

# HAWKHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## STRATEGY, ADMINISTRATION AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE MINUTES



**17th February 2020**

**Present:** Cllr Taylor-Smith, Cllr Weeden, Cllr Pyne, Cllr Lusty, Cllr Green and Cllr Blake

- 1. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING:** NA
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** NA
- 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** *To receive notice of personal interests, whether of a prejudicial nature or otherwise, in respect of items on this agenda, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.* NA
- 4. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING** – Proposed by Cllr Taylor-Smith, seconded by Cllr Lusty and approved unanimously.
- 5. Community Grant Awards** – The Committee consider the applications and after a discussion recommended to Council the following;

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Hawkhurst in Bloom	In Bloom 2020	£1,000	In principle yes, but needs to form a Partnership
Tunbridge Wells Counselling Service	Support Service	£200	Supports service and should promote within Hawkhurst
Hawkhurst Community Trust 2018	Community Fridge	£550	In principle but need to clarify operation
Hawkhurst Community Speedwatch	New improved cameras	£0	Felt this was a KCC function
Royal British Legion	Silent Sailor and Silent Airman	£140	Support remembrance day
Community Poppy Knitters	VE Day Celebrations	£250	Coordinating village celebrations for VE day
Hands of Hope	Compost Loo	£0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2,140</b>	

The funding available for allocation is £2,350, if the £2,140 proposed is agreed this would leave £210 unallocated.

6. **FOWLERS CAR PARK UPDATE** – The Committee felt that progress by KCC was painfully slow. That the Clerk should follow up with Cllr Taylor-Smith via KCC officers and Cllr Holden and offer to do the work for a fee if that would speed up the work.  
Secondly, that Hawkhurst Parish Council should enquire about long term management of the site for £1 as this would be better value / service to the tax payer.
7. **COUNCIL’S VAT REGISTRATION** – Clerk to seek further clarification on new build VAT implications.
8. **COMMUNITY ASSET REGISTER** – The Clerk explained that there is a relatively simple process of registering a site as a Community Asset, via the Community Right to Bid process

This means if the landowner is going to sell then the Parish Council would have six weeks to submit an intention to bid and a further six months to submit a bid.

The Committee recommended to Council that the Council should submit a Community Right to Bid form to TWBC for Fowlers Car Park and Northgrove Car Park and could consider a number of other sites.

Cllr Taylor-Smith suggested that we should search Land Registry for unregistered strips of land in the Parish and register them under Hawkhurst Parish Council name. The Clerk explained that he would ask the surveyor of Copt hall if they could do this.

Cllr Taylor-Smith proposed and Councillor Lusty seconded, that we should search Land Registry for unregistered strips of land in the Parish and register them under Hawkhurst Parish Council name.

9. **SAP ACTION PLAN** – attached, progressing well.
10. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS:** None
11. **CONFIDENTIAL:** *Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of the following items:*
12. **SOCIAL DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION** – the Committee discussed the social demographic information.
13. **CEMETERY REFURBISHMENT PROJECT** – the Committee discussed the cemetery refurbishment project.
14. **CLOSURE:** 9:00pm

Chairman of the Committee.....