

Speldhurst Parish Council

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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in The Main Hall, Langton Green Village Hall on Wednesday 16th December at 10.00am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs Podbury (Chairman), Mrs Paulson-Ellis, Mrs Hull, Brown, Ellis, Langridge and Milner

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – Clerk

There were no members of the public present.

- 1. Declarations of Interest:** Personal and Prejudicial: Cllr Mrs Hull on application No. TW/09/03746/FUL/EG1 – she resides next door. All Councillors declared a Personal interest in the same application – Cllr Mrs Hull is known to all.
- 2. Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
- 3. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Wheeler (business meeting)
- 4. The Minutes of 19th November 2009** were signed as a correct record.
- 5. Matters Arising:** The Clerk had spoken to the Enforcement Officer regarding the Groombridge Farm Shop who said there was nothing to be done while there was a new application pending. He had also spoken to an officer in the Environmental Health Dept who had shown little interest in the selling of meat from a lorry at the site. **The Clerk was asked to contact the Enforcement Officer to find out when the proposed resubmission was likely to happen** because Councillors were under pressure from local shop owners.
He had contacted the Enforcement Officer regarding the board outside No. 11 Newlands and the owner has said he will take it down.
The Clerk asked the Tree Officer for more information on the issues at Aysgarth Farm and had been sent copies of emails dating back to 2007. It appears that there is no legal requirement for the owners to remove the conifer trees. It was decided to write to the owners direct and ask them to remove them. **The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Mrs Podbury.**
- 6. Planning applications for discussion and decision – unless otherwise stated all decisions are unanimously agreed :**

Members of the public are invited to make representations to the Committee on any application on the Agenda.

TW/09/03630/HOUSE/KLM

Proposal: Single-story extension

Location: Went Farm Barn Langton Road Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/09/02972/TPO/DMD

Proposal: TREE: YEW (T1) – Reduce back overhanging branches away from the block of apartments.

Location: 18 The Grange Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Tree Officer

TW/09/03624/FUL/SW3

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling
Location: Shaw House Barden Road Speldhurst Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

TW/09/03746/FUL/EG1

Cllr Mrs Hull left the meeting.

Proposal: Construction of a three-bed detached dwelling with integral garage and access drive

Location: Land adjoining The Rectory Southfields Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

Comment: We would be happier if the proposed property was sited more equidistant between both properties.

Cllr Mrs Hull rejoined the meeting.

Cllrs Langridge and Milner left the meeting due to previous engagements.

TW/09/03859/FUL/RCC

Proposal: Construction of single dwelling (amendment to TW/08/03702)

Location: 1 Hither Chantlers Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Decision: Remain Neutral – Leave to Planning Officer

Comment: Providing the footprint is no larger than the previously approved application.

TW/09/03869/HOUSE/NR2

Proposal: Two storey front extension (work commenced)

Location: The Drift Groombridge Road Groombridge Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent

Decision: Recommend Refusal

Comment: The property has already been extended by more than 50%. The Parish Council supports the TWBC with the appeal No. M2270/D/09/2117188.

7. Items for Information

The Clerk had been approached by a resident who was concerned that occupied caravans had been allowed on the field adjacent to the Little Bote House, Etherington Hill. The Clerk had contacted the Enforcement Officer who had requested they be removed. The owner of the land is submitting retrospective planning permission.

The owner of Willow Tree Cottage had contacted the Clerk regarding information that was required by the Enforcement Officer for retrospective permission for change of use of the land on his property.

The owners of 131 Lower Green Road had contacted the Clerk regarding land adjacent to them being used as a small holding. The Enforcement Officer had approved this as legal but any stables that were to be built would require planning permission.

Copies of correspondence from KCC Chairman John Davies had been forwarded to the Clerk regarding the screening of the Water Treatment plant in Broom Lane.

The meeting closed at 11.15am

Chairman