

Local Government Act 1972



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

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

You are summoned to attend a **Meeting of the Parish Council** to be held on  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 at 7.30pm at Langton Green Village Hall, Langton Green**  
for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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**AGENDA**

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 6<sup>th</sup> August 2012.  
Members must explain the nature of the interest at the commencement of the agenda item, or when the interest becomes apparent.
4. DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING
5. MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026  
To resolve that the minutes, previously forwarded to Members, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
6. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR  
To consider the recommendation of the Working Group that the proposed candidate be co-opted on to the Council; that the Councillor sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and assigned to certain committees.
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. Members of the public wishing to speak at the meeting will be allocated a maximum of three minutes. Requests for additional time must be submitted in advance of the meeting and will be considered at the discretion of the Chair.**

## 8. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

### 9. LANGTON GREEN RECREATION GROUND (LGRG)

To receive an update on the Pavilion.

- To receive an update on progress of the Independent Review for the Pavilion.
- To consider the BID document.
- Update on the purchase of equipment for the Pavilion agreed at the last meeting.
- To correct the record around the timing of the £12.50 ph increase recorded in the last minutes.

### 10. CLERK'S REPORT

### 11. GENERAL MATTERS

Actionable tasks which do not fall to a committee.

### 12. 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.
  - To consider delegating authority to the Chair of the Highways Committee and Clerk to liaise and submit the application for the Parish Highways Improvement Plan Grant.
  - To note the Engagement Report on the Safer Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Links between Langton Green, Rusthall, the Commons and Royal Tunbridge Wells from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.
- b) **Amenities Committee** – Report by Cllr Turner.
- c) **Environment Working Group (EWG)** – Report by Cllr Turner.
- d) **KALC** – Report by Cllr Curry.
- e) **Air Traffic Issues**

### 13. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Report by Cllr Rowe 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) To consider updating the signatories on all bank accounts.
- e) To clarify the hourly rental for the short-term hire agreement of the Pavilion.
- f) Policies:
  - IT Policy
  - WhatsApp Data Protection Policy
  - Recruitment Policy
- g) Staff Members
  - Staff Contracts – To confirm the contract and salary of the new Clerk and consider the appointment, contract and salary of the new Deputy Clerk.
- h) To confirm the role of Data Protection Officer (DPO) as the responsibility of the Council and not the Clerk.
- i) To consider the following grant applications:
  - Speldhurst Lunch Club.
  - St Mary's Church, Speldhurst.

### 14. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To authorise the payment of invoices as listed.

**15. UPDATE ON VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL**

To receive an update.

**16. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2026**

To receive an update.

**17. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Report by Cllr Curry including any Committee Meetings held since the last Full Council meeting, the Minutes having previously been forwarded to all Members.

**18. DIARY DATES**

**19. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Katie Neve  
Parish Council Clerk  
27<sup>th</sup> January 2026