

# 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 Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7.30pm**

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### **MEMBERS PRESENT :**

Cllr. Mrs Podbury (Chairman)  
Cllr. Brown  
Cllr. Ellis  
Cllr. Langridge  
Cllr. Stevens

### **OFFICER PRESENT :**

The Clerk was not present – at the time of setting the meeting the Clerk informed the Committee Chairman that she would be unable to attend

Two members of the public present – Stone Ness, Ashurst

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Mrs Hull – holiday  
Cllr. Mrs Paulson-Ellis – prior appointment  
Cllr. Wheeler – prior business appointment

- 2. Minutes** of the meeting dated **1<sup>st</sup> June 2009**, copies had previously been forwarded to Members. This item was omitted from being approved and signed will be approved / signed at the next Committee meeting.

### **3. Planning applications for discussion and decision – unless otherwise stated all decisions are unanimously agreed :**

The order of the Agenda was changed to enable members of the public to address the Committee on Stone Ness, Ashurst.

#### **09/01538/FUL/NR2**

Address: Littledene, Ewehurst Lane, Speldhurst  
Proposal: Two 2-storey side extensions and alterations  
Decision: Remain Neutral – leave to Planners  
Comment : We have reservations due to the extent of the work proposed. Although the result is attractive, we note the transgression of the 50% regulation.

#### **09/01553/TPO/DMD**

Address: 11 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green  
Proposal: TREES – 2 no BEECH low pruning  
Decision: Remain Neutral – leave to Planners

#### **09/01554/FUL/SF1**

Address: Stone Ness, Ashurst Road, Ashurst  
Proposal: Use of part of garden for the purposes of social and therapeutic horticulture  
Decision: Remain Neutral – leave to Planners  
Comment : Applaud in principle with some concerns on the traffic in and out.

#### **09/01558/FUL/EA1**

Address: Hollambys, Franks Hollow Road, Speldhurst  
Proposal: Construction of dormer window  
Decision: Remain Neutral – leave to Planners

**09/01666/LBC/SW3**

Address: Somerden, Groombridge Hill, Groombridge  
Proposal: LBC – repointing to ground floor and chimney stacks and replacement of frost  
Damaged bricks with matching reclaimed bricks  
Decision: Remain Neutral - leave to Conservation Architects

**09/01760/TPO/DMD**

Address: October House, Broom Park, Langton Green  
Proposal: TREES 4 no Thuya – fell; 6 no Thuya reduce by 50%  
Decision: Remain Neutral – leave to Tree Officer

**TW/09/TEMP/0015**

Address: Langton Green Primary School  
Proposal: Amendment to planning application  
Decision: Noted. No issue with the proposal.

**TW/09/TEMP/0019**

Address: Broomhill Bank School, Broomhill Road  
Proposal: Temporary planning permission for a mobile classroom and minor  
Remodelling works to ground floor including new bay window  
Decision: Remain Neutral – leave to Planners.  
Comment : The proposal needs to take due notice of the fact that it is an AONB  
and there needs to be a time limit on the presence of the temporary classroom.

4. Items for Information

**Saxons St Marys Lane, Speldhurst** – Concerns raised over a new wall which is more than one metre in height. The Clerk is asked to report to the Enforcement Officer for investigation.

**Willow Tree Cottage, Franks Hollow, Speldhurst** – The Clerk is asked to write to the authorities re the extension of the garden into fields on both sides of the house, including the encompassing of a footpath.

**Middlefield** – The Chairman will discuss with the Clerk a letter explaining the results of the investigations and the reasons for the traffic flow not being onto the A264.

*Note from the Clerk – regarding `non-severance` clause. The Clerk had contacted TWBC`s planners and was informed that this wording is very relevant and when appropriate we should continue to include in our responses.*

*Alternative wording :*

*`providing it remains incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house`, or*

*`use of the building hereby permitted shall be ancillary to the use of (address of property) and shall not be occupied or used separately from that dwelling`.*

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

CHAIRMAN