



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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March at 7.30pm in the Council Offices, Langton Green Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Price (Chairman), Parker, Mercieca and Barrington-Johnson

OFFICER PRESENT: Mr C May - Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: There were no members of the public present.

The Committee noted the recent sad death of John Kerby who had made a very positive contribution to the Committee's work.

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.

- 1. To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence:** Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Jeffreys, Cllr Mrs Soyke, Allen and Ellery – all prior engagements.
- 2. Disclosure of Interests:** Cllr Barrington-Johnson declared an interest in application no. 18/00571/TPO – 4 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green.
- 3. Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
- 4. Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on **7th February 2018** be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 5. Matters Arising:** The Clerk said that he had received an email from Peter Hurst, a resident of Burnt House Lane, in relation to application no. 17/04294/FULL. He wanted to draw Councillors' attention to the fact that "Tilhill are proposing to take the extracted wood down Langton Road through the village itself and down Barden Road." The Clerk will refer this to KCC Highways for more information.
- 6. Public Open Session:** There were no members of the public present.
- 7. Planning appeals – 17/01607/OUT**
Garages Adjacent to Pax Cottage, Stockland Green Road, Speldhurst.

8. Applications for discussion and decision:

18/00344/FULL

Location: The Old School House, Ashurst Road, Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 9TE
Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 – (Approved Plans) of 16/07541/FULL (Loft conversion with associated raising of flat roof section, installation of conservation rooflights; single storey porch extension on rear elevation).

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

18/00305/FULL

Location: The Mill Bungalow, Speldhurst Hill, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 ONE
Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

18/00413/LBC

Location: Lower Church Farmhouse, Speldhurst Hill, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 ONJ
Proposal: Listed Building Consent – Relocation of front door position.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer.

18/00480/TPO

Location: 16 Roopers, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0QL

Proposal: Trees: Sweet Chestnut (T1) – Remove remaining tall stem from old pollarded trunk following storm damage.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

18/00241/FULL

Location: Old Bullingstone, Bullingstone Lane, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0JY

Proposal: single storey side extension/link with 2 roof lights connecting house with adjacent barn; External and internal works to house and barn; Replacement vehicle access gates; Change of use of land to ancillary to dwelling house and erection of detached double garage.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

18/00571/TPO

Location: 4 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0BJ

Proposal: Trees Oak (G33) – Cut back branches overhanging neighbouring driveway (No.6) by 1m.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

18/00496/FULL

Location: Holly Villa, Langton Road, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0HP

Proposal: Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans) and 3 (Materials) of 17/02838/FULL (Demolition of existing coach house and construction of new dwelling) – Proposed changes to materials, external door positions and the incorporation of a rear dormer.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

18/00456/FULL

Location: 28 Roopers, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0QL

Proposal: Proposed first floor rear extension.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

17/02743/FULL

Location: Farm Buildings Near Scriventon House Stockland Green (Access from Barden Road)
Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent TN3 0TU

Proposal: Conversion of redundant farm buildings to 8 No. new residential units with associated parking and landscaping and relocated access onto Barden Road.

Decision: Please refer to our original objection. We repeat our concerns with particular emphasis on safety/danger aspects regarding the access to Barden Road.

18/00385/FULL

Location: Garage Block and Land, Lampington Row, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Demolition of existing garages and erection of 2 no. dwellings with 6 no. parking spaces.

Decision: Objection: whilst we understand the need for affordable housing there is a serious parking problem already in this road and neighbouring roads given the recent expansion of the Primary School. This proposal significantly reduces the number of parking spaces/garages available to residents. It is particularly unhelpful that the parking survey indicated availability in Winstone Scott Avenue (which already has parking issues) and ignores the impact of school traffic.

18/00403/TPO

Location: 12 Roopers Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells TN3 0QL

Proposal: Trees: Sycamore (T40) - Crown lifted to first major fork; Ash - Reduced and balanced and pruned back from yew tree garden side, top of tree to have crown thinned to improve shape; Adjacent sycamore taken down to ground level to improve shape, growth and spread of ash tree listed above; Sycamore to be taken down to ground level to improve growth of adjacent sycamore.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

18/00202/FULL

Location: 4 Newlands Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent TN3 0BU

Proposal: Erection of two fence panels on northern side boundary of curtilage (Retrospective)

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

18/00620/FULL

Location: Clock House, Ashurst Place, Lampington Row, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0JG

Proposal: Two storey extension and raised deck to north east elevation; Associated internal and external alterations

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

18/00619/FULL

Location: 41 Asher Reeds Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent TN3 0AN

Proposal: Single storey rear extension.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

9. Items for information: there were none.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman