

Local Government Act 1972



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

TO: MEMBERS OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE: Cllrs Norton (Chair), Barrington-Johnson, Bains, Cleaver, Littlefield, Turner (Vice-Chair) and Mr Langridge and Mr Myles.

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** on

Monday 26th October 2026 at 7.30pm

in the Parish Office, Langton Green Recreation Ground, Langton Green

for the purpose of transacting the following business.

A G E N D A

1. TO ENQUIRE IF ANYONE PRESENT INTENDS TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD THE MEETING

2. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE

3. 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.

4. DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th June 2026

To resolve that the minutes, which have previously been distributed to all Members, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

Members of the public are invited to make representations to the Committee on any matters relating to the work of the Committee or to raise any issues of concern.

7. REVIEW OF HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE'S BUDGET

To review the expenditure to-date.

8. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (HIP) (INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF ANY NEW ISSUES BY VILLAGE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CORRESPONDENCE, RECENT ACCIDENTS, SPEEDWATCH, AND MEDIA)

a) Langton Green

HIP

- Informal Consultation Lampington Row
- Update on Highways Rural Improvement Plan Grant
- Update the Safer Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Links between Langton Green, Rusthall, the Commons and Royal Tunbridge Wells from Tunbridge

NON-HIP Items

- The Grange Parking Issues update
- Update on Verge and Pavement Parking – Longmeads
- Update on Parking on Speldhurst Road by The Hare (complaint by school)

b) Groombridge

HIP

- Implementation of improved speed signage in village centre as part of the TWBC Rural Grant agreed
- Red strips on hill, at start of 30 mph zones to reduce speeds along Groombridge Hill (**Agreed under TWBC Rural Grant**)
- Weight/width limit for BIH Street to restrict HGVs. (**Road narrows sign to be installed as part of TWBC Rural Grant**)

NON-HIP Items

- Possible new wooden footbridge over the River Grom in consultation with new owners – maintenance in future?
- Burrswood Update

c) Speldhurst

HIP

- ATC requested at either end of Etherington Hill. **Actioned.**
- Other technical solutions to reduce speed. *Improved road and speed signage needed. KCC recognise that there is a continuing need for improvements despite lower than anticipated ATC findings*

NON-HIP Items

- Update - School Parking/Dragonfly Farm
- Paul Bartlett ideas @ SID post 20mph & Pavement/Road Layout
- Update on Tom Kinsley – Speed Camera/Speeding

d) Ashurst

HIP (None)

NON-HIP Items

- Consider possible options on traffic speeds

9. ANY OTHER ACTION POINTS NOT COVERED

10. FOOTPATHS/PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW)

11. ITEMS REQUIRING FULL COUNCIL APPROVAL

12. ISSUES FOR COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC

- Proposed Parking on Verges letter to be put through letterboxes of residents in Longmeads

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Road Safety Action Travel Group Newsletter (Apr-June 2026)
- Road Safety Action Travel Group Newsletter (Jly-Sept 2026)
- Date of Next Meeting – Monday 22nd February 2027



Helen Chater
Parish Council Clerk
19th October 2026