



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

**MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22ND MARCH 2021 at 7.30PM
CONDUCTED ONLINE VIA ZOOM ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Rowe (Chair), Mrs Soyke, Mrs Podbury, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Woodliffe, Langridge and Myles

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mrs K Harman – Assistant Clerk

1. **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.
2. **To accept and approve apologies and reasons for absence**
There were none.
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests**
There were none.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying**
There were none.
5. **Minutes**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on **27th January 2021** be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Public Open Session**
No members of the public were present.
7. **Matters Arising and Actions from the Previous Minutes:**
The Assistant Clerk ran through the list of matters from the previous minutes as follows.
 - The Groundsman had commenced testing of the Pavilion kitchen plumbing system for legionnaires. He had asked if the changing room system could be tested by a specialist before first use having been dormant for a year. **RESOLVED** that the Assistant Clerk obtain a quotation from a specialist company for the changing room system to be tested. The sports club would be asked to give SPC a month's notice before the changing rooms were to be used again and once this date was known, a test could be carried out. In the meantime, the Assistant Clerk would put up signs advising that the showers were out of use.

- All tree maintenance work at 75 The Boundary had been carried out to the resident's satisfaction.
- Cllr Barrington-Johnson advised that following consultation with residents of the Boundary, it had been agreed that 4 or 5 cherry trees would be planted by the Village Society to replace the felled oak trees.
- The CCTV signs had been updated with SPC's details.
- A STOP AND GIVE WAY sign design had been agreed by councillors for exiting the LGRG carpark.
- An annual pest control contract had been taken out for the LGRG carpark bin enclosure area.
- The Admin Assistant had been asked to start an anti-idling social media campaign. New banners had been put up in the LGRG carpark. **RESOLVED** that the TWBC banners could be used near Speldhurst School and that the Assistant Clerk should contact residents for their permission and advise the primary school so that they were aware.
- Replanting of the grassed island beds on The Green at LG – It was agreed that the islands would be replanted and Cllr Mrs Soyke agreed to investigate suitable grasses and report back.

8. **Financial Review**

The finance sheets and an explanation from the RFO had been circulated. Cllr Mrs Lyle noted that the pavilion accounts were looking healthier than anticipated.

9. **To consider the Amenities Committee's priorities for 2021**

The Admin Assistant had asked for the committees' priorities for 2021 to enable her to be more proactive with social media campaigns and raise awareness of SPC's work. After much discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that council land to include trees; play spaces and the pavilion would be the headlines for the Amenities Committee priorities. Cllrs Mrs Lyle and Turner would compose something on the pavilion and Cllr Rowe would amalgamate it with further information on the other items which would all be circulated and agreed via email.

10. **Parish Council Land: The Green at Langton Green**

- a) **To consider action in response to complaints from residents of The Green regarding parking issues.** The Assistant Clerk had circulated copies of correspondence which had been received from some of the residents of The Green regarding vehicles using various sections of the shared driveways. Councillors agreed that disputes between households were not a parish council issue and must be resolved amicably between residents. According to the Wayleave Agreements, all properties have equal rights to access on The Green. Cllr Mrs Lyle would write a letter to this effect which the Assistant Clerk would send from the office.
- b) **To consider repairs to the path on The Green**
The Assistant Clerk had circulated a copy of a Deed of Grant of Easement for one of the properties which clearly stated the owner of the property has to contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of the access road. Further documents indicated KCC was requested in 2005 to provide drainage for the surface water run-off from the road onto the driveway by redirecting the water back into the highway, and that the tarmac path was maintained by "The Highways Department". **RESOLVED** that the Assistant Clerk would investigate this matter further to obtain clarity on the obligations of SPC, KCC and the residents in relation to the access road and the footpath.

11. **Items for Information:**

- Cllr Myles said that he and Cllr Rowe would be meeting to discuss the erosion of Groombridge Green.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.04pm.

Chairman