



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 7th May 2013 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Langridge (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Horne, Mrs Hull, 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 Podbury (prior engagement)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were no declarations of lobbying.
4. **The Minutes of 9th April 2013**, having previously been forwarded to members, were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - Neighbourhood Planning:** Cllr Turner reported that the decision has been made to prepare a Village Design Statement rather than a Neighbourhood Plan. The next Working Group meeting is on 29th May.
 - Planning Appeals:** Planning Appeals are on-going in respect of The Old Saw Mill, Langton Road, Speldhurst and Hollonds Farm, Langton Green. The Planning Appeal in respect of 32 Upper Profit, Langton Green has been withdrawn as the applicant has now received planning consent for a revised application. Cllr Mrs Soyke reported that there has been no progress in respect of Jessups Farm, Ashurst – **the Assistant Clerk to contact TWBC.**
 - Tunbridge Wells pre-application advice service:** **The Assistant Clerk to circulate the document.**
 - Speldhurst Conservation Area:** The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the Conservation Area extension had been adopted and circulated the map to show this.
 - Review of Terms of Reference:** These need to be reviewed and any amendments agreed at the next Planning Committee meeting so they can be put to the July Full Council meeting for approval.
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/13/00463/LBC/KLM

Location: Innerdown, Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Installation of a wood burning stove and install cowl chimney to pot

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer

TW/13/00592/HOUSE/RE4

Location: Linton Cottage, Stonewall Park Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Single storey rear and side extensions

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/13/00715/HOUSE/EA1

Location: 7 Ryders, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Single-storey side extension to create annexe and single-storey rear extension

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/13/00860/HOUSE/EA1

Location: 2 Northfields, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Two-storey side extension, single-storey rear extension and front porch

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comment: We believe it is important that the tile-hanging to the front and side replicates that of the rest of the terrace, and that the front fencing should maintain the height and appearance of the existing

TW/13/00888/HOUSE/SF1

Location: 19 Great Footway, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Proposed single storey front and rear extensions

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/13/00894/HOUSE/EA1

Location: 4 Forstall, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Single storey rear extension, pitched roof to flat roofed front extension with formation of open porch

Decision: Recommend approval

Comment: The proposal is an improvement to the property and the street scene

7. Items for Information:

Cllr Mrs Hull enquired whether there is a policy for work to large trees that are not subject to a TPO.

The Assistant Clerk to investigate.

Following Cllr Mrs Hull's comments regarding TPOs in the Parish, Cllr Langridge suggested that a substantial oak tree in Gipps Cross Lane be investigated, with the permission of the owner, as to whether it has a TPO on it. When the answer is known, the Committee will decide on a course of action for this tree and any others that may be considered important to protect.

Cllr Turner reported neighbour's concerns that a property in Hither Chantlers is constructing a front boundary which is not in accordance with the covenant for open frontages in Hither Chantlers. They should contact TWBC planning.

The date of the next meeting is to be arranged.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman