

Throop and Holdenhurst Village Parish Council

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Holdenhurst Noticeboard

Report to Parrish Council Members

1. Background:

- 1.1 At its meeting on 28/07/2021 the Vice-Chair proposed that the Village Council consider purchasing a second parish noticeboard to be sited within the Holdenhurst Village area of the Parish. The existing statutory noticeboard, donated to the new parish by the Throop Village Conservation Group, is located within the Throop Village area. The Village Council determined that a second noticeboard should be purchased if possible, but were not in a position to agree details concerning the noticeboard style, costs and specific siting as the necessary research regarding these matters was still in progress.
- 1.2 Whilst statutorily there is only a requirement for one such noticeboard within the parish, the geography/boundary of the parish is such that the two villages of Throop and Holdenhurst happen to be situated at the furthest distance from each other making access for Holdenhurst residents more difficult than is desirable. Representation has also been received from a number of Holdenhurst residents to have a second board sited closer to their village and preferably on the Holdenhurst Village Green.
- 1.3 Arrangements for ensuring that information, certainly statutory information and/or notices, are consistently displayed on both boards at the same time will need to be put in place.
- 1.4 When considering the detail of the second noticeboard, it is important to take into consideration factors such as to its necessity, its cost (the existing Statutory Noticeboard having been donated) and whether or not there are good reasons for the noticeboard to be of the same style and quality as the existing board as well as whether or not the costs should be fully funded by the Village Council. Consultation so far undertaken suggests that there is a desire to see a similar type of noticeboard to the statutory one situated in Throop and it is believed that this would cost in the region of £1,500.
- 1.5 As was the case with the Statutory noticeboard sited in Throop village, the land involved when siting a board in Holdenhurst village is owned by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council. The Village Council must therefore obtain BCP's agreement before the noticeboard can be erected and there is also likely to be a cost involved in erecting the board.

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2. Proposal:

2.1 The following actions need to be undertaken as follows:

- a) Obtain estimates in respect of the purchasing and siting of a second noticeboard based upon the agreed overall size, style and materials to be used.
- b) Seek authority from Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council concerning the siting of the noticeboard on Council land, preferably the Holdenhurst village green.
- c) Submit a report, including costs, to the next Village Council meeting for final agreement and seeking delegation to the Village Clerk to deal with any final arrangements and associated financial transactions on behalf of the Village Council.
- d) Undertake any further resident consultation/communication identified as necessary.

3. Recommendations:

3.1 Consider the actions/approach outlined above and Delegate authority to the Village Clerk to:-

- 3.1.1 Liaise with Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council to identify and agree the use of a suitable site for erecting a second parish noticeboard, preferably the Holdenhurst Village Green. Identify any additional BCP Council requirements and any associated costs involved.
- 3.1.2 If possible, obtain three quotes for the purchase of the Noticeboard.
- 3.1.3 Confirm the level of resident support for the proposals and advise the Council of any associated information or feedback from residents.
- 3.1.4 Prepare and submit a report to the Village Council with final proposals for agreement, including final costs and seeking appropriate delegation to the to deal with any final arrangements and associated financial transactions on behalf of the Village Council.