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Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in the Parish Council Office, Langton Green Recreation Ground, on 9th December 2013 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Langridge (Chairman), Mrs Horne, Mrs Hull, Mrs Podbury, Mrs Soyke and Turner

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs M Flemington – Assistant Clerk

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

1. **Apologies and Reasons for Absence:** There were none
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Turner declared a significant interest in respect of TW/13/03149 – Mill Farm, Broomfield Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells
3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none
4. **Minutes:** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 12th November 2013 were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - Planning Appeals update:** The Planning Appeal in respect of condition 9 (scheme for the enhancement of biodiversity) of the outline planning consent for a new detached dwelling at Northfield Lodge, Langton Green – Application reference no. TW/13/01194 is on-going.
 - Planning Appeal – 13/02427 – land and buildings, Barden Road, Speldhurst – demolition of redundant/disused agricultural buildings and construction of dwelling:** After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that there are no further comments to add to those made to TWBC which have been passed to the Planning Inspectorate.
 - Trees:** There was nothing to report.
 - Report on TWBC planning training session:** Cllr Langridge reported that the training session covered the website and the move to 'paperless' consultation with Parish Councils.
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

There were no members of the public present

TW/13/03019/LBC/RE4

Location: Broomlands, Broom Lane, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Listed Building Consent – Damp remedial repairs in laundry room including taking up an area of ground floor and forming a new concrete floor

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/13/03149/HOUSE/CP3

Location: Mill Farm, Broomhill Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Retrospective – Erection of 16 No. 1.6m x 1m solar panels, ground mounted

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Comments: However we are concerned that these panels have been erected in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and are very visible from the road and to walkers approaching the footpaths nearby

TW/13/03218/HOUSE/RE4

Location: 6 The Boundary, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Replacement of bay window to feature new supporting wall and mono-pitch roof

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/13/03231/HOUSE/GM2

Location: Shirley Lodge, Leggs Lane, Speldhurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Replacement of an outbuilding and construction of a link extension to the dwelling, erection of a car port and erection of a garden office

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/13/03285/TPO/DMD

Location: 16 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: TREES: T1, T2 – 2 no. WESTERN RED CEDARS – Reduce by 30%; T3 – SCOTS PINE – Reduce and shape by 30%

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/13/03388/HOUSE/SF1

Location: 3 Orchard Cottages, Ashurst Hill, Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: First floor rear extension

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/13/03389/LBC/SF1

Location: 3 Orchard Cottages, Ashurst Hill, Ashurst, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Listed Building Consent - First floor rear extension

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer

TW/13/03437/TPO/DMD

Location: 3 Upton Quarry, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Trees: CORSICAN PINE (T1) – Reduce lowest bough over road by approximately 3m and reduce higher boughs over drive 3m

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/13/03523/TPO/DMD

Location: 34 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Trees: RED OAK – Fell

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

Comments: This is obviously a tree of some significance and we would ask for consideration to be given to appropriate lopping rather than felling

TW/13/03536/TREECA/DMD

Location: Manor Cottage, Speldhurst Road, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: Trees in conservation area notification – T1 – ELDER – Fell. T2-T5 – LAUREL – fell

Decision: The Assistant Clerk reported that TWBC have advised that SPC are not required to comment on 'trees in conservation area' applications

TW/13/03548/TPO/DMD

Location: 21 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells

Proposal: TREES: Group of diseased ASH – Fell: leaning tree – Fell

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

7. Items for Information:

Cllr Langridge reported that he has still been having difficulty accessing the TWBC planning website, particularly at weekends

The next meeting is on Monday 13th January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman