish Council

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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in The Committee Room, Speldhurst Village Hall on Thursday 10th September 2009 at 7.30pm

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – Clerk

There were no members of the public present.

The Chairman and committee requested that their thanks to Cllr Stevens for his invaluable contribution to the Planning Committee and their best wishes to Trevor and his family in their new life in Hove be recorded.

- 1. Declarations of Interest:** Personal and Prejudicial: There were none.
- 2. Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
- 3. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mrs Paulson-Ellis (holiday), and Cllr. Brown (KALC Meeting)
- 4. The Minutes of 26th August 2009** were signed as a correct record.
- 5. Matters Arising:** The Groombridge Farm Shop – The application had been withdrawn and the Planning Officer has asked for the Applicant and Agent to attend a pre-application meeting ahead of re-submitting. The Clerk said that the laptop should be available for the next meeting.
- 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/09/02345/TPO/DMD

Proposal: Trees: Cedar – Pruning back of overhanging branches over 26 The Boundary
Location: 7 Ironstones Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Tree Officer

TW/09/02440/FUL/KLM

Proposal: Alteration to first floor window on side elevation of Glebe House
Location: The Old Rectory Langton Road Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Conservation Officer

TW/09/02447/LBC/KLM

Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Internal structural alterations to The Glebe House stairwell and the link to The Old Rectory; Alterations to one external window, large attic hatch and internal door openings; Additional internal feature window and new door leaf designs.
Location: The Old Rectory Langton Road Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Conservation Officer

TW/09/02516/FUL/NR2

Proposal: Two 2-storey rear extensions
Location: The Drift Groombridge Road Groombridge Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planners.
Comment: We note that some building work is already in progress.

TW/09/02531/FUL/GM2

Proposal: Single Storey rear extension
Location: 71 The Boundary Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Decision: Remain Neutral – leave to Planners

TW/09/02185/FUL/SF1

Proposal: Installation of a 5m x 10m swimming pool in the rear garden of the property
Location: Stonewall Speldhurst Road Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planners
Comment: We express concern a concern about lighting and possible noise from the pump which could affect the neighbours.

TW/09/02607/TPO/DMD

Proposal: Trees: OAK – Overall crown reduction of 40%, raise canopy to 20 feet.
Location: 4 Courtenwell Speldhurst Road Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Tree Officer

TW/09/02608/TPO/DMD

Proposal: Trees: 6 No. Conifers – Reduce height by 25%
Location: 15 Roopers Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Tree Officer

TW/09/02371/LBC/EA1

Proposal: Listed Building Consent: To retain garden gazebo already carried out
Location: Smallbrook Cottage Lower Green Road Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Conservation Officer.

7. Items for Information

The committee requests that the Chairman, at her forthcoming Chairman's meeting, clarify the following anomaly – At a meeting dated 11th May 2009 with Andrew Taylor it was stated that fields (i.e. agricultural land) taken for curtilage are not allowed or encouraged but that the Enforcement Officer has indicated otherwise.

Cllr Langridge asked for advice – i.e. what should be done if you see a neighbour cutting down a large tree, possibly contravening a preservation order. He was advised to contact the Clerk who would advise the Tree Officer.

He informed the committee that Mrs Tegelaars had contacted him advising him that there was a possible application for a development of houses in the fields behind her house.

Cllr Wheeler had been contacted by Cllr Parker about a lady in Monteith Close who unaware that a second house was to be built on the plot of land in the Close. A discussion took place, several Councillors remembered the application and confirmed that proper planning procedure had been followed.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman