

Speldhurst Parish Council

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

Minutes of a Parish Vision Committee Meeting held in Ashurst Village Hall on Thursday 1st October 2009 at 10am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs Podbury (Chairman)
Cllr. Langridge
Mr J Syers
Mr C Pendleton

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – Clerk

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Jeffreys to the meeting.

Action points in bold italics.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Mrs Soyke (Standards Board meeting) Mrs L Dollimore
- 2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:** None received
- 3. Declarations of Lobbying:** None received
- 4. Minutes** of the meeting dated **23rd September 2009**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, were approved and signed.
- 5. Matters Arising:** Cllr Langridge had placed the 3 boards with a large advertisement for the Open Day outside the Church, by Ferbies and on the corner Barden Road and Northfields. Cllr Mrs Podbury is to move the board from Ferbies to Furzefield Ave. Leaflets have been distributed in Speldhurst and a good number of volunteers have been recruited. Cllr Brown has distributed leaflets in Langton Green and is canvassing for volunteers via his neighbourhood watch list.
Cllr Langridge will be attending a Rural Society meeting next week and is hoping that they will volunteer as distributors/collectors.
Photos of the Ashurst Day were a good start for the case history but more pictures of visitors were needed.
There would be 2 new boards for the Speldhurst Open Day – one for volunteers and another for the School children's comments.
The Clerk had invited the Borough Councillors and our KCC Councillor John Davies who has responded saying that he will try and visit Speldhurst. The Vicars have been contacted and the Open Days have been announced at the Church.
Cllr Langridge is in contact with The Courier and will send pictures and a report.
- 6. Grant Update:** Cllr Mrs Jeffreys presented the cheque from ACRK for £1,000.00.
The Clerk was to write acknowledging receipt and thanks.
Cllr Mrs Soyke had updated the budget and it slightly over budget by £58, however Cllr Mrs Podbury announced that other items had not been taken in to account (contribution to St John's Church £20; the extra posters and boards and lunches and refreshments). It was thought that the figure would be likely £200 over budget. ***A request to Full Council at the next meeting to meet the over run would be made.***
- 7. Open Days:** Ashurst Review: The number of people attending was slightly disappointing – down probably on what was expected and it was noted that the majority came from the area near the village hall and not near the station. Mr Pendleton had put the results from Groombridge and Ashurst on a spreadsheet and it was excellent to be able to review the comments at a glance. ***The Clerk would contact Mr Pendleton after the Speldhurst and Langton Green Open Days and would update the spreadsheets.*** It was decided not to meet until after the Langton Open Day when the sheets had been updated. ***The Clerk would find a suitable date and circulate the Agenda.***

It was decided that some of the issues that had been highlighted could be fixed reasonably quickly and it would be a good start if some of these were seen to be done and that they be mentioned in the village magazines. A list of items would be drawn up for consideration.

Cllr Mrs Podbury would reorganise the schedule for who would be supporting the events and circulate.

- 8. Items for Information: *Cllr Langridge would get an estimate for the results along the lines of the B50 brochure.***

The next meeting would be advised after the Langton Green Open Day.

The meeting closed at 10.52am.

Chairman