

Local Government Act 1972



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

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF SPELDHURST PARISH COUNCIL: Cllrs Rowe (Vice-Chair), Cleaver, Curry, (Dickens), Ellery, Leach, Littlefield, Norton, Tarricone and Turner.

You are summoned to attend a **Meeting of the Parish Council** to be held on
Monday 4th August 2025 at 7.30pm at Speldhurst Village Hall, Speldhurst
for the purpose of transacting the following business.

A G E N D A

No decisions will be taken by the Parish Council on any item not on this Agenda

1. **Election of Chair**
2. **To enquire if anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting**
3. **To accept and approve apologies and reasons for absence**
4. **Disclosure of Interests**
To receive disclosure of members' pecuniary or other significant interests, in respect of items on this Agenda in accordance with the Kent Members' Code of Conduct as agreed and accepted by the Parish Council on 6th August 2012.
Members must explain the nature of the interest at the commencement of the agenda item, or when the interest becomes apparent.
5. **Declarations of Lobbying**
6. **Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7th July 2025** – To resolve that the minutes, previously forwarded to Members, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
7. **Public Open Session** – The Meeting will be adjourned to give members of the public an opportunity to raise with the Council any items of concern or interest.
Members of the public are NOT permitted to participate in the meeting after this agenda item without prior invitation from the Chair. Anyone is welcome to stay for the entire meeting and observe but cannot take part.
8. **Borough and County Councillors' Reports**
9. **Clerk's Report**
10. **General Matters** – Actionable tasks which do not fall to a committee.

- 11. Committees and Working Groups (WG) and other Reports: to include any meetings held since the last Full Council meeting, the draft minutes having previously been forwarded to all Members**
- a) **Highways Committee** – Report by Cllr Norton.
 - b) **Amenities Committee** – Report by Cllr Turner.
 - c) **Environment WG (EWG)** – Report by Cllr Turner.
 - To consider a proposal from Cllr Turner to merge the Environment Working Group with the Amenities Committee.
 - To consider a proposal from Cllr Turner to place some form of memorial to Alan Ford at Pocket Park.
 - d) **KALC** – Report by Cllr Curry.
- 12. Finance and Governance Committee** – Report by Cllr Rowe.
Report by the Chair including any Committee Meetings held since the last Full Council meeting, the Minutes having previously been forwarded to all Members.
- a) To note the detailed budget reports.
 - b) Report on interim payments made since the last meeting.
To note decisions made under delegated authority.
 - c) To consider the grant application from Speldhurst News
 - d) To consider the staff vacancy, including advertising arrangements, job evaluation and interview panel.
 - e) To consider a temporary reduction in non-essential activities and prioritise statutory functions during the current period of councillor and staff shortages, until full capacity is restored.
 - f) To consider the approval of the updated Financial Regulations and Standing Orders as recommended by the Finance and Governance Committee.
- 13. Accounts for Payment** – To authorise the payment of invoices as listed.
- 14. Update on Vacancies on the Council** – To receive an update.
- 15. Speldhurst Chapel** – To receive an update.
- To consider undertaking a valuation on the renovated building at a cost of up to £1,000.
- 16. Planning Committee** – Report by Cllr Curry
Report by the Chair including any Committee Meetings held since the last Full Council meeting, the Minutes having previously been forwarded to all Members. To consider the following planning applications:
- 25/01741/FULL - Went Farm, Langton Road, Speldhurst
Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory & construction of single-storey side extension
 - 25/01484/FULL - Myra, Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst
Proposal: Proposed rear & roof extension with alterations to roof
- 17. Langton Green Recreation Ground (LGRG)** – To receive an update on the Pavilion.
- To receive an update on the Community Hub (CH) and agree an extension to Friday 15th August for the CH to sign a new 12 month hire agreement.
 - to provide an update on any discussions with LGCSA regarding the terms agreed at the last meeting.
 - To consider publishing an official parish council statement concerning the Pavilion and LGCSA.
 - To consider the request for a parish meeting to discuss a parish poll request.
- 18. Diary Dates**
- 19. Items for Information**

Katie Neve
Parish Council Clerk
29th July 2025