

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 25th January 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs Podbury (Chairman), Mrs Paulson-Ellis, Mrs Hull, Brown, Ellis, Langridge, Wheeler and Milner

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – Clerk

There were no members of the public present.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** There were none.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Personal and Prejudicial: All Councillors declared an interest in application No.09/03922 –the oak tree is on Council land. Cllr Brown declared that he lived opposite 09/03917.
- 3. Declarations of Lobbying:** Cllr Mrs Podbury had been contacted by the owner of Willow Tree Cottage (10/00007) on 16th December 2009 regarding clarification of what was required from him. No views were discussed
- 4. The Minutes of 11th January 2010** were signed as a correct record.
- 5. Matters Arising:** There had been no action to date regarding Aysgarth Farm – the Clerk had only just received the Register of Electors and would write in due course.
- 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/09/03917/TPO/DMD

Location: 28 Hither Chantlers Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Proposal: TREES: OAK – Fell

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Tree Officer

Comment: Could some consideration be given to replanting

TW/09/03922/TPO/DMD

Location: 2 Roopers Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Proposal: TREES: FALSE ACACIA (T1) – Fell; OAK (T2) – Reduce two laterals overhanging driveway of 2 Roopers

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Tree Officer

Comment: Please note that the Oak tree (T2) is on Council land.

TW/09/03982/TPO/DMD

Location: The Oast House Breakstones Speldhurst Road Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Proposal: TREES: 3 No. ASH – Remove branches overhanging patio and garden shed

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Tree Officer

TW/10/00007/FUL/NR2

Location: Willow Tree Cottage Franks Hollow Road Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Proposal: Change of use from agricultural to residential curtilage

Decision: Recommend Refusal

Comment: The change of use from agricultural to residential curtilage should be discouraged.

There have several instances in the RTP1 magazine (i.e. 8/1/10 DCS No. 100-065-679) of this being refused. The plan also suggests that the footpath is to be blocked with hedging.

We feel that once this is accepted it is setting an undesirable precedent.

TW/10/00021/HOUSE/SW3

Location: East Lodge Groombridge Road Groombridge Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Proposal: Removal of three existing disused outbuildings and existing swimming pool; Erection of conservatory and pool room and creation of new swimming pool

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/00037/HOUSE/EA1

Location: Lynden Monteith Close Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Proposal: Single storey front extension

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

Comment: We have a concern regarding the design. We feel it projects too much and is aesthetically unsympathetic to the neighbourhood.

7. Items for Information

Cllr Mrs Paulson-Ellis said that she had been contacted by Mrs Debbie Hargreaves, the new owner of Hollonds Farm on the recommendation of TWBC Planning Dept. She will be running the farm as a small holding and has plans for the conversion of the farmhouse.

Cllr Mrs Paulson-Ellis also commented that the footpath/bridleway WT111 was now virtually impassable and that renewed efforts to contact the owners should be made. ***She supplied an address to the Clerk who would do so.***

Cllr Brown enquired about progress on the Farm Shop application. ***The Clerk would contact the Planning Officer and report at the next meeting*** which would be held on 8th February at LGVH.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman