



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

**Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 26th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Council Office, Langton Green Recreation Ground**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs Horne (Chairman) 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:** Cllr Mrs Jeffreys (holiday)
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests:** Cllr Allen declared an interest in application number 16/06376/FULL as he is employed by Markerstudy Group which owns the plot.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There was none.
5. **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on **6<sup>th</sup> September 2016** be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising:** The assistant clerk asked whether any Councillors were interested in attending the workshop organised by TWBC to discuss the local landscape – to be held in Langton Green Village Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Cllrs Mrs Horne, Mrs Price and Allen agreed to attend.

The assistant clerk also noted the new Tunbridge Wells website dedicated to tree protection orders.

7. **Public Open Session:** There were no members of the public present.
8. **Planning appeals:** The assistant clerk said that there is an appeal pending for Victoria Cottage in Speldhurst but this hasn't yet been processed and SPC will be notified by letter as soon as the appeal is validated. SPC will then have 21 days to submit comments.
9. **Planning applications for discussion and decision:**

**16/06328/FULL**

Location: Dorothy Kerin Trust, Burrswood Hospital, Burrswood, Groombridge, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 9PY

Proposal: construction of clear glass balustrade with aluminium uprights and installation of disabled access hoist to replace non-compliant ramp.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

Cllr Allen left the room for the following application.

**16/06376/FULL**

Location: Cobblestone Mews, Mil Farm, Broomhill Bank Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0TD

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings (with the exception of Mill Farm and Cobblestone Mews) and erection of 7 dwellings.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

Cllr Allen returned to the meeting.

**16/06390/FULL**

Location: Lower Church Farmhouse, Speldhurst Hill, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 ONP

Proposal: Single storey rear/ side extension.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

**16/06396/FULL**

Location: The Old Rectory, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 ONP

Proposal: Conversion of Grade II listed Coach House internal garage spaces and attic store to habitable accommodation ancillary to main house; New conservatory with glazed pergola link connecting to main house; New outbuildings consisting of open two-bay garage with rear workshop; External works consisting of rear terrace; Reinstatement of cobbled courtyard; Repairs to stone wall to boundary; Widening of existing access gates and new automatic timber gates and new metal automatic gates to second existing driveway.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer.

**16/06397/LBC**

Location: The Old Rectory, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 ONP

Proposal: Listed Building Consent – conversion of Grade II listed Coach House internal garage spaces and attic store to habitable accommodation ancillary to main house; New conservatory with glazed pergola link connecting to main house; New outbuildings consisting of open two-bay garage with rear workshop; External works consisting of rear terrace; Reinstatement of cobbled courtyard; Repairs to stone wall to boundary; Widening of existing access gates and new automatic timber gates and new metal automatic gates to second existing driveway.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer.

**16/06403/TPO**

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

Proposal: Tree: Oak – Reduce height by 6 metres – Lucombe Oak – Reduce branches to reduce contact with adjacent Robinia.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

**16/06473/TPO**

Location: 2 Ironstones, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0QL

Proposal: Trees: Oak x 2 – Fell and Birch x 2 – Fell.  
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

**16/06478/TPO**

Location: Little Hardwick, Langholm Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0EY  
Proposal: Trees: G1 – Oak – Maintenance on five oak trees along the perimeter of the property.  
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

**16/06530/TPO**

Location: 2 Courtenwell, Speldhurst Rd, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN3 0JQ  
Proposal: Oak – remove lowest limb that over hangs the neighbours garden. Oak – remove the 5 lowest branches.  
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

**16/06590/TNOT56**

Location: Communication Station and Premises Lower Green Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0NB  
Proposal: Telecommunication Notification –GPDO application for the siting and appearance of a proposed 4G (Fourth Generation) upgrade to existing equipment.  
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

**10. Items for information**

Cllr Mrs Horne asked Councillors to reply to all to emails about visiting planning application sites.

The assistant clerk asked Councillors for their availability at the next planning meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. All agreed they could attend on this date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman