

Speldhurst Parish Council

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

Minutes of a Parish Vision Committee Meeting held in the Langton Green Village Hall on Thursday 19th November 2009 at 11.30am

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

Action points in bold italics.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr Richard Larkin (holiday)
2. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:** None received
3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** None received
4. **Minutes** of the meeting dated **29th October 2009**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, were approved and signed.
5. **Matters Arising:** The Chairman congratulated Chris Pendleton on having been selected as a Councillor. Anne Norton is prepared to assist Cllr Pendleton but would not attend the meetings. The Chairman explained that Richard Larkin had joined the committee but was on holiday. A cheque from CIRK had been received for £750 which was the final part of the grants awarded to the committee. An update had been received from David Crundwell on the footpaths in Groombridge/Ashurst. The Clerk had reported all the action points except the drains in Barden Road and Speldhurst Hill which needed more accurate locations.
The following were updates on the action points by Cllr Mrs Podbury with TWBC
 - Recycling glass is a long term aim.
 - Conservation Officer John Kay has been informed of concerns regarding Bradley Mill.
 - Dog fouling – 12 signs to be requested. The role of the enforcement officer is to be publicised in Village magazines in the New Year. **Action all.**
 - Litter – In the New Year publicise and carry out Village clean up days with photos etc. **Action all.**
 - The committee were disappointed with the results of the enquiries about speeding signs.
 - Estelle Hudson has offered cheaper printing costs and has suggested circulating the responses to see if there are any other ways TWBC are able to assist. She is hoping to set up a meeting within the next couple of weeks. **Cllr Mrs Podbury to contact Estelle to see if it is possible for one or two committee members to attend.**
 - Youth update – Steve Shipley has contacted two families to assist. **Mr Syers to contact Andy Hobbs.**

The committee agreed it is important to publicise our actions so that residents are aware that SPC has listened to their concerns and is taking action on their behalf.

6. **Questionnaires:** After a long discussion it was agreed
 - To include a separate questionnaire for youth aged 10-17. To encourage participation a prize will be offered (for youths only).
 - The Open Days were used as guidance to select the main topics which were – Highways and Transport; Crime; Housing; Environment; Village Amenities; Volunteer and Other.
 - Several questionnaires were referred to and a list of questions has been selected. **Cllr Langridge will compile the questionnaire and circulate.**
 - **The questionnaire will need to be completed by January 4th to enable us to distribute by the end of the month.**

Cllr Mrs Podbury will contact Mr Larkin to confirm availability and circulate some dates for the next meeting.

7. Items for Information: There were none.

The meeting closed at 1.25pm.

Chairman