



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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 at 7.30pm**

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

**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 Woodward (prior engagement)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Milner – TW/12/01043 – personal and prejudicial – he is the applicant. Cllrs Mrs Podbury, Mrs Hull and Langridge – TW/12/01043 and TW/12/01005 – personal – the applicant is known to them.
3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none
4. **The Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012** were signed as a correct record.
5. **Matters Arising:**

**Neighbourhood Planning:** A Working Group is to be set up comprising Councillors and members of the public.

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.

**SE/11/02726/FUL**

Location: Upper Bullingstone, Penshurst Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Proposal: Demolition of existing private dwelling and erection of new private dwelling with basement, garage building, amended highway access and new gates. Amended as detailed by drawings received 06.02.12 & 05.04.12

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/12/00902/FUL/SJM**

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

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and garage, erection of replacement dwelling and garage including the erection of brick piers and timber gates and associated works and felling of Cedar tree protected by TPO

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comment: Great concern expressed that the large Atlantic Cedar which is subject to a Tree Preservation Order has already been felled. A suitable landscaping scheme including replanting of a similar tree or trees of the largest size possible should be a condition whether the permission is granted or refused.

**TW/12/00939/HOUSE/KLM**

Location: Ridge House, 7 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Installation of gates and railings at front boundary

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/12/00978/HOUSE/SF1**

Location: Tanglewood, Claytons Lane, Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Provision of PV panels on existing roof

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/12/00981/HOUSE/KLM**

Location: 6 Gibbetts, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/12/01005/FUL/SJM**

Location: The Old Saw Mill, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings, change of use of site from builders yard to residential and the erection of one detached dwelling

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comment: Concern expressed at the proposed extension of the residential consent that exists for one building on the site (the old Saw Mill itself) into a much larger residential footprint and the consequential loss of a commercial facility. Concern expressed that the proposals for the rear elevation have a commercial rather than residential appearance. Concern expressed that there could be an issue regarding adequate drainage. The Parish Council were led to believe there were changes to the application which were not highlighted.

Comment: The applicant is known to Speldhurst Parish Council as his Building Company recently built a new Office for the Parish Council. He has also carried out work privately for a number of Parish Councillors.

**TW/12/01008/HOUSE/KLM**

Location: 2 Colbran Way, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Rear conservatory

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/12/01043/HOUSE/RE4**

Location: The Little Garden, Ferbies, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: First floor dormer extension to south side elevation, reduced size window and French doors to ground floor south elevation

Cllr Milner who is the applicant spoke briefly and left the meeting at 8.08pm.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comment: The applicant is a Parish Councillor and is known to all members of the Parish Council

7. Items for Information:

**The Assistant Clerk to check the status of the planning appeal re PV panels Old Farmhouse, Bullingstone Lane, Speldhurst**

Date for the next meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chairman