

Throop and Holdenhurst Village Council

FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

1st December 2021 – 7:00pm

Village Hall, Holdenhurst Village Road, Dorset BH8 0EE

Present: Cllr S R Fisher (Chair), Cllr. L W Sabih (Vice Chair), Cllr T Blackmore, Cllr N J Corcoran, Cllr J-A Houldey and Cllr M J Waters

P Biles (Clerk)

Cllr Philip Broadhead (Deputy Leader – BCP Council)

1. Apologies for Absence (079/21)

Apologies received from Cllr B Storrs.

2. Declarations of Interest (080/21)

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (081/21)

The minutes for the meeting held on 20th October 2021 were approved.

4. Announcements (082/21)

The Chair welcomed the new Parish Clerk, Philip Biles, and wished him well in his new role.

The Chair read a request from Hurn Parish Council highlighting a planning application for a solar farm at Parley. Application No. 8/21/1067/FUL. Written observations from the public need to be made by 21st January 2022.

The Chair announced that Throop and Holdenhurst Village Council are invited by BCP Council to attend a workshop for the Local Plan on 21st January 2022.

5. Public Participation (083/21)

Deferred to agenda item 14. Cllr Philip Broadhead to take questions.

6. Public Questions (084/21)

Proposed Burial Ground – Muscliffe Lane. Council received a question outside the meeting and as a result clarification was sought from BCP Council to which a response was received in relation to the proposed burial ground. The Head of Bereavement Services and Crematoria at BCP Council confirmed there may be a future planning application.

7. Questions from Councillors (085/21)

There were no questions from Councillors.

8. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting (086/21)

Queen's Jubilee Trees and War Memorial – Cllr Corcoran asked if Council could work more closely with BCP Council to progress matters. Cllr Broadhead said he would look into it.

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5G / Fibre Broadband – Cllr Blackmore has been in touch with BCP Council on the issue of receiving 5G and Fibre City services to the parish. BCP understand local concerns and will provide further updates. Cllr Broadhead said, of the Parish's concerns, he would 'feed into the smart city team as well'.

9. Update on Events and Interest to the Parish (087/21)

A The Local Area Forum meeting at BSG on 28th October 2021

- Cllrs Houldey, Corcoran, and Fisher attended the Forum. Julian McLoughlin (transport director BCP council) updated the forum on the city transport initiative and the progress of the cycling superhighway.
- Cllr Borthwick (BCP and ward councillor) was asked about the suitable alternative natural green space (SANG) and why he had voted in favour of it when there were hundreds of objection comments on the planning application from his ward constituents.
- Cllr Fisher, Chair of THVC updated the Forum on the activities of the new village council and took questions from the meeting.

B The Stour Valley Master Plan

The chair provided a short overview of the Stour Valley Plan. Funding for this project -nearly £1M -has been sourced from Heritage Lottery Funds via the Parks Foundation. The chair had hoped that an open workshop day for locals to discuss the local proposals would have been confirmed by the meeting but was still awaiting confirmation. (Subsequently confirmed a 29th January in Holdenhurst Village Hall)

C Neighbourhood watch

Holdenhurst's neighbourhood watch co-ordinator provided a brief update on the success of the launch and low level of incidents so far

10. Public Consultation, BCP Rights of Way Improvement Plan Response (088/21)

Approved: The Clerk is to write to BCP with a response from council to the consultation and to include reference to the lack of traffic calming measures.

11. BCP Climate Emergency Policies – Local Plan – COP26 THVC Response (089/21)

Item deferred

12. Parish administrative and record keeping arrangements (090/21)

Approved: Clerk asked to procure laptop, printer, and associated items to a value of £600.00.

13. Parish Website – Develop community engagement to promote local events and activities – submissions to be made to the Clerk (091/21)

Approved: Clubs and event content to be submitted to the Clerk to be promoted as local community engagement.

14. Cllr. P Broadhead, Deputy Leader of the Council and portfolio Holder for Development, Growth and Regeneration to present BCP current thinking and strategy and answer questions (092/21)

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Cllr Broadhead talked about the need to form a closer working relationship with parish councils. He touched on the consultation for the BCP local plan. He encouraged local councils and communities to engage with the plan and submit feedback on any issues raised.

Cllr Broadhead took questions on a variety of topics. Questions included the future of Wessex fields interchange and the continuing threat to the greenbelt and Holdenhurst Village if a new road was constructed into the Parish. Cllr Broadhead told the audience that BCP had a two-tier Green Belt policy, the higher level being highly protected, and a lower level which would have less automatic protection and indicated that the Parish was potentially in the latter less protected category. A detailed question was asked about the legal protection of the environment and net gain of biodiversity in the SANG as required by its planning permission which did not illicit a clear response. Cllr Broadhead also responded when asked about what BCP was doing in practical terms about the BCP declared Climate Change Emergency.

15. Resolution to exclude the press and public (093/21)

Approved: Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960 it was proposed that because of the confidential nature of the business transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following items.

16. Allotment Matters – Lease and legal issues (094/21)

Discussed in Exempt Meeting

17. Parish Budget matters 2022-3 (095/21)

Discussed in Exempt Meeting

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Signed by Chairman