

Local Government Act 1972



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

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF SPELDHURST PARISH COUNCIL: Cllrs Curry (Chair), Dickens (Vice-Chair), Bains, Barrington-Johnson, Butcher, Cleaver, Ellery, Farley, Leach, Littlefield, Norton, and Turner.

You are summoned to attend a **Meeting of the Parish Council** to be held on

Monday 5th October 2026 at 7.30pm at Ashurst Village Hall, Ashurst

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. To enquire if anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting**
 - 2. To accept and approve apologies and reasons for absence**
 - 3. 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.
 - 4. Resignation of the Chair.** To receive and note the resignation of Cllr Curry as Chair of the Council.
 - 5. Election of Chair.** To elect a Chair for the remainder of the municipal year.
 - 6. Chair to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
 - 7. Declarations of Lobbying.**
 - 8. Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7th September 2026** – To resolve that the minutes, previously forwarded to Members, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
 - 9. To receive notification of the resignation of Councillor Cameron Butcher.**

Council is asked to note that Councillor Butcher formally resigned from office with effect from 21st September 2026.

In accordance with the relevant legislation and procedures, the Council's Monitoring Officer has been notified, and the appropriate steps will be taken to declare the vacancy and arrange for a by-election, if required.
 - 10. 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 welcome to observe the remainder of the meeting. Participation after the public session is by invitation of the Chair.**

- 11. Borough and County Councillors' Reports.**
- 12. Clerk's Report.**
- 13. General Matters** – Actionable tasks which do not fall to a committee.
- 14. Committees and Working Groups (WG): 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) **Planning Committee** – Report by Cllr Curry.
26/02051/FULL – Orchard Cottage, Franks Hollow Road, Speldhurst.
Proposal: Single storey rear and two storey front extension.
 - c) **Amenities Committee** – Report by Cllr Turner.
 - d) **Environment Working Group.** Report by Cllr Turner.
 - e) **Langton Green Working Group.** Report by Cllr Farley
 - Presentation from Kent ACRE, Kerry Outlaw.
 - Approval of Expenditure for Survey Leaflet Distribution. To consider and approve expenditure for the printing and distribution of leaflets to residents, promoting participation in the survey regarding the proposed/all-weather pitch project, in order to maximise community engagement and gather representative feedback prior to future Council decision-making.
 - f) **Pavilion Working Group.** Report by Cllr Curry.
 - To update Council on progress towards completion and signing of the hire agreement.
 - g) **KALC** – Report by Cllr Curry.
- 15. Finance and Governance Committee** – Report by Cllr Cleaver.
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.
 - c) To note decisions made under delegated authority.
 - d) Mayor's Toy Appeal – To consider making a donation.
 - e) To consider the transfer of funds from the Unity Trust Bank Account into the Savings Accounts following receipt of the half year Precept.
- 16. Accounts for Payment** – To authorise the payment of invoices as listed.
- 17. Audited AGAR 2024-25** – To note the completion letter and notice.
- 18. KALC Community Awards Scheme 2026.**
- 19. Update on Vacancies on the Council** – To receive an update.
- 20. Diary Dates**
- 21. Items for Information**

Helen Chater
Parish Council Clerk
29th September 2026