



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 26th July 2010 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs Podbury (Chairman), Mrs Hull, Ellis, Langridge, and Wheeler

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs Meirion Flemington – Asst Clerk

- 1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence:** Cllr. Mrs Paulson-Ellis (recovering from operation), Cllr. Brown (prior engagement), Cllr. Milner (prior engagement)
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Mrs Hull – TW/10/02070/HOUSE/EA1 – applicant and property known to her – personal interest. All Members of Planning Committee and Assistant Clerk – TW/10/02182/FUL/RCC – Speldhurst Parish Council is the applicant and the proposal includes the new Parish Office – personal and prejudicial interest.

3. Declarations of Lobbying: There were none.

4. The Minutes of 8th July 2010 were signed as a correct record.

5. Matters Arising:

Cllr. Mrs Podbury wished Cllr. Mrs Paulson-Ellis a speedy recovery.

The Assistant Clerk reported that TWBC will be inspecting the signs at Groombridge Farm Shop to ascertain if they are below the size that requires planning permission – TWBC will confirm the position thereafter.

The Assistant Clerk reported that following discussions with TWBC and KHS the fact that the bridge at the bottom of Groombridge Hill is listed does not automatically qualify it for a weight restriction. Weight restrictions are based on structural strength and stability with all bridges being surveyed by Highways every 3 years. The bridge was last surveyed on 17th June 2010 and does not require a weight restriction.

The next TWBC Planning Training day is 27th September 2010. Any items for the Agenda and numbers of Councillors attending should be advised to TWBC as soon as possible.

Cllr Mrs Hull will attend the Planning Services Workshop on 27th July 2010.

Holmewood Gardens Development – all postcodes are now TN4 - Rusthall. KCC Trading Standards are considering whether to take action regarding the marketing stating that the properties are in Langton Green.

1 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green - outstanding

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/10/02076/HOUSE/EA1

Location: 1 Forstall, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: New garage/utility room single storey extension. Conversion of existing garage to breakfast room. Mono pitch roof and 2 No. Rooflights added to kitchen roof. Garage door replaced with bow window to match existing.

Decision: Remain neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/02059/HOUSE/EA1

Location: 26 Langholm Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Two storey extension (works started)

Decision: Recommend refusal

Comment: The proposal for the second storey of the extension to extend beyond the back of the house would adversely affect the neighbouring property (28 Langholm Road). The flat roof would be out of keeping with the existing street scene.

TW/10/02147/TPO/DMD

Location: 22 Roopers, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: TREES: T1 OAK, T2 LIME and T3 LIME – Crown thin, crown lift and crown reduce

Decision: Remain neutral – Leave to Tree Officer

TW/10/02070/HOUSE/EA1

Location: Larkins, Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Single storey pitched roof kitchen extension and single storey orangery extension

Decision: Remain neutral – Leave to planning Officer

TW/10/02047/HOUSE/EA1

Location: Arundel House, 11B Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Installation of a swimming pool to rear garden

Remain neutral – Leave to planning Officer

TW/10/02182/FUL/RCC

Location: Langton Green Village Hall, Speldhurst Road, Langton Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Two single storey extensions to the existing village hall to provide a new small hall, parish room, DDA compliant wc and shower room and associated circulation, together with a glazed canopy for bicycle and pram storage and associated external works and landscaping

Decision: Remain neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

Comment: Speldhurst Parish Council is the applicant for this planning application and the proposal includes a new Parish Office

TW/10/02232/TPO/DMD

Location: Treetops, Stonewall Park Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Proposal: TREES: T1 – Oak – Remove two lowest branches overhanging shed; T2 – Ash – Remove eastern fork of lower limb; T3 – Ash – Fell; T4 – Ash saplings – Cut back
Decision: Remain neutral – Leave to Tree Officer

TW/10/02242/HOUSE/RE4

Location: Birchetts Court, Stockland Green Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Proposal: Single-storey extension and roof extension to form dormers
Decision: Remain neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/02276/HOUSE/GM2

Location: Langton Court, Broom Lane, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Proposal: installation of 3 no. Dormer windows
Decision: Remain neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

7. Items for Information

At future Planning Meetings where members of the public speak Minutes will contain concise bullet points of the points raised in connection with the application

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.09pm.

Chairman