

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, Cleaver, Ellery, Farley, Leach, Littlefield, Norton, and Turner.

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

Monday 7th September 2026 at 7.30pm at Speldhurst Village Hall

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 inquire whether 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. Declarations of Lobbying

5. Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3rd August 2026 – To resolve that the minutes, previously forwarded to Members, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6. 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.

7. Borough and County Councillors' Reports

8. Clerk's Report

- To consider and approve the submission of an application for a grant from Unity and to authorise the Clerk to complete and submit the application on behalf of the Council.
- Entrance Gate to Langton Green recreation ground. To consider and approve expenditure of £370.00 plus VAT for the removal of an existing gate post and the supply and installation of a new 2.1m x 175mm x 175mm four-way pointed timber gate post, including setting in concrete, rehanging the existing gate and refitting the closing latch.

- 9. General Matters.** Actionable tasks which do not fall to a committee.
- 10. Appointment of Councillor Bains to Committees.** To consider the appointment of Councillor Bains to the following committees
- Planning
 - Highways
 - Langton Green Recreation Ground Working Group
- 11. Co-option to Fill Parish Council Vacancy.** To consider the application received from Cameron Butcher for co-option to the Parish Council and, if thought fit, to resolve to appoint the applicant to fill one of the current vacancies.
- 12. Playground Matting National Lottery Award:** Consideration of Expenditure Proposals
- 13. Committees and Working Group Reports: to include any meetings held since the last Full Council meeting, the draft minutes having previously been forwarded to all Members**
- Highways Committee.** Report by Cllr Norton.
 - Update on Langton to Rusthall Commons route.
 - Planning Committee.** Report by Cllr Curry.
 - **26/01785/PIP – Land North of, Hither Chantlers, Langton Green**
Proposal: Permission in principle for 2 dwellings.
 - Update on Burrswood.
 - Amenities Committee –** Report by Cllr Turner.
 - To consider and approve the submission of an application for The Hare, Langton Green Bus stop shelter replacement.
 - Dog Waste Bin Request - Slip Road Behind St Mary's Church.** To consider a request from local residents for the installation of a dog waste bin adjacent to the existing grit bin on the slip road behind St Mary's Church, near the village hall and churchyard fence. Residents have raised concerns regarding dog fouling along Claytons Lane and the adjacent public footpath and have identified this location as their preferred site. Members are asked to consider the request, associated costs, and any action required.
 - Environment Working Group (EWG).** Report by Cllr Turner.
 - Langton Green Working Group (LGWG).** Report by James Farley.
 - Irrigation Risk Assessment Approval. To consider and approve the Irrigation Risk Assessment and any associated control measures and recommendations.
 - It is proposed that the working group should be authorised to develop and undertake a public consultation with residents, sports clubs, user groups and other stakeholders regarding the future of the Recreation Ground pitch.
 - To propose that SPC become members of ACRE Kent and consider the membership cost of £600.
[KentACRE - Supporting Rural Communities in Kent.](#)
 - Pavilion Working Group.** Report by Cllr Curry.
 - To receive notification of the outcome of the Community Interest Company (CIC) operator bid process and note the decision.
 - To request delegated authority to sign the hire agreement.
 - KALC.** Report by Cllr Curry.
- 14. 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.
- To note the detailed budget reports.

- b) To note cashbook transfers.
- c) To note interim payments and delegated authority decisions since the last meeting.
- d) National Joint Council (NJC) Pay Award. To consider the National Joint Council (NJC) pay award for local government employees and, if thought fit, to resolve to implement the agreed 3.3% salary increase for eligible employees with effect from 1 April 2026, including payment of any back pay due.
- e) Accounts for Payment – To authorise the payment of September invoices.
- f) Audited AGAR 2025-26 – To note the completion letter and notice.
- g) To consider the reappointment of the Internal Auditor.
- h) Remembrance Sunday – To appoint councillors to lay wreaths on behalf of Speldhurst Parish Council.
- i) Annual Parish Assembly 2027 - To consider arrangements for the Annual Parish Assembly.

15. Diary Dates

16. Items for Information

Helen Chater
Parish Council Clerk
28th August 2026