

Throop and Holdenhurst Village Parish Council

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Throop Village War Memorial

Report to Parish Council Members

1. Background:

- 1.1 At its meeting on 28/07/2021 a request was received from a Throop resident for the Village Council to consider erecting a suitable War Memorial within the Throop Village area. Historically there has been a War Memorial sited in a Church within the Village but its location is now unknown and the church has become a private dwelling.
- 1.2 Interest in replacing the memorial has been voiced by a number of local residents who can re-call the original and, although one exists in Holdenhurst Village, there is a strength of feeling that it would be appropriate and desirable for the Parish to commission and place another within the Throop Village area.
- 1.3 A suitable War memorial provides an appropriate reminder of the sacrifice made by those who lost their lives in the service of their Country. It provides a focal point for people to pay their respects on Remembrance Day and demonstrates a communities on-going appreciation of an important element of its local history.
- 1.4 The land involved for the siting of any memorial, although within the parish, is owned by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council and therefore the Village Council must obtain BCP's agreement before any Memorial/Monument can be erected. The intention will be to obtain agreement to a suitable site within the Throop Village area of the Parish.

2. Proposal:

- 2.1 Costs in respect of the purchasing and siting of a War Memorial will need to be ascertained and it is therefore important to determine its overall size and the material to be used. Consultation so far undertaken suggests that a suitably worded plaque mounted upon a stone base might provide a cost effective but respectful memorial. At this stage therefore research is focused on this style.
- 2.2 When available the final details of the proposal will be consulted upon via the Village Council's website as well as by any other means of communication considered appropriate. Initial consultation has been via a working party of parish residents and via the website and face-book page.
- 2.3 Once prepared a final report will be submitted to the next available Village Council Meeting and, if agreed, arrangements will be made to obtain and erect the memorial, hopefully in February/March 2022. Detailed arrangements for publicising the memorial, its siting and dedication will also be decided at that time.

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3. Actions required:

- 3.1 Agree with Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, a suitable site for a War Memorial of the type and style suggested in Section 2 of this report.
- 3.2 Ascertain the costs involved including the purchase of the materials i.e., the stone and the mounting of a plaque with appropriate wording.
- 3.3 Publicise the proposal to confirm residents support and to assist in deciding upon the exact location for the Memorial.
- 3.4 Present the final proposal, including costs, to the Village Council for agreement and confirmation of arrangements for the Memorials' erection.

4. Recommendations:

- 4.1 Agree the actions/approach outlined above in Section 2 and Delegate authority to the Village Clerk to:-
 - 4.1.1 Liaise with Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council to identify a suitable site for erecting a War Memorial and obtain BCP's approval, together with ascertaining any additional requirements and any associated costs involved.
 - 4.1.2 Obtain three quotes for the purchase and erection of the Memorial.
 - 4.1.3 Confirm the level of resident support for the proposals and advise the Council of any associated information or feedback from residents.
 - 4.1.4 Submit a report to the Village Council with final proposals for agreement, including costs.