



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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm in the Council Office, Langton Green Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Price (Chairman), Parker, Mercieca, Turner, Allen, Mrs Jeffreys and Mrs Soyke

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs K Harman – 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 reasons for absence:** apologies received from Cllr Kerby (prior engagement).
3. **Disclosure of Interests:** Cllrs Mrs Jeffreys said that 47 The Boundary, Langton Green (application no. 17/03184/FULL) is near to the rear of her property and she would therefore abstain from the discussion about this case.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
5. **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on **25th September 2017** be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising:** The Assistant Clerk said that she had received a response from Stephen Baughen at TWBC Planning regarding the anonymous comments being left on the TWBC Planning website which had been circulated. Cllr Barrington-Johnson had responded to the email with suggestions of how the policy wording should be changed. It was **RESOLVED** to discuss this matter further with the TWBC Planners during the training session on 8th November.
7. **Public Open Session** –There were no members of the public present.
8. **Planning appeals** – There were none.

9. Planning applications for discussion and decision:

17/03170/FULL

Location: 85 Dornden Drive, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0AG

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey side and single storey rear extension.

Decision: SPC remains neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

17/03150/FULL

Location: Badgers Wood, Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0LD

Proposal: Part loft conversion and part first floor extension with new gable ends at front and rear with new ridge line level; Additional velux windows to rear.

Decision: SPC remains neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

17/03184/FULL

Location: 47 The Boundary, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0YA

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey side extension; Part single, part two-storey rear extension with 3 No. rooflights; and porch extension.

Decision: SPC remains neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

17/03181/FULL

Location: Land to the West of Cobblers Cottage, Leggs Lane, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0RG

Proposal: Retrospective – Change of use of land from a mixed use of agriculture and horse grazing to equestrian use.

Decision: SPC remains neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

17/03222/FULL

Location: Small Brook Fields, Etherington Hill, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Conversion of existing barn to a two-bedroom dwelling including demolition of an existing stable building and replace with an open car barn with use of existing access onto Lower Green Road and landscaping.

Decision: SPC supports this application.

17/02970/FULL

Location: Maplehurst, Third Street, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0EN

Proposal: Erection of two-storey rear extension and enclosed porch.

Decision: SPC remains neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

17/03259/TPO

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

Proposal: Trees: 4 No. Oak and 1 No. Beech (G13) – Raise canopies to 6m above ground level.

Decision: SPC remains neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

17/03264/TPO

Location: Maples, Monteith Close, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0AD
Proposal: Trees: Birch (T1) – Reduce overhanging lateral branches by 3 metres.
Decision: SPC remains neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

17/03223/TPO

Location: 21 Newlands, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0DB
Proposal: Trees: Oak (T5) – Fell
Decision: SPC remains neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

17/03217/TPO

Location: 71 Dornden Drive, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0AG
Proposal: Trees: Oak (T1) – Remove deadwood, cut crossing and torn branches, cut branch division from 5 metres to 6.5 metres and remove leaf deposit.
Decision: SPC remains neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

17/03236/TPO

Location: 31 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0BL
Proposal: Trees: 3 No. Oak and 1 No. Ash (W1) – Reduce height by 30-40%, remove overhanging branches and remove deadwood.
Decision: SPC remains neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

10. Call for Sites – there was nothing to discuss.

11. Terms of Reference – It was **RESOLVED** that the existing document should remain as it is. The Assistant Clerk said that the document states that a Vice Chairman needs to be elected. It was **RESOLVED** to elect a Vice Chairman to the Planning Committee at the November meeting.

12. DCLG Consultation – Councillors discussed the consultation and agreed responses ahead of Cllrs Mrs Price and Milner completing the questionnaire. Cllr Mrs Soyke left the meeting at 8.30pm. Cllr Allen left the meeting at 8.35pm, part way through the discussions.

13. Items for information – The Assistant Clerk drew Councillors' attention to the High Weald Public Engagement Questionnaire which had been circulated.

Date of the next meeting-

- Wednesday 8th November – Gallery Room, Langton Green Village Hall
7.00pm: TWBC Planning Officers' training;
8.00pm: Planning Committee meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Chairman