



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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Council Office, Langton Green Recreation Ground

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Horne (Chairman) Mrs Lyle and Mrs Price, Allen, Mercieca and Turner

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs K Plunkett – Assistant Clerk

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

1. **To enquire if anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting:** No-one present intended to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.
2. **To receive and approve apologies and reason for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Jeffreys (holiday)
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests:** There were none.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There was none.
5. **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on **3rd August 2016** be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising:** There were none.
7. **Public Open Session:** There were no members of the public present.
8. **Planning appeals:** The assistant clerk had nothing to report.
9. **NALC Community Led Housing Survey:** The survey was completed and the assistant clerk instructed to submit the responses.
10. **Planning applications for discussion and decision:**

16/05958/FULL

Location: Old Thatch 2 Stockland Green Road, Speldhurst, Green Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Demolition of rear extension and construction of a new larger rear extension.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

16/06010/LBC

Location: Lower Farm Cottage, Speldhurst Hill, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells,

Proposal: Listed Building Consent – Single storey rear/ side extension.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer.

16/06028/TPO

Location: 7 Roopers, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0QL

Proposal: Trees: Horse Chestnut – Reduce canopy by 33%

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

16/06060/FULL

Location: Bluebell House, Speldhurst Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Single storey side and rear extensions and conversion of garage to habitable use; Erection of rear roof extension with Juliette balcony; Front rooflight and fenestration alterations; Enlargement of off-street parking area to front and enlargement of patio area to rear.

Decision: Remain neutral

Comment: Concern expressed about potential loss of parking and turning space.

16/06150/TPO

Location: The Herons, Broom Lane, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Trees: Beech on front roadside boundary – Reduce height of left hand tree closest to drive by 3m and remove dead wood; Beech on right hand side – Remove dead section from top and thin remaining crown by 15% to balance and remove any dead wood.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

16/06177/FULL

Location: Saxons, St Marys Lane, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0PP

Proposal: Minor Material Amendment in relation to TW/14/504489/FULL (Demolition of 2 storey existing house and 1.5 storey outbuilding and construction of new 2 storey house and outbuilding) – To reduce the size of existing outbuilding while keeping same form and material construction within existing approved footprint and sited further away from existing tree (not protected) in neighbouring churchyard.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

16/06191/FULL

Location: 1 Bullingstone Cottage, Bullingstone Lane, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Remove bank to front of house and provide for off road parking with retaining wall and landscaping and gate to entrance; Construct summer house at top of garden.

Decision: Remain neutral

Comment: We remain neutral provided that the rural character of the lane is preserved.

16/06208/FULL

Location: 14 Great Courtlands, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0AH

Proposal: Extension to existing garage and conversion to bedroom, rear extension to kitchen to create 'Day Room', extension to brick parking area. At first floor level extension to south facing dormer window and creation of new north facing window.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

16/06254/TPO

Location: 1 The Boundary, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0YA

Proposal: Tree: (G1) 3x Birch – Reduce the tallest tree by approx. 6 metres and the other two to the same height, Reduce lateral branches by 2 metres.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

16/06301/FULL

Location: 5 Dornden Drive, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0AA

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and outbuildings with single story extensions to east and west of existing building.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

16/06342/TPO

Location: Holmewood House School, Barrow Lane, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0EB

Proposal: Trees: T6 (Oak besides Groundsman's building inc deadwood and canopy overhanging shed); T4 (Oak nearest drive besides groundsman's building, remove deadwood); T5 (Robinia next to Holm Oak, dismantle); T51 (Oak to left of gate into astro, remove deadwood); G24 (2x Oaks either side of path leading down to astro, remove deadwood and the low, split, decayed bough). Other proposed work: Oak tree beside crossing to the nursery, thin by 15% and clean out deadwood; Also general treework for deadwooding and safety.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

16/06353/TPO

Location: 5 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0BN

Proposal: Lift the crown by 5m of all the trees around the boundary of the back garden – to allow more light into the flowerbeds and hedges below.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

16/504934/FULL

Location: Land South-East of Garfield Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Removal of existing garage and derelict building and erection of 1 no. mews house with associated parking.

Decision: Remain neutral

Comments: We note the residents' concerns.

11. Items for information

Cllr Allen said that the reflectors on the new metal posts in LGRG car park appeared to be in poor condition.

Cllr Mrs Lyle said that due to commitments to the Governance and Finance Committees and the management committee of the new pavilion she would not be able to continue as a member of the planning committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Chairman