



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

NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

Local Government Act 1972 (Sec.87 (2))

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a casual vacancy has occurred in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council following the resignation of Councillor Rowe.

Rule 5(2) of The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules, 2006 now applies.

The rule allows for ten local government electors for the Speldhurst Parish to request the Returning Officer to hold an election to fill the vacancy. If by **5pm on Monday 9th March 2026** (fourteen days excluding Dies Non, after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer:

The Returning Officer
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall
Royal Tunbridge Wells
TN1 1RS
elections@tunbridgewells.gov.uk

by TEN electors for the said Parish, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy. If an election is called, it will take place no later than **Friday 15th May 2026** (sixty days excluding Dies Non, after the date of this notice).

If a request to hold an election is not received during the permitted time period Rule 5(5) of the above rules will apply. The Parish Council must, as soon as practicable after the expiry of the fourteen-day period, co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

This notice is dated **Tuesday 17th February 2026**.

Katie Neve
Clerk to the Speldhurst Parish Council

In computing any period of time for the purpose of this notice a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning, shall be disregarded.