

Speldhurst Parish Council

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

Minutes of a Parish Vision Committee Meeting held in Speldhurst Village Hall on Thursday, 3rd September 2009 at 11am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs Podbury (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs Soyke
Cllr. Langridge
Cllr Colley

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Lyn Dollimore and Jeremy Syers

The Chairman welcomed Lyn Dollimore and Jeremy Syers to the Committee. They had both volunteered to represent Langton Green and Ashurst respectively. Chris Pendleton from Groombridge had also volunteered but could not be present. The Chairman gave a brief explanation and update of the project so far and what was expected in the future.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** There were none
- 2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:** None received
- 3. Declarations of Lobbying:** None received
- 4. Minutes** of the meeting dated **17th August 2009**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, were approved and signed.
- 5. Grant Update:** The Chairman congratulated Cllr Mrs Soyke on her work in completing the grant application (especially when supposed to be on holiday) and in such a way that we qualified for two grants; DEFRA - £1,000 and CIRK - £750. Victoria Lawson was a big help and Carl Adams, who has taken over from her, hopes to be able to attend a Road Show.
- 6. Matters Arising:** There was a long discussion on the leaflets and it was decided to change the photos to the issues such as traffic, recycling etc. Cllr Langridge gave some indications of printing costs: 2,000 pamphlets for the results on A5 folded 8 page roll fold would cost £385; the maximum cost for 2,000 12 page (both sides) £782 (further investigation required), 9 interior display boards £225; 2 A boards £20 and there was £48 for the lamination of the maps. It was decided not to display any testimonials. It was hoped that the leaflets would be ready by 11th September, after approval by Chairman and Cllr Langridge. It was decided to deliver the Groombridge leaflets and not use the school.

The Groombridge Road Show was to be moved to the Church with the toilets at the Black & White Shop being made available

- 7. Road Shows:** It was decided that there was to be a focus on encouraging young people to attend. A list of roads per village and volunteers for delivery and collection was required. A few tables from Ashurst and some chairs were needed for the Groombridge Road Show. ***Cllr Mrs Soyke would provide them.*** The following people said that they would help man the shows.

Groombridge – 19th Sept – Cllrs Mrs Podbury and Soyke and Chris Pendleton (we hope) Jeremy Syers

Ashurst – 26th Sept – Cllrs Mrs Podbury and Soyke

Speldhurst – 3rd Oct – Cllr Mrs Podbury, Cllr Langridge and Chris May,

Langton Green – 10th Oct – Cllr Mrs Podbury, Cllr Langridge, Lyn Dollimore and Chris May

In addition ***Cllr Mrs Podbury to approach Councillors to see if they are able to attend any of the events.***

8. **Volunteers from the Parish:** Cllr Mrs Podbury to try and contact a volunteer from Speldhurst.
9. **Items for Information:** The next meeting would be at Speldhurst Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd September at 11 am (booked).

The meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Chairman