



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

**Minutes of an Online Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm on
Wednesday 30th September 2020
Applications for Consideration and Discussion via Electronic Communication**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllrs Ellery (Chairman), Rajah, Rowe, Turner, Barrington-Johnson and Langridge

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mrs Kate Harman – Assistant Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

There were no members of the public present.

1. Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To enquire if anyone intends to record the meeting

No one present intended to record the meeting.

3. To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Scarbrough – work commitment. The Chairman thanked Cllr Rajah for chairing the last two planning committee meetings in his absence.

4. Disclosures of Interests

There were none.

5. Declarations of Lobbying

There were none.

6. Minutes

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 16th September 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising

There were none.

8. Public Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

9. Planning Appeals

There were none.

10. Planning applications for discussion and decision:

20/02381/FULL

Location: Land to the Rear of the Black and White Shop, The Green, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9QH

Proposal: Erection of 2.36m x 4.5m extension to form WC and kitchen to service the office use; changes and additions to fenestration including 5 no. rooflights.

Decision: We object to this application on the grounds that the additional windows will result in loss of privacy to the Old Granary and are in contravention of the previous planning permission.

20/02415/TPO

Location: 8 Gipps Cross Lane, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0DH

Proposal: Trees: T1 x Oak – crown raise 5m over road to allow vehicles to drive through without branches touching vehicles, crown thin around the multiple (6) BT cables to stop cables rubbing on branches and help prevent tenants BT signal loss and removal of all major deadwood through crown.

Decision: Remain neutral and we would also request the Tree Officer assess the general size and safety of the tree.

20/02245/TPO

Location: 14 Roopers, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0QL

Proposal: Trees: Cedar (T1) – reduce the height and lateral spread by approximately 3m, cutting back to strong growth points; Yew (T2) – Trim by approximately 50 cm without opening gaps in the foliage or exposing brown, woody stems; Yew (T3) – fell as close to the ground level as practicable and grind out stump.

Decision: We object on the basis that there is no clear reason for the felling of T3.

20/02392/FULL

Location: 26 Upper Profit, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0BZ

Proposals: New first floor pitched roof extension to create additional bedroom.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

20/02665/TCA

Location: Stone Cottage, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0JU.

Proposals: Trees in a Conservation area; G1 Sycamore and Hawthorn: To reduce to approx. 2m in height from ground level. T2 Hazel – Re-coppice.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Tree Officer.

20/02618/TPO

Location: Sherbourne House, Farnham Lane, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0LA.

Proposal: Trees: Beech (T1) – reduce crown by 3 metres thin by 15% through removal of dying/damaged branches.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Tree Officer.

Date of the next Planning Committee meeting: Wednesday 21st October at 7.30pm.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting finished at 7.52pm.

Chairman