

Speldhurst Parish Council

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, 17th August 2009 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs Podbury (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs Hull
Cllr. Mrs Paulson-Ellis
Cllr. Ellis
Cllr. Stevens
Cllr. Wheeler
Cllr. Langridge
Cllr. Brown

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – Clerk

Mr D Kneeshaw, Mr R Fisher, Mr M Godley, Mr G Barker, Mrs S Boriczewski and Mrs S Boriczewski – Somerden Application

- 1. Declarations of Interest:** Personal: Cllr Mrs Paulson-Ellis is known to the owners of Court Lodge and to Stuart Page the Architect. Cllr Langridge is known to the owners of Court Lodge.
Personal and Prejudicial: All Councillors are known the applicant at Stone Cross – she is the Vice Chairman of the SPC.
- 2. Declarations of Lobbying:** Cllr Stevens had a conversation with neighbours while reviewing the Way High application but said nothing to prejudice the case.
- 3. Apologies for Absence:** There were no absences.
- 4.** The minutes of 1st June 2009 and 30th July were both signed as a correct record.
- 5. 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/09/02246/FUL/LAM

Proposal: Demolition of existing house and garage and construct a 5 bedroom detached house with detached double garage/study and a separate 3 bedroom annexe with surface parking
Location: Somerden Langton Road Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Recommend Refusal in its present form.
Comment: Somerden is situated in a sensitive location. The height of the main house should be no higher than the existing building. The proposed annexe is too large for the plot and will have an overbearing impact on the adjoining properties. The decking introduces an unacceptable urban element. The garage should be single storey only. The Parish Council requests that the Borough Council retain and protect the existing native hedge. If the Planning Officer is mindful to approve the annexe should remain subordinate to the main building and all materials used should be in keeping and colour with the surrounding area.

TW/09/02213/FUL/IS1

Proposal: Demolition of existing disused garage, outbuilding, part of storage building & greenhouse. Erection of new garaging, oil storage building, shower room & games room over double garage.

Location: Stone Cross Ashurst Road Ashurst Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to planners.
Comment: The Applicant is known to the Planning Committee – She is Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

TW/09/02277/TPO/DMD

Proposal: Trees : OAK – Remove two low branches overhanging drive 2, 4, and 6 Roopers and hang low over parking area of No. 2, plus small low branch overhanging the drive to no's 4 and 6 Roopers
Location: Land adjacent to 2 Roopers Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Leave to Tree Officer

TW/09/02312/LBC/SF1

Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Alterations to one external and one internal door to improve access to garden and link kitchen and dining room
Location: Court Lodge Groombridge Road Groombridge Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Conservation Officer

TW/09/02328/LBC/SF1

Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Internal alterations to provide one ensuite bathroom & to improve to existing bathrooms with associated tile vents and boiler vents
Location: Court Lodge Groombridge Road Groombridge Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Conservation Officer

TW/09/02325/FUL/SF1

Proposal: Internal alterations to provide one ensuite bathroom to improve two existing bathrooms with associated tile vents and boiler vents
Location: Court Lodge Groombridge Road Groombridge Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Conservation Officer

TW/09/02319/FUL/SF1

Proposal: Extend existing forecourt to reduce congestion in front of entrance to Court Lodge
Location: Court Lodge Groombridge Road Groombridge Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Conservation Officer and Landscape Officer.
Comment: We have concerns about the moving of the topiary.

TW/09/02296/FUL/IS1

Proposal: Conversion of existing garage and adjoining store to form nanny annexe
Location: Littledene Ewehurst Lane Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to planners.
Comment: Concern was expressed about the increase in height.

TW/09/02114/FUL/SW3

Proposal: Two new dwellings plots 4 and 6, addition of roof rooms to plot 4 with high level velux windows and change to plot 6 house style (amendment to TW/06/02454/FULMJ)
Location: Way High and Land Rear of Badgers Wood Furzefield Avenue Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to planners
Comment: Concern was expressed about the possible increase in height. There was also concern about a native hedge which is not being maintained.

TW/09/02044/FUL/NR2

Proposal: Change of use of two shop units to two single bedroom ground floor flats. Bathroom extension to unit with raised eaves and party wall.
Location: Spar Food Fare Langton Road Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to planners

6. Items for Information

Cllr Langridge requested clarification about the trading hours and months as well as type of produce sold and lighting at the Groombridge Shop. ***The Clerk to contact TWBC requesting the information.***

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman