

Minutes of The Planning Committee of Speldhurst Parish Council

Meeting held in The Committee Room, Langton Green Village Hall
on Thursday, 17th April 2008 at 7.45pm

Present : Cllr. Dixon (Chairman)
Cllr. Crundwell
Cllr. Ellis
Cllr. Palmer
Cllr. Stevens
Cllr. Wheeler

Apologies: Cllr. Mrs Podbury (holiday)
Cllr. Jukes (prior business meeting)

3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st March 2008, having previously been distributed to Committee Members, were approved and signed.
4. Planning applications for discussion and recommendation :

07/03295/FUL

Declarations: None were disclosed
Address: 48 Dornden Drive, Langton Green
Proposal: Notification of Appeal
Decision: Letter to Inspectorate. We remained neutral for this application with reservations. Those reservations are reflected in the reasons for refusal by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council which SPC now supports.

07/03998/FUL/NR2

Declarations: None were disclosed
Address: Groombridge Place
Proposal: Revised Planning Application – variation of condition 15 of TW/92/01311 – submission of Noise Management Plan.
Decision: Recommendation for refusal still stands. The submission of the Noise Management Plan does not negate any of the original reasons for recommending refusal. The Plan is a statement of good practice and does not oblige the applicant to specific levels of noise for specific events. All events should comply with existing conditions.

08/00928/LBC/SW3

Declarations: None were disclosed
Address: 3 Silcocks Cottage, Poundsbridge
Proposal: Listed Building Consent – side extension providing a new kitchen at ground floor level and an extension to the nursery at first floor level (amendments to TW/07/03025/LBC)
Decision: Remain Neutral

08/00936/FUL/SF1

Declarations: None were disclosed
Address: Merrymead, Birchetts Avenue, Langton Green
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Decision: Remain Neutral

08/00971/FUL/TW2

Declarations: None were disclosed
Address: Sandstones, Langton Road, Speldhurst
Proposal: Demolish existing conservatory and single-storey rear extension and erect new single storey rear extension
Decision: Remain Neutral

08/00972/LBC/TW2

Declarations: None were disclosed
Address: Sandstones, Langton Road, Speldhurst
Proposal: As above
Decision: Remain Neutral

08/01066/FUL/NR2

Declarations: Cllr. Crundwell declared a personal interest and took no part in the vote.
Address: Home Farm Cottage, Burrswood, Groombridge
Proposal: Demolition of existing house, shed and garage and erection of new house and garage
Decision: Recommend Refusal.
All the comments made with the previous application apply to this submission notwithstanding reduction in garage ridge height.
Drawing 224 appears to show the same elevation for both north and south. North appears incorrect.

08/01087/FUL/SF1

Declarations: None were disclosed
Address: Cherrytrees, Monteith Close, Langton Green
Proposal: Conversion of part of integral garage space to provide an extended kitchen/dining area
Decision: Remain Neutral

08/01094/FUL/SF1

Declarations: None were disclosed
Address: Burnt House, Burnt House Lane, Langton Green
Proposal: Greenhouse
Decision: Remain Neutral

08/01095/FUL/TW2

Declarations: None were disclosed
Address: 1 The Cricketers, Third Street, Langton Green
Proposal: Conversion of attached garage to habitable room and store
Decision: Remain Neutral

08/01227/FUL/SF1

Declarations: None were disclosed
Address: 38 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green
Proposal: First floor side and single storey rear extensions
Decision: Remain Neutral
Comment : concern expressed as to potential loss of privacy to adjacent properties and access to a flat roof without a guard being shown on plan.

5. **TW/08/00379/OUT/BD1** – The Spinney, Penshurst Road, Speldhurst

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council`s decision

A letter to TWBC expressing concern with decision to approve and not refer to Western Area Planning Committee notwithstanding the strength of SPC`s objections. Decision appears contrary to a recently re-appraised Conservation Area Policy. SPC would have endeavoured to have the application call in if the planner`s intention had been known.

6. Items for Information

Consideration give to request from Clerk for guidance as to temporary Chairman`s post after Annual Meeting.

Decision : This committee has no power to appoint new Chairman and no councillor present, who would be in post, prepared to take on the role. Councillors not present could not be appointed in absentia.

Suggest that subsequent to 21st April the Deputy Chairman of SPC appoints more members to planning and a meeting of that Committee meet immediately, solely to elect a Chairman.

CHAIRMAN