



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

**Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held in the Parish Council Office,
Langton Green Recreation Ground on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Brown (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Hull and Mrs Podbury and Mr Alan Ford.

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs M Flemington - Assistant Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Ringrose (holiday) and Mrs Debbie Siddle (family illness)
2. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:** There were none
3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none
4. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th September 2011**, having previously been forwarded to all members, were approved and signed.
5. **Public Open Session:** There were no members of the public present.
6. **Matters Arising and Correspondence:**
 - a. It was agreed not to submit any more Eco-Savers for the Village magazines at present.
 - b. There has been no correspondence since the last meeting.
 - c. It was **AGREED** that when an Environment page is included on the Parish Council website the Environment Policy (Green Policy Statement) is added to it.
 - d. The Terms of Reference were discussed and it was **AGREED** that no changes are required. This will be put to the February Full Council meeting for approval.
 - e. Details of compost sales at the North Farm Waste Disposal site are outstanding from the last meeting. **The Assistant Clerk to obtain details.**
 - f. Cllr Brown thanked Debbie Siddle on behalf of the Committee for attending 'Rusthall Going Green' in October and for the report she had prepared.
 - g. It was **AGREED** to ask to have an Environment Table with useful leaflets to hand out at the Annual Parish Assembly on 2nd April 2012.
 - h. Cllr Mrs Podbury asked if the Parish Council is a member of the Kent Wildlife Trust. **The Assistant Clerk to confirm.**

7. Green Policy Statement - now to be referred to as the Environment Statement:

The proposed 'Green Policy Statement' was discussed. After discussion and minor additions and amendments the wording of the document and the title of 'Speldhurst Parish Council Environment Policy' was **AGREED**. It will be put to the February Full Council meeting for approval.

8. Current update on schools:

- a. Cllr Brown, Cllr Mrs Jeffreys and the Clerk are meeting the Head teacher at Langton Green Primary School on 19th January 2012.
- b. The Committee suggest the project for Langton Green and Speldhurst Primary Schools which is to be discussed at the meeting could be on 'Saving Electricity'.
- c. Information regarding the Schools project could be included on Speldhurst Parish Council and both Schools websites in due course.

9. Awareness in the Parish:

It was **AGREED** that Awareness in the Parish is now covered under other Agenda Items and will be excluded as a separate Agenda Item for future meetings.

10. Items for Information:

- a. Cllr Mrs Podbury raised the matter of the hedge in Barden Road which still needs cutting. **The Assistant Clerk to deal with this.**
- b. Alan Ford was asked to write Nature Watch about cutting hedges in January/February for the December 2012 editions of the Village Magazines.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Chairman