



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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in the Parish Council Office, Langton Green Recreation Ground, on Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Horne (Chairman), Mrs Hull, Mrs Podbury, Langridge, Turner and Mrs Jeffreys (ex-officio)

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs M Flemington – 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. **Apologies and reason for absence:** Cllr Barrington-Johnson (prior engagement)
3. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
5. **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on **8th September 2014** were approved and signed as a correct record.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - Paperless planning and e-consultation** – The planning support post implementation review was discussed and the points to pass onto Tunbridge Wells Borough Council via Councillor Mrs Soyke were agreed.
 - Planning page on SPC website** – Links are being removed from the website. It was agreed that a section should be added about Mid Kent planning support and contacting the TWBC Tree Officer for information regarding Tree Preservation Orders and work on trees in Conservation Areas.
 - Trees** – Nothing in addition to the above.
7. **Public Open Session** – the meeting will be adjourned to give members of the public an opportunity to raise with the Committee any items of interest or concern. If members of the public are attending regarding a specific planning application on this agenda the Committee Chairman may bring this application forward under item 8. Below. **The public open sessions may be limited to a time to be determined.**

There were no members of the public present.

8. Planning appeals – update situation
13/02959/TPO - 4 Newlands, Langton Green – the appeal has not been determined yet.

9. Planning applications for discussion and decision:

TW/14/502511/FULL

Location: 20 First Street, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Loft conversion with dormer window to rear elevation and velux windows to front

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comments: We are aware that there may be asbestos within the property

TW/14/502789/TPO

Location: Sherbourne House, Farnham Lane, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: TREES – T1 – Beech – Remove one low limb on the south side, reduce overall canopy by 5 metres, thin by 15%

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/14/502793/TCA

Location: Yew Tree Cottage, Barden Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Trees in conservation area notification – T1 – CHERRY – fell

Decision: No Comments

TW/14/502899/FULL

Location: 75 The Boundary, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/14/502915/FULL

Location: The Old Cottage, Stockland Green Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Part Retrospective – Improvements to driveway

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comments: This will improve the safety of access onto the highway

TW/14/503028/TCA

Location: 2 Churchyard Cottages, Barden Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Trees in Conservation Area notification – T1 – Cherry tree in the front garden; reduce to previous pruning cuts. H2 – mixed hedge; reduce to 1.6m in height from ground level. T3 – Eucalyptus; Fell

Decision: No Comments

TW/14/503035/TPO

Location: Oakwell House, The Green, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: To reduce one Yew by 15-20%, lift crown to 5m from the base

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/14/503097/FULL

Location: 18 Roopers, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Conversion of existing garage to form family and utility rooms with an extension to join garage to main house; First floor extension to east and new front porch

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/14/503207/FULL

Location: Ashurst and Blackham Sports Field, Ashurst Hill, Ashurst Road, Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Replacement Pavilion at the Ashurst and Blackham Sports Field

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/14/503387/FULL

Location: Bewley, Stonewall Park Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: First floor extension; Conversion of existing garages into a family room; Relocation of vehicular drive

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/14/503888/FULL

Location: 6 Birchetts Avenue, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Two storey front extension, single storey rear extension, replacement roof and loft conversion

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/14/503445/TPO

Location: 19 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: T1 – Beech – fell. T2 – Oak – fell

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/14/503436/TPO

Location: 1 The Boundary, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: T1 – Oak – fell due to dieback and basal decay

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/14/503490/TPO

Location: Belsay House, 4 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: 1) Lime – tree getting too tall – reduce to same height as other Limes, approx. 5mtrs. 2) Oak – reduce to height of other Limes, approx. 5mtrs.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/14/503520/TPO

Location: Broomlands, Broom Lane, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: T1 – Red Oak – Lift and reduce canopy, remove deadwood. T2 – Red Oak – remove 6 branches hanging over adjacent Maple. T3 – Red Oak – prune back overhanging branches. T4 – remove 5 extending branches and remove significant deadwood.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/14/503564/FULL

Location: Park View, Speldhurst Hill, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Single storey side extension

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/14/503715/COUNTY

KCC/TW/0297/2014

Location: Broomhill Bank School, Broomhill Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: New Dance Studio, changing room and extension to 3 no. existing classrooms including new external ramp and steps

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/14/503958/TPO

Location: Birch Tree House, Hither Chantlers, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: 1 No. Sweet Chestnut – Fell

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

10. Items for Information:

The date for the next meeting is to be confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.43pm

Chairman