



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

**Minutes of a Highways Committee Meeting held in the Council Office, Langton Green Recreation Ground
on Thursday 10th September 2015 at 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Milner (Chairman), Mrs Lyle, Allen and Barrington-Johnson with Mrs Norton, Mrs Watson and Mr Wheeler

OFFICER PRESENT: Mr C May – Clerk and Mrs M Flemington – Assistant Clerk

There were no members of the public present

1. **To enquire if anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting:** No-one present intended to film, photograph or record the meeting.
2. **To accept apologies and reason for absence:** Cllrs Mrs Horne and Turner (both prior engagement)
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary or Other Significant Interests:** There were none.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying:** Cllr Milner declared that he had been lobbied regarding the suggestion of 30mph stickers on wheelie bins.
5. **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting dated **15th June 2015** which have previously been distributed to all members, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Public Open Session:** There were no members of the public present
7. **Matters Arising and Correspondence:**
The Clerk reported that the stone wall at Pocket Park has been hit and damaged again.
The Clerk advised that a loose kerbstone outside Speldhurst School has been reported.
8. **Monitoring of recent accidents in the Parish:** The Clerk had circulated the up to date list of accidents and advised that the SPC keep these records to support requests for safety measures where the Police and Highways records may be incomplete. Residents are encouraged to report any accident they witness with photographs if possible to the Clerk.
9. **Campaign to support 20mph outside schools:** The Clerk reported that there is no KCC Councillor funding and that he is waiting to hear from TWBC regarding funding and whether Cllr Jukes can give this project more priority within KCC. It was noted that the issue of 20mph is on the agenda for the TWBC Joint Transportation Board meeting on 19th October.

10. Traffic Surveys: The Clerk reported that Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership have advised that Ashurst and Groombridge Hills do not qualify for speed cameras cost and that there is no qualification for the mobile van either.

11. Outstanding issues by village:

a) **Groombridge**

- Cllr Milner and the Clerk will meet the Old Groombridge Community Group in November to discuss their suggestions for traffic calming measures. **The Clerk will contact Trevor Myles.**

b) **Ashurst** – The ISS has been repaired but is still only working intermittently. The Clerk has reported this.

c) **Speldhurst**

- Barden Road – The double yellow lines have been installed and it was agreed to monitor the impact on cars mounting the pavement.
- Parking issues – The parking bay outside the Post Office has been marked and the sign will be installed in due course.

d) **Langton Green**

- The Hare crossroads – The Clerk reported that KCC Highways have advised that it will not be possible to install bollards.
- Broom Lane – The clerk reported that KCC Highways have advised that it will not be possible to reduce the speed limit. **The Clerk will write to the residents who raised this to advise them.**

12. Bus Shelters: The Clerk reported that Earl Bourner of KCC Highways will visit the sites to confirm the exact locations permissible for the bus shelters. Cllr Barrington-Johnson confirmed that the Langton Green Village Society bench will be relocated prior to installation of the bus shelter at The Green.

13. Speedwatch:

a) The Clerk advised that the speedwatch equipment is currently on loan to the Police and that the PCSOs are using it to carry out speed checks. More volunteers will be required for the Parish Council speedwatch to continue. Speedwatch will be on the agenda for discussion at the October Open Meeting and referred to in the village magazines.

b) The Clerk reported that he and Cllr Milner met KCC Highways on 8th September to discuss installation of the Speed Indicator Device. The proposal will be for one device for the parish and between 5 and 7 pole locations for the device to be moved around every 3 to 4 weeks. The device is battery operated there is also an option for data recording. A total spend of £7,000 has been approved and the Clerk will contact KCC Highways with some suggested locations for the SID's poles.

14. Entry Statements to villages (gateways): The clerk advised that this will be progressed in due course.

15. Review of Highways Committee's budget: The Clerk circulated and reviewed the figures.

16. Items for Information:

Mrs Norton reported that a post at the edge of the highway by Milestone House at the top of Groombridge Hill has been damaged. She asked who was responsible for repairing it. The Clerk advised her it was KCC Highways.

Mrs Norton reported that some of the SPC highway signs are looking scruffy and need replacement.

Mr Wheeler reported that drains along the A264 are blocked. **The Clerk to report to KCC Highways.**

Cllr Mrs Lyle reported there is also a blocked drain on the corner of Homewood Road and Stonewall Park Road. **The Clerk to report to KCC Highways.**

Cllr Barrington-Johnson reported that roadworks for gas work in Langton Green have been in place for far longer than the actual gas works. **The Clerk to discuss with KCC Highways.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.47pm

Chairman