

# Hawkhurst Annual Parish Assembly

29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## Questions and Answers

(These are a summary of the question and answer)

### **Speedwatch**

#### **Q1. Why can't we have a speed camera like Sandhurst?**

Cameras are managed by Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership (of whom the Police are just one party) and they manage the sites and programme of use. We were only given a van for a few occasions for a limited period. The cameras are prioritised on areas with incidents of Killed or Seriously Injured. Hawkhurst does not meet the threshold for this.

#### **Q2. What is the mix of residents and visitors who speed?**

Very often local, a few years ago Police joined us and 4 out of 5 people stopped were locals.

#### **Q3. Does the mix of speeding vary depending on the amount of time you are recording?**

Very little change in percentages. For example, in March when we did 8 hours of sessions and had 14% excess speeders and 28% speeders and then for April when we only did 3 hours of sessions and had 20% and 28% which showed similar results for different amounts of times observing.

### **Hands of Hope**

#### **Q4. Who owns the land?**

Hands of Hope own the land.

#### **Q5. What is the planning application for?**

The focus will be on the restoration of the wall, gardens and ancillary rooms such as a workshop and meeting space.

#### **Q6. It is an ambitious project how will it be funded?**

We are submitting a Heritage Lottery Fund bid for the majority of the funding but also, seeking funding from trusts and small applications for project money.

If Heritage Lottery Fund is unsuccessful we will take small steps and focus on projects and gradually developing the project.

**Q7. Is Hawkhurst the right place?**

Hands of Hope are originally based in Peasmarsh, but this an excellent opportunity so we went for it. We work in the Weald area, Rother and West Kent.

**Q8. How many parking spaces will there be?**

We applied for 10 car parking spaces, it will be by appointment rather than just turn up.

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**Q9. You are required to have an AGM, are you having one?**

Yes, in September 2019, we will promote it widely.

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**Q10. Where will the new Community Hall be built?**

King George V Playing Field, we will retain both football pitches and tennis courts (MUGA) and have a new play area.

**Q11 Why there?**

We are aware that the preference is for a site near Highgate. But none are available, for instance All Saints is being developed into flats and no other sites are available. So being pragmatic, we own King George V and have had previous permission to develop a community hall so we can deliver something for the village.

**Q12. What about the Golf Club site?**

In the public exhibition they indicated a parcel of land behind the VETS, which is not very suitable and any site linked to development is not a given, especially with the level of local opposition to such developments in Hawkhurst. We would accept land but could look to use it for some other community use.

**Q13. What is the design?**

We agreed a brief, based upon consultation, and are going to architects, when we have a draft design we will have public exhibition and consultation to feed into the final design.

**Q14. How much will it cost and how will it be paid for?**

We do not know the cost until we have the final design. It will be a mix of capital funding, grants and loans. We will hold a referendum if it impacts on the Council precept.

**Q15. Will All Saints Church have any affordable flats?**

It is only for 7 flats, so is not required to affordable flats and is unlikely

**Q16. Why are TWBC planning ignoring the Hawkhurst NDP? It was a waste of time and money?**

The Planning Department recognise that it is the most up to date piece of planning policy that they have. However due to a borough wide shortfall of housing supply – they need to have 5 years and they currently do not – this overrides the Hawkhurst NDP. Having said that, since the NDP was adopted Heartenoak is the first site to be agreed due to the lack of a 5-year housing supply. So the NDP is helping to restrict some development.

**Q17. Where is the Medical practice going to be?**

Hawkhurst Parish Council cannot decide that, it will be down to West Kent CCG (who oversee the GP's Practices) and TWBC. The Parish Council position is in the NDP and is adjacent to Hawkhurst Community Hospital to help protect the Hospital. Last year West Kent CCG indicated that they were considering a number of sites and it would come forward with TWBC Local Plan.

**Q18. Could it be located with the new community hall?**

Potentially, but it would be complicated and potentially impact on the trust operation. West Kent CCG did not indicate that they were interested last year and have not approached the Parish Council about it.

**Q19. When are the pot holes going to be sorted out.**

KCC Cllr Sean Holden stated that they have increased the budget and filled in 49,000 potholes but everyone says “not near me they haven’t”. It is an ongoing problem.