



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 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs Horne (Chairman), Mrs Hull, Turner and Milner (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:** Cllrs Barrington-Johnson, Langridge and Podbury (all 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 **11<sup>th</sup> August 2014** were approved and signed as a correct record.
6. **Matters Arising:**
  - Paperless planning and e-consultation** – The Assistant Clerk updated members.
  - Bradleys, Speldhurst** – The Assistant Clerk reported on correspondence received from the owner of Brook House regarding this planning application.
  - Trees** – The Assistant Clerk reported that the TWBC Tree Officer has confirmed that parish councils are not consulted on Trees in Conservation Area Notifications but that if there are comments on any particular notifications they can be passed on to him.
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  
Northfield Lodge, Langton Green – the appeal has been dismissed.  
13/02959/TPO - 4 Newlands, Langton Green – the appeal has not been determined yet.  
3 Orchard Cottages, Ashurst Hill, Ashurst – the appeal has been dismissed.

9. **Planning applications for discussion and decision:**

**TW/14/500556/FULL**

Location: 2 Stonewall Park Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/14/501497/FULL**

**Location: 12 Dene Way, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells**

Proposal: Single storey rear extension and conversion of part of the garage to a new shower room.  
New tile hanging and render finish to front elevation

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Cllr Mrs Horne advised that there was no evidence on site of a yellow planning notice

**TW/14/501519/FULL**

Location: East Lodge, Groombridge Road, Groombridge, Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Proposal: Removal of 20<sup>th</sup> Century extension to Lodge House and construction of new extension;  
Internal alterations

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/14/501520/LBC**

Location: East Lodge, Groombridge Road, Groombridge, Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Proposal: Listed Building Consent – Removal of 20<sup>th</sup> Century extension to Lodge House and  
construction of new extension; Internal alterations

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer

**TW/14/501891/OUT**

Location: 31 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Proposal: Outline (Scale not reserved) – Replacement dwelling

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/14/502579/TCA**

Location: Lampington Cottage, The Green, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Proposal: Trees in Conservation notification – Ash T1 – Reduce the height by up to one half to correct  
lopsided appearance and promote growth into an appropriate shape

Decision: No comment to Tree Officer

**TW/14/502627/FULL**

Location: Little Barden, Barden Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Garage re-construction, with extension to the rear of existing garages and roof extension.  
Change of external cladding.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

**TW/14/502704/COUNTY  
KCC/TW/0256/2014**

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

Proposal: Provision of a temporary mobile classroom unit including ramped access for a maximum period of 18 months duration

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comment: Concern expressed that the mobile classroom appears to be on site and in use before a decision has been made on the planning application

**TW/14/502832/TPO**

Location: 18 Roopers, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: TREES – Lime (T30) – Remove epicormic growth just above height of privet hedge and raise the tree canopy by no more than 2 metres to allow sunlight into shaded area of garden

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

**10. Items for Information:**

Cllr Mrs Hull and Cllr Milner reported that they had been spoken to by a resident regarding the failure to date by the owner of 1 Roopers to plant a replacement tree which was a condition of the TPO consent to remove a tree within the garden. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the Tree Officer is in correspondence with the owner of 1 Roopers.

Cllr Mrs Hull reported on the ecology conference she attended on 6<sup>th</sup> September. It is a condition of most major planning applications that the applicant carries out an ecological survey and it is important for local groups to collate ecological information to challenge such reports if appropriate.

Cllr Turner updated members regarding 14/500293/OPDEV enforcement case.

The date for the next meeting is to be confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman