



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

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in The Committee Room, Langton Green Village Hall on Monday 22nd March 2010

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – Clerk

Cllr Mrs Soyke was present – TW/10/00606
There were 10 members of the public present

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Mrs Hull (holiday), Wheeler (holiday) and Langridge (unavailable)
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Personal - Cllr Mrs Paulson-Ellis – Mr Levitt (owner of Quinces 10/00606) was known to her; he was a senior officer of TWBC when she was a Borough Councillor and Mayor but she had not had contact with him for two or three years. The owner of Hollonds Farm (10/00739) had been in contact with her on the advice of TWBC. No opinion was expressed.
Cllr Milner was a former employee of Holmewood House School (10/00645). His wife is a Trustee.
- 3. Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
- 4. The Minutes of 8th February 2010 and 8th March 2010** were signed as a correct record.
- 5. Matters Arising:** The clerk had been in contact with the Post Office in Sunderland (where they allocate the postcodes) and advised them of their mistake in giving a TN3 postcode to properties in Middlefield which was outside the Parish boundary. They have amended this and given Colbarn Way the new postcode TN4 8DB instead of TN3 0BF but had not informed TWBC who have not yet informed the developer.
Cllr Mrs Podbury and the clerk attended a meeting with TWBC (Fiona Strachan) regarding the website. There was particular concern regarding pre applications which are unavailable on the main website unless the pre application is closed and even then there have been cases recently when they have not appeared. The public access website is due for an upgrade and therefore it is unlikely that there will be any improvements to the present site. Cllr Mrs Podbury has been asked to test the site for the Borough Council.
Terms of reference would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

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.

Mr Colin Sharples and Mr Jim Stone spoke and said there were a number of reasons why the proposed erection of a 2-storey house next to Quinces should be refused including; detrimental impact on the street scene; domination to outlook from Pinewood and Quinces; the proposed building would dominate the view from the back of Pinewood (as it had on previous applications that had been refused); inadequate safeguards for the tree; false document in arboricultural report appendix a and b; the plans left too many questions unanswered; there were inaccuracies in the application forms and the potential overlooking and intrusion to privacy at Corbae.

TW/10/00606/FUL/NR2

Location: Quinces Stonewall Park Road Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: Demolition of garage and erection of 2-storey three-bedroom detached house
Decision: Recommend refusal
Comment: We believe that this proposal presents a cramped form of development in the street scene. It will be overbearing and dominate the properties Corbae and Pinewood.
We also refer to the Tree Officer's report dated 8th January ref 09/4000/1563 which does not support the proposal.

TW/10/00645/FUL/EG1

Location: Holmewood House School Barrow Lane Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: Construction of an art classroom (Block G) next to the pottery classroom
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/00739/LBC/SF1

Location: Hollonds Farm Langton Road Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: Listed Building Consent – Replacement of existing roof with new roof to match existing
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer

TW/10/00619/TPO/DMD

Location: 25 The Boundary Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: TREES – OAK – Raise canopy to 7 metres, prune back lateral branches on house side by 3 metres, reduce height by 25%, thin canopy by 10%
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Tree Officer

TW/10/00682/HOUSE/RE4

Location: The Drift Groombridge Road Groombridge Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: Repair and rebuilding of existing garage block
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/00583/FUL/SF1

Location: 8 Mercers Langton Green Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: Single storey front extension, driveway widening, raised rear timber decking and landscape works
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

TW/10/00610/LBC/SW3

Location: 6 Stone Cottages Groombridge Hill Groombridge Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Lower ground floor side extension and internal alterations
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Conservation Officer

TW/10/00608/HOUSE/SW3

Location: 6 Stone Cottages Groombridge Hill Groombridge Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent
Proposal: Lower ground floor side extension and internal alterations
Decision: Remain neutral – leave to Planning Officer

Terms of Reference – the committee had been sent new copies of the TOR by the clerk and they were asked to review them and send the clerk any changes they thought were necessary in time for the May meeting when they would be signed off by Full Council.

7. Items for Information There were none.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman