

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

Minutes of a Parish Vision Committee Meeting held in the Committee Room, Speldhurst Village Hall on Thursday 5th August 2010 at 2pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Podbury (Chairman), Mrs Soyke, Langridge, and Mrs L Dollimore, Mr J Syers and Mrs A Norton

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May - Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Pendleton (holiday)

2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest: None received

3. Declarations of Lobbying: None received

4. Minutes of the meeting dated **17**th **June 2010**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, were approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Volunteers had been contacted in Langton Green, Ashurst and Speldhurst and it was decided that a follow-up was needed to stay in touch with them. It was not known if the Groombridge volunteers had been contacted. The committee were aiming to have the Questionnaire Appraisal ready for the September Full Council meeting for approval.

A number of Action points were outstanding: there had been no update on the website (due in part to the delay of the new website) and the recycling and local bus timetables for the same reason. There had been no contact with Withyham Parish Council as yet but the clerk has mentioned the one-way system to KHS but it was not something that would be done soon, he would follow this up. The committee discussed the update that was to be put on the website and it was agreed that an explanation was required for the delay in the project. The committee AGREED that the problems with the analysis of the questionnaires should be referred to and the fact that a number (or small percentage) of questionnaires had been lost. The committee would seek approval from Full Council at the September meeting to proceed.

6. Public Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

7. Update

Cllr Mrs Podbury explained to the committee the details of the recent communications with ACRK and the missing questionnaires. She was satisfied that ACRK had taken the episode seriously and had offered compensation towards the project, which the Chairman of Full Council Cllr Mrs Jeffreys was dealing with.

8. Results Document including Youth Section

Cllr Langridge had produced a first draft of the response in A5 format and it was AGREED that this format would be recommended to Full Council.

There was a long and detailed discussion and members had a number of proposed changes to the initial draft.

Cllr Langridge would re-draft the document in time for the September meeting.

9. Target Dates

The committee felt that it should be emphasised that this was a 5-10 year plan and it was decided not to put unrealistic target dates down. The committee wanted the finished appraisal ready before the October Open meeting.

10. Items for Information

There were none

The meeting closed at 4.20pm

Chairman