

# Minutes of The Planning Committee of Speldhurst Parish Council

Meeting held in The Committee Room, Langton Green Village Hall  
on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 at 7.45pm

Present : Cllr. Palmer (Chairman)  
Cllr. Crundwell  
Cllr. Ellis  
Cllr. Mrs Podbury  
Cllr. Stevens  
Cllr. Wheeler

Apologies: Cllr. Dixon (recovering from operation)  
Cllr. Jukes (away on business)

3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008, having previously been distributed to Committee Members, were approved and signed.
4. Planning applications for discussion and recommendation :

## **08/00683/FUL/TW2**

Declarations: None were disclosed  
Address: Unit A2 Speldhurst Business Park, Langton Road,  
Speldhurst  
Proposal: Change of use from business unit B1 to beauty therapy  
Decision: Recommend Refusal :

- Requested class use is not specified
- If use for a retail unit, or similar, this would create a precedent and would create traffic issues
- Application is not in the name of a specific beauty therapist and use cannot be restricted to a named user
- Application form Section 16a appears to be incorrectly completed

## **08/00767/TPO/DMD**

Declarations: None were disclosed  
Address: 5 Widbury, Langton Green  
Proposal: Trees – T1 Oak  
Decision: Remain Neutral

## **08/00769/FUL/SW3**

Declarations: None were disclosed  
Address: 6 Courtenwell, Speldhurst Road, Langton Green  
Proposal: Ground floor side extension  
Decision: Remain Neutral

## **08/00800/FUL/SW3**

Declarations: None were disclosed  
Address: 2 Knowleside, Birchetts Avenue, Langton Green  
Proposal: Single storey rear extension  
Decision: Remain Neutral

## **08/00807/FUL/TW2**

Declarations: None were disclosed  
Address: Unit B1, Speldhurst Business Park, Langton Road,  
Speldhurst  
Proposal: Change of use from business unit (B1) to beauty therapy  
Decision: Please see 00683/FUL/TW2 above

**08/00882/FUL/RE4**

Declarations: None were disclosed  
Address: Holmewood House School  
Proposal: Single storey extensions to provide a new pupil's lavatory and changing room; a new play area on the west side of building  
Decision: Remain Neutral

**08/00912/FUL/RE4**

Declarations: None were disclosed  
Address: The Tunnery, Speldhurst Road, Langton Green  
Proposal: First floor extension over existing garage, conversion of garage into habitable accommodation  
Decision: Remain Neutral

**08/00938/FUL/SW3**

Declarations: None were disclosed  
Address: 55 Dornden Drive, Langton Green  
Proposal: Conversion of integral garages to habitable accommodation and erection of detached garage with new access  
Decision: Remain Neutral :

- However, if the planners are minded to approve the application a non-severance clause should be included in the Planning Consent.
- We are concerned that the vision splays are sufficient to allow good sight lines when reversing in / out of the garage onto Dornden Drive.

5. Middlefield update – the meeting was updated with the latest news from TWBC.
6. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council – email dated 18<sup>th</sup> March – changes to the way Borough Council notifies Local Council's of decisions – the meeting was updated with the new procedures whereby TWBC will advise local councils of planning decisions before the press.
7. Local Government Act of 1972 – Parish Council's referendums on Planning Proposals – Cllr. Mrs Podbury updated the meeting of the opportunity afforded by the Act for a Referendum to be demanded of the Parish Council if 10 or more electors requested it. After discussion it was felt that as such a referendum would not be binding on the Parish Council or TWBC it would not have helped in any of the recent contentious planning applications. It was widely regarded that this portion of the Act was intended as a check on councils who were acting against the consensus of its electors and as such did not apply to Speldhurst Parish Council.
8. Items for Information
  1. Police Houses, Langton Green - REFUSED
  2. Highfield House, Speldhurst - APROVED
  3. A264 closure for the resurfacing of Heathgate Corner has been deferred as the work is behind schedule.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

CHAIRMAN