

# HAWKHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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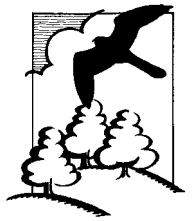
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## Parish Basic Allowance Hawkhurst Parish Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003 REG 30

Hawkhurst Parish Council gives notice that:

Hawkhurst Parish Council has decided to pay Parish Basic Allowance at £329 per annum. To be available to all elected councillors of the Parish Council (per regulation 25). Under Regulation 32, a Member may elect in writing to forgo all or any part of this entitlement.

In reaching this decision Hawkhurst Parish Council had regard to the recommendations of the report of the Parish Remuneration Panel and in particular:

- The allowance for Hawkhurst Parish Council should be 6% of the basic allowance for Tunbridge Wells Councillors. The current award for Tunbridge Wells Councillors is £5500 so that the award is therefore £330pa.
- That no additional chairman allowance should be paid.
- That travel expenses should be paid at the same rate as paid to Tunbridge Wells Councillors and officers of the Council which is at the HMRC approved rate. Travel within the Hawkhurst Parish shall not be remunerated.
- That no allowances are paid for subsistence except if parish councillors are required to attend meetings outside the Tunbridge Wells area when subsistence allowances shall be on the same basis as that awarded to Tunbridge Wells Councillors.
- The Panel is not allowed to recommend children or dependent person allowances.

Had it been possible to recommend children or dependent person allowances the panel would have recommended that this was paid at the same rate as that for Borough council members. Had a children or dependent allowance been permitted the panel would have considered awarding a basic allowance of nil as they are of the view that despite the regulations the practice, custom and expectation throughout Kent is that parish councillors are volunteers.

The full report of the Parish Remuneration Panel is available to read at the Parish Office or on the Parish Council website at <http://hawkhurst-pc.gov.uk>

Councillor Mike Appelbe has decided to take the Parish Basic Allowance for 2020/2021.

11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Richard Griffiths, Clerk to the Parish Council.