



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

**Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in the Parish Council Office,  
Langton Green Recreation Ground on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.30pm**

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

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Mrs Meirion Flemington – Assistant Clerk

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

**1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence:**

**2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Langridge **TW/12/00280/FUL/SJM** – Hollonds Farm – personal and prejudicial. Cllr Woodward **TW/12/00400/HOUSE/SJM** – 11 Cobhams, Speldhurst - personal

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

**4. The Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012** were signed as a correct record.

**5. Matters Arising:**

**Neighbourhood Planning:** A Working Group is being set up involving Councillors and Members of the Public. All Councillors who are members of the Planning Committee are attending a Neighbourhood Planning training event at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**Environmental Impact Assessments:** The Assistant Clerk reported that Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinions are required for non-householder applications within AONB.

**Planning Appeal – Land to the rear of Dashpers, Stonewall Park Road, Langton Green:** After discussion it was **AGREED** that the Parish Council's comments are unchanged from those submitted to TWBC. These have been passed by TWBC to the Planning Inspectorate and it was **AGREED** that there is no need for the Parish Council to make any additional comments direct to the Planning Inspectorate.

**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/12/00278/HOUSE/EA1**

Location: Northfield House, Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Proposal: Two storey side extension; Removal of cedar shingle cladding and replacement with painted render and timber weatherboarding

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/12/00280/CAC/SJM**

Location: Hollonds Farm, Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Proposal: Conservation Area Consent – Demolition of existing outbuildings

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Architect

**TW/12/00287/TPO/DMD**

Location: 28 Asher Reeds, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Proposal: TREES: A1 – ASH – Re-pollard both trunks

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

**TW/12/00321/HOUSE/KLM**

Location: Spindlewood, Ferbies, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Proposal: Detached timber garden home office

Decision: Remain neutral- leave to Planning Officer  
Comment: Speldhurst Parish Council strongly recommend that TWBC only agree to neutral/subdued colours for the painted render and timber weather boarding

**TW/12/00334/FUL/RE4**

Location: Playing fields south of Jockeys Farm, Nellington Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Proposal: New access drive with footway and gates to Football Ground from Nellington Road

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/12/00358/TPO/DMD**

Location: 8 Mercers, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Proposal: TREES; T1 – OAK – Raise crown by 6m. Reduce crown by 30% to shape

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer  
Comment: This Oak is a substantial tree, a good shape and a significant feature in its environment

**TW/12/00400/HOUSE/SJM**

Location: 11 Cobhams, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Conversion of garage, internal alterations and remodelling of rear terraces

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/12/00489/HOUSE/SJM**

Location: 3 The Walks, The Green, Groombridge, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Extension of time: Replacement garage (TW/09/00280 refers)

Decision: Recommend approval

Comment: This application was previously approved

**7. Items for Information:**

Cllr Mrs Podbury asked the Assistant Clerk to obtain information from Sevenoaks District Council regarding planning application SE/11/02726 – Upper Bullingstone, Penshurst Road, Speldhurst – demolition of property and erection of replacement.

**The Assistant Clerk to continue to investigate the planning situation regarding the field access from the A264 at Hollonds Farm, Langton Green.**

Cllr Mrs Hull reported that she will speak to Darren Hood of Kent Highway Services regarding maintenance of the roadside tree outside 8 Southfields, Speldhurst.

Cllr Woodward raised the matter of roadside screening of the water tower on the A264 and he will look into the planning background.

**The Assistant Clerk to speak to the Planning Officer regarding completion of the painting of the gates at Freshlands, Gipps Cross Lane.**

Date for the next meeting – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman