

Speldhurst Parish Council

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 Wednesday, 26th August 2009 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs Podbury (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs Hull
Cllr. Ellis
Cllr. Wheeler
Cllr. Brown

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – Clerk

There were no members of the public present.

- 1. Declarations of Interest:** Personal and Prejudicial: Cllr Mrs Podbury is known to the applicant of Pax Cottage.
- 2. Declarations of Lobbying:** Cllr Mrs Hull had a conversation with the owners of 14 Roopers when viewing the trees. Cllr Brown visited the Groombridge Farm Shop and was asked to sign a petition supporting the planning application which he refused.
- 3. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mrs Paulson-Ellis, Cllr. Langridge and Cllr. Stevens
- 4. The Minutes** of 17th August were signed as a correct record.
- 5. Matters Arising:** The Clerk had contacted TWBC and had received a reply concerning the planning conditions that were applied when the Groombridge Farm shop was established in 2006. In condition 5 it stated that “no more than 15% of the gross value of all produce sold at the stall shall be from any other producers or sources”. ***It was the opinion of the Cllrs present that this was not the case and the Clerk was asked to represent this view to TWBC.***
- 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/09/02391/TPO/DMD

Proposal: Trees: PAPER BARK BIRCH (T121) – Fell; BEECH (T119) - Fell
Location: 14 Roopers Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Decision: Recommend Refusal.
Comment: BIRCH: It was considered that felling was too drastic and we would ask the Tree Officer to consider that the crown should be reduced by half (to reduce the overall tree by about one third). BEECH: Again it was considered too drastic to fell. A large bough on the house side could be removed which would increase light, together with cutting back some surrounding branches.

TW/09/02407/FUL/CP3

Proposal: First floor side extension
Location: 16 Upper Profit Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to planners

TW/09/02193/LBC/KLM

Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Replacement of two crittal windows with double glazed windows in keeping with the original windows to the first floor west elevations
Location: Penn Cottage The Green Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Conservation Officer

Cllr Mrs Podbury left the meeting

TW/09/02341/FUL/SW3

Proposal: Raised wooden decking and pergola (retrospective)
Location: Pax Cottage Stockland Green Road Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to planners

Cllr Mrs Podbury rejoined the meeting.

7. Items for Information

The Parish Council had been consulted by TWBC to help in naming the roads in the new Middlefield & Rusthall Elms development. It was decided that because only a small part of the development was in the Parish that we would only suggest one name that would commemorate the “Ashes” victory. ***The Clerk was asked to convey this to TWBC.***

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman