



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

**MINUTES OF THE CONFIDENTIAL ITEM AT FULL COUNCIL ON MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019 AT
7.30PM IN THE PALMER ROOM, LANGTON GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Barrington-Johnson (Chairman), Mrs Jeffreys, Mrs Podbury, Mrs Soyke, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Woodliffe, Pate, Milner, Rowe, Ellery and Round.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mr C May – Clerk and Mrs K Harman – Assistant Clerk

19/018 TO CONSIDER THE MEETING WITH TWBC PLANNING DEPARTMENT: The Chairman declared this item on the agenda confidential and not for circulation.

TWBC had invited Speldhurst Parish Councillors and Clerks to a meeting on 7TH December 2018 at the Town Hall to discuss the Local Plan.

The Chairman advised those Councillors unable to attend the meeting with TWBC that the development for up to 44 homes on Penshurst Road has been removed from the plan due to highways issues and in particular the lack of pavements.

Cllr Pate reminded Councillors that these decisions are subject to appeal.

Councillors believed that there would be no other meetings with TWBC unless there is a change to the current situation and the Chairman said he hoped that SPC would be consulted if there are any further changes to the submissions and plan.

Cllr Pate advised that he had helped form The Valley Conservation Society which was paying for legal advice and representation, specifically for the application at Scriventon Farm but also considering the wider issues regarding some of the significant developments included in TWBC's plan for example Highfield next to Bidborough Court in Bidborough. The Chairman noted that it is in SPC's benefit to have such links.

Cllr Mrs Jeffreys said that SPC was asked at the TWBC meeting if it supports the submission and that they would appreciate a decision. Cllr Pate said it was important to have the discussion and submit a decision. The Chairman said that many other parishes are abstaining from including suggested sites in their Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP).

Cllr Milner asked if the minutes from the confidential items are accessible by members of the public. The Clerk responded that if approached he would seek advice from TWBC because they are deemed commercially sensitive.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 9pm.

Chairman

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