Speldhurst Parish Council

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

Minutes of a Parish Vision Committee Meeting held in Speldhurst Village Hall on Wednesday, 23rd September 2009 at 11am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs Podbury (Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs Soyke Cllr. Langridge Mrs L Dollimore Mr J Syers Mr C Pendleton

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – Clerk

The Chairman welcomed Chris Pendleton to the Committee.

Action points in bold italics.

- 1. **Apologies for Absence:** The Chairman announced that Cllr G Colley has resigned from the Council and would therefore be taking no further part in the project.
- 2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest: None received
- 3. Declarations of Lobbying: None received
- **4. Minutes** of the meeting dated **3rd September 2009**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, were approved and signed.
- 5. Matters Arising: Cllr Langridge was complimented on the professionalism of the boards on display at Groombridge on Saturday. He was also thanked for distributing the leaflets in to all households prior to the event. It was thought that some more advertising for the Ashurst event was needed and some A5 leaflets would be put on boards in strategic places. A copy of John Davies's letter supporting our grant application was filed along with a letter from the Doctors in Speldhurst notifying us of their unavailability to attend the Open Day.
- 6. Grant Update: To comply with the conditions of the grant regular updates were required on 20th Oct 2009, 20th January 2010 and 20th April 2010. The grant from CIRK was for printing only. Cllr Mrs Soyke would update and circulate revised figures.

It was decided to keep a Case History comprising of photos and specific interest. It was also decided to make a donation of $\mathfrak{L}20$ to St John's Church in Groombridge to thank them for allowing us to use the Church for our venue.

7. Open Days: Review of the Groombridge Open Day; Mr Pendleton (who on this occasion was a visitor) thought that the lay out was good and it was helpful that people stayed and had a chat about matters. He volunteered 3 display boards for advertising future Open Days and would advise Cllr Langridge the size so that he could print posters at an estimated cost of £50. Cllr Mrs Podbury thought that having the map at the entrance was a good ice breaker and discussion point and that the quality of the comments was excellent. Cllr Mrs Soyke thought that giving people enough space and privacy worked very well. Mr Pendleton suggested that there should be one colour pad per subject and a board for volunteers.

Should there be attendees from other villages then it was considered important that they write the name of their village as a heading.

Evaluation of Results; It was decided that Groombridge and Ashurst could be done together. *Mr May and Mr Pendleton would meet on Tuesday 29th September to discuss and evaluate and circulate both sets of results.*

Cllr Mrs Podbury asked Cllr Langridge to produce two boards one was for the Speldhurst School observations and one was for the request for volunteers.

It was decided to invite Cllr Jeffreys to a meeting when results will be evaluated.

8. Items for Information: It was decided to invite KCC Cllr Davies, TWBC Cllrs Jukes and Stanyer and PCSO Nuttall along to the Open Days. Cllr Mrs Podbury would invite Estelle Hudson from TWBC along. Cllr Langridge will contact Langton Green Primary School and invite Rev Gentry. Cllr Mrs Podbury will invite Rev Wren.

The next meeting would be at Ashurst Village Hall on Thursday 1st October at 10am.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm.

Chairman