

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 Monday 28th September 2009 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs Podbury (Chairman)
Cllr. Ellis
Cllr. Wheeler
Cllr. Langridge
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 – Scriventon House 02256
- 2. Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
- 3. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mrs Paulson-Ellis (holiday), and Cllr. Mrs Hull
- 4. The Minutes of 19th September 2009** were signed as a correct record.
- 5. Matters Arising:** Cllr Mrs Podbury described recent events concerning her request to the Chairman to clarify the “change of use of land” issue at the forthcoming Chairman’s meeting. In a detailed report about Willow Tree Cottage she had said that there had been no agreement between the committee and the Enforcement Officer despite his site visits. The Chairman’s letter had been misinterpreted by Borough management and the result was that the Enforcement Officer was very discontented. Cllr Mrs Podbury and the Clerk are to meet him on site on Monday 5th October to hopefully clarify the issue.
- 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/09/02626/FUL/CP3

Proposal: Two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension (following the removal of the pergola and conservatory)

Location: 1 Stockland Green Road Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent TN3 0TY

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planners

Comment: We note that this is an improvement on the previous application.

TW/09/02256/FUL/SW3

Following Cllr Mrs Podbury’s disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interest in this application Cllr Wheeler took the Chair. Cllr Mrs Podbury gave a brief summary of her opinion of the application and left the room.

Proposal: Landscaping works to garden south of house (work commenced)

Location: Scriventon House Stockland Green Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planners

Comment: We express our deep concern and serious reservations over the short and long term appearance of this landscaping project. We request that an environmental impact assessment (EIA) be carried out.

Cllr Mrs Podbury re-entered the room and took the Chair.

TW/09/02662/LBC/NR2

Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Replace all metal framed bar windows with timber casements. Install metal flue for solid fuel stove. Construct two dormers on each stable wing to match existing coach house dormers.

Location: Lakeside Cottage Fordcombe Road Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Conservation Architect

TW/09/02675/LBC/SW3

Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Demolish fractured chimney head and rebuild using salvageable and reclaimed bricks. Brickwork to be constructed in lime mortar.

Location: The Old Cottage Langton Road Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Conservation Architect

TW/09/02808/FUL/EA1

Proposal: Rear conservatory extension

Location: 179 Southwood Road Rusthall Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planners

TW/09/02608/TPO/DMD – Amended Proposal

Proposal: Trees: 6 No. Conifers (A,B,C,D,E,F) – Reduce height by 25% and remove some of the outer branches to D,E,F.

Location: 15 Roopers Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Tree Officer

7. Items for Information

Cllr Langridge advised of the forthcoming Taylor Wimpey PR exercise regarding the Middlefield development and asked for names of Cllrs who would like to attend, although no date has been given. Cllrs Mrs Jeffreys, Podbury and Langridge and Wheeler would attend.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman