



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 Tuesday 10th May 2011 at 7.30pm

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs Meirion Flemington – Asst Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT There was one member of the public present

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence:** There were none.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.
3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** Cllr Mrs Podbury and Cllr Langridge have been spoken to by a neighbouring resident in respect of **TW/11/00932** but offered no opinions.
4. **The Minutes of 27th April 2011** were signed as a correct record.
5. **Matters Arising:**
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/11/00932/HOUSE

Location: Heathgate Cottage, Langton Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Relocation of existing vehicular access and installation of acoustic fencing

Decision: Recommend refusal

Comments:

The fence height appears excessive and out of keeping with the area - the majority of neighbouring fences and hedges are 2m or less.

No details or plans are provided regarding the return lengths of fencing along the boundaries with the neighbouring properties or the pedestrian access.

No details are provided regarding the effect of the proposals on existing trees or hedges.

Each and every one of the above reasons is deemed sufficient to make the application unacceptable and to recommend refusal.

No objection in principle to the relocation of the vehicular access but please note that the septic tank which is shared with the neighbour is in the immediate vicinity and must be protected from the risk of any damage.

TW/11/01151/HOUSE

Location: Larkins, Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells
Proposal: Rear orangery extension

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

7. Items for Information

Cllr Mrs Podbury advised that the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee will be reviewed at the next meeting. **The Assistant Clerk to circulate the existing Terms of Reference.**

Cllr Langridge reported that the white chiller unit and a number of signs are still in place at Groombridge Farm Shop. **The Assistant Clerk to speak to the Enforcement Officer.**

Cllr Langridge reported that there is a dying tree at the Langton Green Vicarage close to the Copper Beech tree outside Adam Cottage.

The Assistant Clerk reported that Speldhurst School have been granted planning permission for the Early Years Canopy.

The Assistant Clerk confirmed that SPC had not been consulted on **TW/11/00325** – The Drift, Groombridge Road, Groombridge as it was an application to determine whether planning permission is required for the proposal or not. If it is and an application is made SPC will be consulted.

The next meeting is proposed for Monday 23rd May.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.18 pm.

Chairman