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

LANGTON GREEN RECREATION GROUND WORKING GROUP (LGRG WG)
TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Establishment

The Langton Green Recreation Ground Working Group (the Working Group) is established by Speldhurst Parish Council to undertake research, information gathering, stakeholder engagement and option appraisal relating to the future of Langton Green Recreation Ground.

2. Status

The Working Group is advisory in nature, has no delegated authority, cannot make decisions on behalf of the Council, commit expenditure or enter contracts, and shall make recommendations to Full Council.

3. Purpose

To develop a long-term vision for the Recreation Ground and provide evidence-based recommendations to Full Council.

4. Objectives

Develop a vision, investigate opportunities and constraints, consider sporting and recreational facilities, flooding and drainage, funding, biodiversity, legal and lease matters and community engagement.

5. Scope of Activity

The Working Group may gather information, meet stakeholders, obtain advice, review reports and identify options. It shall not make decisions on behalf of the Council.

6. Membership

Membership shall be determined by Full Council and may include invited specialists, stakeholders and representatives of relevant organisations.

7. Chairmanship

The Working Group shall appoint a Chair who will coordinate meetings and report to Full Council.

8. Meetings

Meetings shall be held as required and notes of meetings shall be maintained.

9. Transparency and Reporting

The Working Group shall operate transparently, maintain records and provide regular updates to Full Council.

10. Stakeholder Engagement

The Working Group may engage with residents, user groups, LGCSA, TWBC, funding bodies and professional advisers. Formal public consultation requires Full Council approval.

11. Key Areas of Investigation

Recreation Ground vision, sporting facilities, AWP options, drainage, financial sustainability, environmental considerations and legal, lease and property matters.

12. Principles

Transparency, evidence-based decision making, community benefit, inclusivity, environmental responsibility and financial sustainability. Must meet requirements of all SPC policies with particular focus on the environment and biodiversity policy.

13. Duration

The Working Group shall continue until its work is completed or it is dissolved by Full Council.

14. Success Criteria

To provide Full Council with a clear vision, options appraisal, understanding of risks, costs and opportunities, and informed recommendations.

Recommended Resolution

RESOLVED: That Speldhurst Parish Council adopts the Langton Green Recreation Ground Working Group Charter and Terms of Reference and that the Working Group shall operate in accordance with these Terms of Reference until amended or withdrawn by Full Council.