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

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF SPELDHURST PARISH COUNCIL: Cllrs Curry (Chair) Dickens (Vice Chair), Barrington- Johnson, Cleaver, Ellery, Farley, Leach, Littlefield, Norton, Tarricone and Turner.

You are summoned to attend a **Meeting of the Parish Council** to be held on
Monday 1st June 2026 at 7.30pm at Speldhurst Village Hall, Speldhurst
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. **Election of Chair** - signing of declaration of acceptance of office
2. **To enquire if anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting**
3. **To accept and approve apologies and reasons for absence**
4. **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.
5. **Declarations of Lobbying**
6. **Minutes of the Annual Statutory Full Council meeting held on 5th May 2026** – To resolve that the minutes, previously forwarded to Members, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
7. **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 NOT permitted to participate in the meeting after this agenda item without prior invitation from the Chair. Anyone is welcome to stay for the entire meeting and observe but cannot take part.
8. **Langton Green Recreation Ground (LGRG)**
 - To receive an update on the Community Hub.
 - To receive an update on shared matters with LGCSA.
9. **Borough and County Councillors' Reports**

10. Clerk's Report

11. **General Matters** – Actionable tasks which do not fall to a committee.

12. Annual Return

- a) To consider the 2025/26 Internal Audit Report.
- b) To consider Assertion 10 requirements.
- c) To consider the approval of the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the AGAR) and that the Annual Return be signed.
- d) To consider the approval of the Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the AGAR) and authorise the Chair to sign on behalf of the parish council.
- e) To advise the public inspection period of the Annual Return.
- f) To consider the Transparency and Accountability statement for website.
- g) To consider the review of the Risk Assessments.

13. **Committees and Working Groups (WG) and other Reports: to include any meetings held since the last Full Council meeting, the draft minutes having previously been forwarded to all Members**

- a) **Highways Committee** – Report by Cllr Norton.
- b) **Amenities Committee** – Report by Cllr Turner.
- c) **Environment WG (EWG)** – Report by Cllr Turner
- d) **Planning Committee** – Report by Cllr Curry
- e) **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.

- a) To note the detailed budget reports.
- b) Report on interim payments made since the last meeting.
- c) To note decisions made under delegated authority.
- d) To renew the Budget Virement policy
- e) To consider the annual renewal for IT Services with Cloudy IT.
- f) To consider Grant applications from
 - I. St Martin's Ashurst Broadsheet and
 - II. St Martin's Ashurst Churchyard
 - III. Homestart

15. **Accounts for Payment** – To authorise the payment of invoices as listed.

16. **Update on Vacancies on the Council.**

- To consider the co-option of a councillor to fill the vacancy on the council
- To receive a report from the Clerk and to consider the application of Kristi Copeland for co-option.
- If approved, to resolve to co-opt the applicant to the council and for the Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed.

17. **Annual Parish Meeting 2026 Debrief**

18. **Diary Dates**

19. **Items for Information**

Helen Chater
Parish Council Clerk
26th May 2026