



Local Government for Langton Green, Speldhurst, Ashurst and Old Groombridge

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in the Committee Room, Langton Green Village Hall on Tuesday 5th April 2011 at 7.30pm

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs Meirion Flemington – Asst Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT There were no members of the public present

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence:** Cllr Mrs Paulson-Ellis (prior engagement), Cllr Brown (prior engagement), Cllr Milner (prior engagement) and Cllr Wheeler (prior engagement)

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

All Committee members and Asst Clerk **KCC/TW/0081/2011** and **KCC/TW/0119/2011** Speldhurst Parish Council has given a grant to Speldhurst CEP School for both these proposals – Personal and Prejudicial.

3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.

4. **The Minutes of 14th March 2011** were signed as a correct record.

5. **Matters Arising:**

Cllr Mrs Hull reported that she has been in contact with Darren Hood of Kent Highway Services regarding the dead Acacia tree on the verge outside her house. He has confirmed that KHS will fell the dead tree but that he does not think the sapling will transplant as a replacement and in addition KHS have no budget for trees at present. However he advised her of a Government initiative 'The Big Tree Plant' which has funds available for trees for parish land. A KHS services check will still be required before any trees are planted. **Cllr Mrs Hull to find details of 'The Big Tree Plant'.**

The Asst Clerk reported that she has a response from TWBC regarding the street name for the development of the Old Police House site in Langton Green. 'The Langtons' is purely a marketing name for the development. The access to the houses is not a street so will not have a street name. The properties are all to be given names and the addresses will be e.g. Snowdrop House, Speldhurst Road, Langton Green.

34 Asher Reeds, Langton Green – the Applicant has lodged a planning appeal. **The assistant clerk to write to the Planning Inspectorate confirming that Speldhurst Parish Council supports TWBC's decision to refuse planning permission .**

The assistant clerk is to pursue the matter of the driveway wall at Furzewood, Barden Road, Speldhurst protruding onto the highway.

Cllr Mrs Podbury advised that there is likely to be a planning application in the near future in respect of the Southern Water sewage works in Broom Lane Langton Green. **The assistant clerk to ascertain whether this will be dealt with by Wealden District Council or East Sussex County Council and if Speldhurst Parish Council will be consulted.** Cllr Mrs Podbury also commented that there are still smells from the sewage works. If residents contact the Parish Council they should be advised to contact Southern Water direct with full details.

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/11/00038/FUL/EM2

Location: The Gardens, Barden Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Change of use of part of land to burial ground

Decision: Recommend approval

Comment: The existing Churchyard is nearly full and villagers should be able to be buried in the village Churchyard if that is their wish

TW/11/00565/FUL/GM2

Location: 18 and Land Rear of 16 Northfields, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Construction of single-storey bungalow and car parking space to rear garden of Nos. 16 and 18, together with relocating one car parking space to No. 18

Decision: Recommend refusal

Comment: The proposed property will be cramped and overbearing and there will be parking issues. The roof height for a bungalow appears excessive and if TWBC is minded to give consent we would ask that a condition is placed that further accommodation in the roof space will not be permitted now or in the future.

TW/11/00669/HOUSE/EA1

Location: Furzefield Farm, Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Two-storey side extension and first floor side extension

Decision: Remain neutral - leave to Planning Officer

TW/11/00673/FUL/SF1

Location: Peacock Farm, Lower Green Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Installation of a 12.5 metre high replica telegraph pole, 1 no. Equipment cabinet, 1 no. Meter pillar and ancillary development thereto, to include 4 no. safety bollards

NOTE: This application was not discussed at this meeting but will be discussed at a separate meeting to be held on Monday 11th April 2011 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room, Speldhurst Village Hall immediately prior to the Full Council Meeting

TW/11/00683/HOUSE/EA1

Location: Snowdrop House, Speldhurst Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Conservatory to rear elevation

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/11/00844/HOUSE/GM2

Location: The Glebe House, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Removal and replacement of the existing first floor vertical tiling to three elevations
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer and Conservation Officer

KCC/TW/0081/2011

Location: Speldhurst CEP School, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Provision of outdoor classroom
Decision: Recommend approval
Comment: Speldhurst Parish Council supports this proposal and has given a grant towards it.

KCC/TW/0119/2011

Location: Speldhurst CEP School, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Provision of an early years canopy
Decision: Recommend approval
Comment: Speldhurst Parish Council supports this proposal and has given a grant towards it.

KCC/TW/0121/2011

Location: Langton Green Primary School, Lampington Row, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: planning permission for the placement of one, six bay modular building
Decision: Recommend approval
Comment: Speldhurst Parish Council supports this proposal

7. Items for Information

Cllr Mrs Hull reported that rocks from the wall of the house next to the George and Dragon are slipping into the road.

Cllr Langridge advised that he has had further communication from a member of the public concerning safety mirrors.

Cllr Mrs Hull asked that the occupiers of Fuggles Cottage, Northfields, Speldhurst are written to about their hedge overgrowing the pavement. **The assistant clerk to write.**

Cllr Langridge reported that consent has now been given to the landscaping entry statements for Langton Green.

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

Chairman