

Speldhurst Parish Council

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

Minutes of a Parish Vision Committee Meeting held in the Crown Inn, Groombridge on Thursday 25th February at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Podbury (Chairman), Mrs Soyke, Langridge, Pendleton and Mr J Syers

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May - Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs L Dollimore and Mr R Larkin
2. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:** None received
3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** None received
4. **Minutes** of the meeting dated **4th December 2009**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, were approved and signed.
5. **Matters Arising:** There were none
6. **Update on delivery/collection of questionnaires:** It was estimated that there would be the following returns:
 - Old Groombridge 50%
 - Ashurst 67%
 - Speldhurst – To be collected from volunteers.
 - Langton green – To be collected from volunteers.It was considered that overall the return could be as high as 55 - 60%
The questionnaires would be delivered to ACRK next week who have said that it would take a week to complete.
7. **Brochure design and costs:** Cllr Langridge had done preliminary work and recommended that the brochure setting out the results of the questionnaires should be 8 pages and not the 12 pages (B50 example). This would cut costs significantly and it would be compact and not give the impression of being too expensive and glossy, which Mr Syers thought was imperative. Cllr Langridge thought that the brochure (which would be for the whole Parish) should mirror the questionnaire and this was agreed. The question of distribution and who has a copy of the results was discussed. It was thought that it would be too expensive to distribute to every household so it was decided that the village broadsheets/magazines would carry an article which gave the bullet points of the main findings with an explanation “that to reduce costs only a certain number have been printed but a copy is available from...” or by email from the Clerk or to download from our website.
It was estimated that printing costs for the brochure would be £600 for 500 copies; £850 for 1000; and £1,150 for 2000. It was decided to ask Full Council for a decision on the number of copies it considered to be appropriate.
8. **Grant application:** Cllr Mrs Soyke had nearly completed the application for a grant of £250 and it was discussed in detail and several suggestions made.
9. **Items for Information:** There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman