



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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 7.30pm in the Council Office, Langton Green Village Hall

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

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mrs Kate Harman – Assistant Clerk

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

1. **Election of Chairman:** **RESOLVED** that Cllr Rowe be Chairman of the Planning Committee until the end of January 2020 and Cllr Ellery be Chairman of the Planning Committee until Cllr Barrington-Johnson could take over Chairmanship in May 2020 when his term as Chairman to the Council ends.
2. **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.
3. **To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence:** apologies were received from Cllrs Turner – prior engagement and Mrs Woodliffe – work commitments.
4. **Disclosures of Interests:** there were none.
5. **Declarations of Lobbying:** Cllr Barrington-Johnson had spoken to a resident regarding the proposed felling of a tree in application 19/02816/TCA.
6. **Minutes:** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 2nd October 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
7. **Matters Arising:**
Lawful Development Certificate for additional parking area adjacent to the pavilion: The Assistant Clerk would submit an application within the next few days having now got all the information required.
8. **Public Open Session:** there were no members of the public present.

9. **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.

17/04294/FULL

Location: Land Adjacent Keepers Cottage, Burnt House Lane, Speldhurst

Proposal: Construction of 4m wide by 25m long loading bay with a 10m bell mouth entrance to Shadwell and Sprouds Wood, including replacing hedgerow, replacement gate and erection of fencing.

10. **Planning applications for discussion and decision:**

19/02743/TPO

Location: 5 Roopers, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0QL

Proposal: Trees: T1 (cypress) – cut to hedge, cut new growth on sides; T2 (oak) – raise crown on two hanging limbs approximately 2-3 metres, cut off lower epicormic growth.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer.

19/02698/FULL

Location: 5 Upton Quarry, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0HA

Proposal: Replacement front porch; internal reconfiguration and alterations to fenestration; two new high-level windows to first floor side elevation.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

19/02139/FULL

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

Proposal: Removal of Condition 4 (Use Class) of Planning Permission 10/02640/FULL.

Decision: We object. We are concerned about the impact on the amenity of neighbours and locality and concern that this could ultimately lead to conversion to residential.

19/02463/FULL

Location: 20 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0ED

Proposal: Alterations to existing house including new entrance porch, single storey link to garage, removal of west chimney with new two-storey side extension and drive (Part Retrospective).

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

19/02816/TCA

Location: The Garden Cottage, Speldhurst Road, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0JL

Proposal: Trees in a Conservation Area Notification Ilex (T1) – Fell; Acacia (T2) – Reduce by 20%; Acer (T3, T4) – Reduce by 20%.

Decision: We object to the felling of the Ilex (T1) with no justification given.

19/02850/FULL

Location: 70 Dornden Drive, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0AF

Proposal: Erection of two-storey side extension and front porch extension.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer.

19/01951/LBC

Location: The Forge, The Green, Langton Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0JB.

Proposition: Listed Building Consent – Removal of deteriorating asbestos guttering and two downpipes; replacement with black UPVC.

Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer.

11. Compliance Issues:

- a) Application no. 18/02929/FULL – Brakinston, Langton Road, Langton Green – a NMAMD application had been submitted. Councillors were disappointed that they would be unable to comment and asked the Assistant Clerk to email TWBC contesting the non-material application. The proposal is half a metre higher on the roof of an extension which Councillors strongly objected to.
- b) The Old Dairy, Barden Road, Speldhurst – Cllr Mrs Price queried whether the new hedge had been planted stating that it was now planting season. To be monitored.
- c) The replacement of a hedge with a fence bordering the Langton Road into Tunbridge Wells, just past the turning for Dornden Drive, was noted. To be monitored.
- d) Cedar House, Monteith Close – Fence removal. To be monitored.

12. Items for information:

- a) A provisional date for the next meeting was Thursday 21st 2019 – the Assistant Clerk would circulate an email for Councillors to confirm their availability.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.34pm.

Chairman