



LANGTON GREEN VILLAGE SOCIETY MINUTES -

Held at 7:30 pm on 6th October 2026, at Hither Chandlers.

In attendance:

Iain Combe (Chair)
Ed Langridge (Deputy)
Mark Gamble (Fete Chair)
Lyn Dollimore
Neil Barrington-Johnson
Lawrence Dollimore
Geraldine Byrne
Nick Byrne
Mark Dooley

Apologies:

Helen Fuller
Anton Vamplew
Chris Smith
Emma Stevens

Iain welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Neil for kindly hosting.

Litter Picks. First litter pick well attended, more volunteers needed. Next 'pick' to be on Tuesday 3rd November, meeting at Village Hall at 10:30am. Hi-viz and pickers provided, (EL holds most of the equipment, remainder with IC), all volunteers welcome. **IC** to post on VS facebook page. **G&NB**, to lead pick, centered on the east end of the village A264.

Website and Social Media. **LD** to update website. Agreed **AV** to explore use of VS website as a 'village information hub' publicising the various village organisations' news posts which will attract more regular visits to the website.

Planting. In lieu of hanging baskets (unaffordable due to Kent lamppost testing requirements), agreed to proceed with barrel planting in suitable locations along the A264 and Speldhurst Road.

EL confirming land ownership and any approvals required.

L&LD have procured a trial 25" barrel and heather winter planting samples.



Planters to carry LGVS logo.

Autumn/winter watering considered unlikely to be a problem. Local volunteers may be required in drier spells. Budget for initial phase : £500.

EL investigating possible discount via TWBC on larger planters for greater impact at key locations. Costs TBC.

Quiz Night. Bookings well advanced, **AV** will send email to table captains re pre-booking drinks next week.

LD requested volunteers to help set up beforehand during the break with the bar and to clear up afterwards.

LGVS/Fete.

The VS committee felt that the Fete organisation's current half in half out position was unsustainable. The alternatives being that the Fete -

1. Fully re-integrating with the VS
2. Becoming an entirely separate entity.

There was a unanimous desire voiced by both parties to remain under one unifying umbrella. To facilitate this the following was agreed -

- Future Fete/Party surpluses be shared 1/3- 2/3 between the VS and Fete respectively.
- VS chair to be joint signatory and have full sight of the Fete bank account. **MG** to initiate new signatory process within two weeks.
- Joint VS/ Fete meetings to agree Fete charity donations to be collaborative.

- MG agreed to provide a proposal for VS/Fete relationship at next meeting.

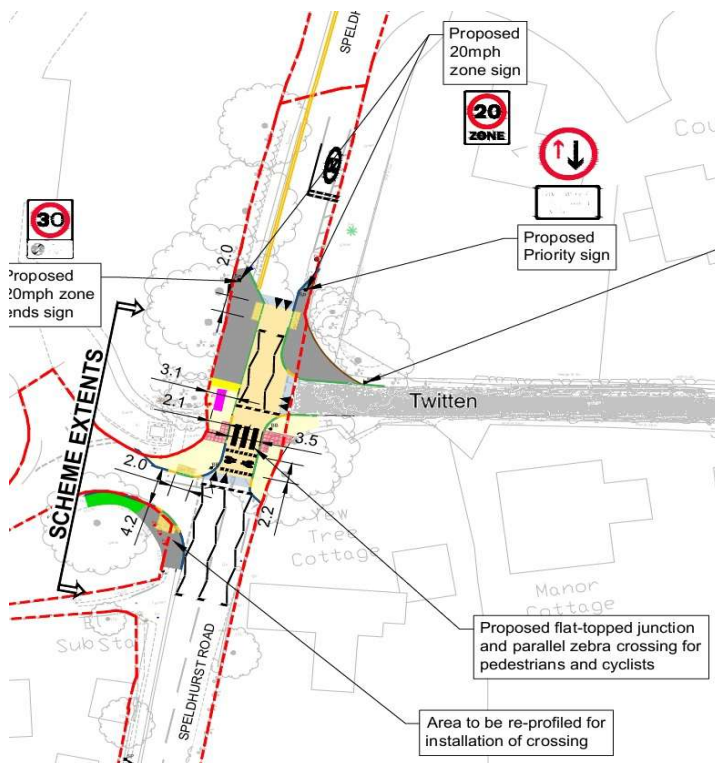
Membership. HF Has written a newsletter to contact the 30 members with no recorded email address. 5 members have now advised their email.

Neighbourhood Areas. Agreed to proceed with hand delivery, (face to face if possible) of membership application fliers.

EL to propose format, distribution to be based on 11 'neighbourhood areas', each with approx 100 dwellings.

IC to co-ordinate volunteers for each area.

Planning Application Monitoring. Cycle path from School: KCC consultation drawings do not allow for the request bus stop at the head of the Langholm Road/Speldhurst Road 'twitten', (no pavement on the Speldhurst Road makes access to other locations unsafe). **NBJ** to raise with SPC.



Rural Society Bins. VS to investigate carrying out our own removal and making good. EL

Local Footpaths. VS to support SPC local footpaths initiative. SPC maintenance staff to advise locations for 'light pruning' within LG boundaries.

Many 'damage reporting' QR codes are now missing from stiles etc and need to be replaced.

Pavement Parking. There are some streets in the village where this is unavoidable. In many cases, especially on the Langton Road and Speldhurst Road, it makes safe passage of buggies and wheelchairs impossible. SPC used to have a stock of non-stick notices endorsed by the police to be placed under the wipers of offending vehicles. **NBJ** to investigate whether these are still available if not, whether they could be reprinted. **NJB** distribute if they can be acquired.

School Emotional Wellbeing. The school have requested funding for an external specialist to support pupils wellbeing. Although helping finance school services lies outwith the VS' usual ambit, the meeting acknowledged that this was a cause worthy of support and agreed to donate up to £500 if matched by donations from other sources and on a one time only basis.

LGVS Constitution. The constitution, last revised in 2021, requires updating to allow for recent changes in respect of the Fete bank account and use of IT/Social media. Committee members to review and make any comments prior presentation of the revised constitution for members agreement at the upcoming AGM.

Meeting Venue. VS to approach the Church re. use of the Grace Space as a regular meeting place.

Next Meeting. Monday 16th Nov. 7:30, in the Grace Space (TBC)