

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF
SPELDHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

HELD ON MONDAY, 2nd JUNE 2008 at 7pm

IN ASHURST VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs Jeffreys, Mrs Podbury, Mrs Soyke, Ellis, Parker, Stevens and Wheeler

2052 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Mrs Paulson-Ellis (out of the country)

Cllr. Mrs Waters (prior engagement)

2053 It was unanimously agreed to hold the interview process for co-opted councillors in closed session.

1939-7 Langton Green School – Safer Crossing Area

A letter had been received from the solicitors acting for Mr Tom Shields.

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would cancel the rights to use this extended footpath should it no longer be required in the future and the clerk was asked to confirm to Donaldson West.

2042 Cricket Safety Netting

The planning permission had still not been approved by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

The clerk had obtained further quotations which had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting.

Further information had also been obtained which the councillors discussed.

Councillors enquired whether it would be possible to close the play area when cricket and stoolball were in play. The clerk advised that her enquiries had shown that not only would the gate to the play area have to be locked but the area `policed` to ensure that no one entered by climbing over the fence.

Advice received from various sources had been adamant that, bearing in mind the very close proximity of the play area to the boundary of the cricket pitch, the height of the security netting must be a minimum of 6M.

The clerk had obtained a further quotation for a straight run of 32M of safety netting which consisted of black PVC coated weldmesh fencing 2.4M high and nylon netting above to bring the height to 6M. This would be constructed using double lattice tubular posts (a picture was handed to councillors) – cost £9,679. The cost of this fencing was unanimously agreed.

CHAIRMAN