



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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Council Offices, Langton Green Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Price (Chairman), Barrington-Johnson (ex-officio), Round and Rowe.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mrs Kate 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 were received from Cllrs Mrs Woodliffe, Ellery, Turner, and Scarbrough – all previous engagements.
3. **Disclosures of Interests:** there were none.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying:** there were none.
5. **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 21st August 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) Lawful Development Certificate for additional parking area adjacent to the pavilion: it was agreed that the Chairman and Assistant Clerk would work together to submit a planning application.
 - b) Stone Cottage, Langton Green – It was agreed that permission to tarmac the frontage of this property be recommended as a refusal to the Amenities Committee. The area is designated village green and owned by SPC. Additionally, Councillors did not wish to set a precedent.
7. **Public Open Session:** there were no members of the public present.
8. **Planning appeals:**

18/03582/FULL

Location: 21 Newlands, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Demolition of two existing houses and the erection of six 3-bedroom homes and four 4-bedroom homes, plus associated access, parking and landscaping.

Cllr Mrs Price had responded to this appeal on behalf of SPC and would check that it had been received. Cllr Barrington-Johnson said that the Village Society had also sent in an appeal.

9. Planning applications for discussion and decision:

19/02008/FULL

Location: Danemore Park, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0JP

Proposal: Creation of swimming pool and erection of plant room and garden wall.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

Note: No site notice observed.

19/02009/LBC

Location: Danemore Park, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0JP

Proposal: Listed Building Consent - Creation of swimming pool and erection of plant room and garden wall.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer.

Note: No site notice observed.

19/01277/TPO

Location: Salomons Estate Ltd, Broomhill Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0TD

Proposal: Trees: Poplar (T1) – Reduce by 50%; Sweet chestnut (T2) – Fell; Birch (T3) – Fell.

Decision: We object, unless the Tree Officer confirms that the trees are unsafe. These trees were to be retained and protected under the original planning permission no.

16/03676/FULL. If these trees now need to be removed because they are unsafe as a result of the groundworks contrary to the original protection requirement, they should be replaced in situ. We request Salomons explain how this damage occurred.

Note: No site notice observed.

19/02259/TPO

Location: Court House, Broom Park, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0RF

Proposal: Trees: Western Hemlock (T1) – Fell; Noble Fir (2) – Fell.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

Note: No site notice observed.

19/02237/FULL

Location: Land Adjoining Pax Cottage, Stockland Green Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Proposal: Conversion of existing lock up garage to dwelling.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

10. Compliance Issues:

- a) Herons Oast Farm – The TWBC Enforcement Officer had confirmed that there had not been a breach of planning in this instance.
- b) Cedar House, Monteith Close – It was noted that the retrospective planning application for a fence had been refused.

- c) 31 Hither Chantlers – the Clerk had reported the issue of removal of trees to the TWBC Enforcement Officer however at the time of the meeting no response had been received.
- d) The Assistant Clerk had written to Stephen Baughen regarding mis-placed site notices and in particular one which Cllr Barrington-Johnson had noted on Holmewood Ridge. At the time of writing, no response had been received.
- e) An email had been received from TWBC Enforcement regarding the guidelines for fences and hedges which would be used when considering planning applications.

11. TWBC Planning Department's Draft Local Plan

Councillors discussed the plan in detail. Suggested changes and comments were agreed which would be circulated to Full Council ahead of October's meeting when the plan would be considered.

- 12. Items for information:** The Assistant Clerk said that she would email Councillors to obtain availability ahead of the next meeting which was planned for the 2nd October.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Chairman