



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

**MINUTES OF THE CONFIDENTIAL ITEM AT FULL COUNCIL ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2018 AT
7.00PM IN THE PALMER ROOM, LANGTON GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Barrington-Johnson (Chairman), Mrs Jeffreys, Mrs Podbury, Mrs Price, Mrs Soyke, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Woodliffe, Pate, Milner, Rowe, Ellery

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mr C May – Clerk and Mrs K Harman – Assistant Clerk

18/275 TO CONSIDER THE FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH TWBC PLANNING DEPARTMENT: The Chairman declared this item on the agenda confidential and not for circulation.

TWBC had invited Speldhurst Parish Councillors and Clerks to a meeting on 7th December 2018 at the Town Hall to discuss the Local Plan.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Price, who had prepared a paper with options of how SPC could respond. He said that his preferred option was to agree to some or all of the proposed allocations (by TWBC). He then went on to update councillors about a meeting he had with the Practice Manager at the Doctor's surgery in Speldhurst. He said that the surgery was under the same Medical Practice as the one at Greggswood in Tunbridge Wells and that at some future point the local surgery would be closed for renovation. They wished to stay at the present location in the centre of Speldhurst. He said that building a new centre at the site 94 on Penshurst Road was not an option the practice would consider.

There was discussion about whether plans included affordable housing and the number of houses proposed. The Chairman said that the numbers (24 and 44) were the absolute maximum. Cllr Rowe said that TWBC mentioned benefits and he said there was a difference between what was a benefit and what was a mandatory requirement.

Cllr Ellery believed SPC should oppose the proposals and then work constructively with TWBC. He said on highways issues alone they should not be allowed. The scale was inappropriate unsupported by schools for example.

Cllr Mrs Soyke said that we should attend the meeting with an open mind.

The Clerk asked how and when SPC will decide whether to support or object the proposals. He also advised councillors that when the proposals do become available to the public they should be prepared for protests.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Chairman

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