



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 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 7.30pm**

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

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Mrs Meirion Flemington – Asst Clerk

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence:** Cllr. Mrs Hull (prior engagement), Cllr. Milner (prior engagement)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.
3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
4. **The Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010** were signed as a correct record.
5. **Matters Arising:**

Cllr Mrs Hull attended the Planning Workshop at the Town Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> July.

Cllrs Mrs Podbury, Mrs Paulson-Ellis, Brown and Wheeler asked to attend the Planning Training day on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Suggested Agenda items were an update on S.106 monies and clarification of appropriate design and materials in planning applications.

1 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green – render and paint colour were on this planning application but details are not always available when applications are sent to the Parish Council for comment.

Protected trees - 18 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green and 'The Orchids', Roopers, Speldhurst - outstanding.

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/10/02245/HOUSE/GM2**

Location: 29 Great Footway, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Single-storey side extension

Decision: Remain neutral - leave to Planning Officer

Comment: Concern over possible danger/damage to mature Oak tree in neighbouring garden

**TW/10/02308/HOUSE/EA1**

Location: Langton Lodge, The Green, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Proposed link, alterations to stables with proposed swimming pool and pool house/studio

Decision: Remain neutral - leave to Planning Officer

**TW/10/02314/LBC/EA1**

Location: Langton Lodge, The Green, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Listed Building Consent – Proposed link, alterations to stables with proposed swimming pool and pool house/studio

Decision: Remain neutral - leave to Conservation Officer

**TW/10/02204/HOUSE/GM2**

Location: Jessups Farm, Claytons Lane, Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and replacement with two storey double garage to include workshop, games room and office

Decision: Remain neutral - leave to Planning Officer

Comment: Concern that the proposal introduces a second storey to the garage in this sensitive location

If the Planning Officer is mindful to approve this application we would request that a non-severance clause is applied to prevent the building being legally separated from the existing property at a later date and to prevent it being occupied for residential purposes

**TW/10/02194/HOUSE/EA1**

Location: 18 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Replacement conservatory pool enclosure

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comment: Concern over size of proposal. Materials should match existing

**TW/10/02377/HOUSE/GM2**

Location: 16 Ryders, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Installation of rooflight, removal of window and replacement with patio doors

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/10/02390/HOUSE/RE4**

Location: The Old Rectory, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Demolition of existing porch and steps; Replace with new porch and steps; Replace all plastic rainwater goods with cast metal rainwater goods

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/10/02394/LBC/RE4**

Location: The Old Rectory, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal:– Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing porch and steps and replace with new porch and steps; Replace all plastic rainwater goods with cast metal rainwater goods

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer

## 7. Items for Information

Cllr Mrs Podbury raised concerns over the external house lighting and roadway lighting at the Grove development, Furze field Avenue, Speldhurst. A copy of the marketing brochure has been obtained and the Assistant Clerk is to ascertain the current planning situation with TWBC. The Assistant Clerk reported that Paul Cole TWBC has met with the owner of Groombridge Farm Shop and requested that all signs are removed from the fence and that he submits an application for 'consent for advertising' which will be referred to the Parish Council for comment at the appropriate stage. Cllr Langridge expressed concern that the temporary cold store has still not been removed – TWBC have confirmed that this cannot be enforced at present.

Cllr Langridge raised the matter of work commencing shortly on Pixie Cottage, Homewood Road, Langton Green. Work will be carried out by the same builders as the recent project on an adjoining property. Cllr Langridge to ascertain whether there was any obligation on the builder to repair the road on completion of the work.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.18 pm.

Chairman