



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 24th July 2012 at 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Langridge (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Hull, Hemming and Turner

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs Meirion Flemington – Assistant Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: There was one member of the public present

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence:** Cllrs Mrs Podbury (holiday) and Mrs Horne (prior engagement)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Langridge – TW/12/01855 – personal and prejudicial
3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
4. **The Minutes of 3rd July 2012** were signed as a correct record.
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - Neighbourhood Planning:** A date for a Working Group meeting is to be arranged.
 - Tunbridge Wells South Wastewater Treatment Works:** An email was sent to KCC on 6th July reporting the Parish Council's concerns in respect of traffic issues during the upgrade works and a meeting is to be held with Southern Water to discuss this on 24th August.
 - Planning Appeals:** Dashpers, Stonewall Park Road, Langton Green and Newlands, Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst are on-going Planning Appeals.
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.

It was **AGREED** to bring forward **TW/12/01855/HOUSE/RE4** as the first application for discussion.

The member of the public present spoke and made the following comments in respect of **TW/12/01855/HOUSE/RE4:**

- The applicant has discussed the proposals with him
- Concern about the proximity of the extension to his boundary – 1 metre
- Possible overlooking issues
- The existing screening hedgerow needs to be maintained during and after the works with care taken not to damage the roots and replacement if necessary

Cllr Langridge commented on the application and then left the room.

TW/12/01855/HOUSE/RE4

Location: Cheyne House, Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Two-storey side extension and external alterations including removal of windows and glazed bay porch

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comments: Concern expressed over the protection of the hedgerow screening between the property and the neighbouring property. It must be ensured that the roots are not adversely affected and that if there is any loss or damage the hedgerow screening will be reinstated by the applicant

Cllr Langridge re-joined the meeting.

TW/12/01656/HOUSE/AR2

Location: Shaw House, Barden Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Two storey extension to side (east) elevation, single storey extension to rear (south) elevation with roof terrace above and basement below and a porch to front elevation

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/12/01760/HOUSE/SF1

Location: 61 The Boundary, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Single storey porch and garage extension to front elevation

Decision: Recommend approval

Comment: The proposed extension will have a beneficial effect on the street scene

TW/12/01797/HOUSE/SF1

Location: Keepers Lodge, Ferbies, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Two storey rear extension

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/12/01812/HOUSE/SF1

Location: 29 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Single storey side extension to form exercise pool area

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/12/01870/TPO/DMD

Location: 15 The Boundary, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: TREES: T1 - HAWTHORN – Fell; T2 – PINE – Fell; T3, T4, T5 – OAKS – Clean out deadwood; T6 – OAK – Fell

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/12/01890/FUL/NR2

Location: Mill Farm, Broomhill Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Change of use of dog kennels and associated office to mix of B1, storage, shop unit and associated facilities (kitchen/wc), and car parking

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comment: Concern expressed at the possible traffic implications of a shop on this site

TW/12/01587/HOUSE/RE4

Location: Birchett Meads, Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Extension, alterations and loft conversion

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

7. Items for Information:

The Assistant Clerk reported that she had a full discussion with the Planning Officer in respect of 12/01280 – 12 Northfields. TWBC had not disregarded the Parish Council's comments regarding parking issues but had determined that as the existing garage is not accessible or adequate for parking and the extension will be set back allowing one off-road parking space the proposal was not detrimental to the existing parking situation. **The Assistant Clerk to advise Borough Cllr Julian Stanyer.**

Cllr Mrs Hull raised a question that had been asked of her by a resident of Penshurst Road, Speldhurst. Cllr Langridge recommend that the resident contact the Duty Planning Officer at TWBC Gateway.

Cllr Langridge reported that nothing further had been heard from TWBC regarding the trees felled at the Burnt House Lane junction with Langton Road. **The Assistant Clerk to contact Dan Docker.**

Cllr Langridge advised that there are several pre-application enquiries on TWBC website.

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.36pm

Chairman