

Reports in July 2020

Item 7.7 Hawkhurst Business Recovery plan – Cllr Taylor-Smith

The draft Hawkhurst Business Recovery Plan is attached in **Appendix A**, it aims to bring together the authorities and local business to support businesses through these challenging times – it also sets out some longer term aspirations.

The aim is to have a virtual meeting with TWBC and the business in the near future to clarify a way forward.

Item 7.8 Walking and cycling report – Cllr Cory

We are seeking to improve walking and cycling, partly by reducing speeding traffic and making the roads safer. The draft Walking and cycling report is attached in **Appendix A**.

If the report is approved, it is proposed to set aside £200 from the Village Fund for “speed awareness / slow down stickers / signs” around the village.

Item 7.9 Community Right to Bid – Hawkhurst Golf Course – Cllr Green

Introduction

Under the Localism Act 2011. Parish Council can submit a Community Bid on a parcel of land / asset within the Parish to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. TWBC assess the community bids against national criteria. If successful, the parcel of land / asset is listed on the register of community assets.

If the land owner decides to sell, the Council must be notified and has the right to submit a bid within six months. The Community Right to Bid guidance notes are attached in **Appendix A** of this report.

The review of potential community assets in Hawkhurst has highlighted several opportunities. The key issue is “community value”, which is defined as:

- The principle use of the asset currently, or in the recent past, has furthered the social well-being or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community, and;
- This will continue to further the social wellbeing or interest of the local community.

Hawkhurst Golf Club – The High Street, Hawkhurst, TN18 4JS

Hawkhurst Golf Club is the largest leisure and recreational facility in the village and has been a well-established facility for a number of years. It recently closed. Therefore, the Parish Council would like to the opportunity to protect the leisure and recreation facilities but also the land which is within the AONB, see attached **Appendix B**

Note for each bid submitted there is a small fee to be paid to Land Registry for title documents, currently £7 per bid.

Proposal

To submit a Community Right to Bid for Hawkhurst Golf Club.

Item 7.10 Hawkhurst “Great British September Clean”

It is proposed that Hawkhurst Parish Council organise a community litter pick / clean up as part of the national effort, between the 11th and 27th September 2020 and that Cllr Pyne should take the lead