

Throop and Holdenhurst Village Council

**FULL COUNCIL MINUTES**

12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – 7:00pm

Village Hall, Holdenhurst Village Road, Dorset BH8 0EE

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

P Biles (Clerk)

Public attendance - 4

**1. Apologies for Absence (096/21)**

Apologies received from Cllr L W Sabih

**2. Announcements (097/21)**

The Chair announced, with regret, that Cllr Billy Storrs has resigned as a Councillor and that we are awaiting the next steps from BCP.

The Chair announced that there will be Stour Valley public workshop taking place in the Village Hall on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 conducted by a consultancy group called Land Story.

The Chair then read out the main points of an email from Land Story to explain it further – copy available from clerk upon request.

The Chair announced that the parish councillors have been invited to participate in a Zoom presentation concerning the BCP local plan. This is due to take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January (1.00pm – 3.00pm).

**3. Declarations of Interest (098/21)**

No declarations of interests

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (099/21)**

Minutes agreed and signed by Chair.

**5. Public participation (100/21)**

No matters were raised by members of the public present at the meeting.

**6. Matters Arising / Clerks report(101/21)**

- a) The clerk referred to 3 reports, copies of which had been previously circulated to council members.

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Further comments were invited from Councillors before seeking agreement to the report's recommendations as follows:

### **Report 1 - Holdenhurst Notice Board**

Council resolved to delegate authority to the clerk to-

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.
2. Identify any additional BCP Council requirements and any associated costs involved.
3. If possible, obtain three quotes for the purchase of the Noticeboard.
4. Confirm the level of resident support for the proposals and advise the Council of any associated information or feedback from residents.
5. Prepare and submit a further report to the Village Council with final proposals for agreement, including costs and seeking appropriate delegation to deal with any final arrangements and associated financial transactions on behalf of the Village Council.

Proposed by Cllr T Blackmore, Seconded by Cllr N J Corcoran

**Vote- Unanimous**

### **Report 2 - The Queens Jubilee Trees**

Council resolved to delegate authority to the clerk to-

1. liaise with Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council to identify suitable sites for commemorative tree planting and to obtain the necessary approval for the Village Council to use BCP land.
2. Obtain three quotes for the purchase and planting of two suitable trees.
3. Submit a further report to the Village Council with recommendations for completing the project, advising on any resident feedback and including details of all associated costs and funding requirements requiring final approval.

Proposed by Cllr N J Corcoran, seconded by Cllr M J Waters

**Vote- Unanimous**

### **Report 3 - War Memorial**

Council resolved to delegate authority to the clerk to-

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.

2. Obtain three quotes for the purchase and erection of the Memorial.
3. Confirm the level of resident support for the proposals and advise the Council of any associated information or feedback from residents.
4. Submit a further report to the Village Council with final proposals for agreement, including costs.

Proposed by Cllr T Blackmore, seconded by Cllr M J Waters

**Vote- Unanimous**

**b) The Bus Consultation- Ref (057/21)**

The Chair reported that, following the Parish Council's request for an extension to the consultation timetable, she had received notification that an extension would not be possible. Unfortunately, the consultation period is now over.

**7. Public Questions (102/21)**

The Clerk confirmed that he had not received any letters from members of the public and there were no written questions requiring a response at the meeting

**8. Update on councils' response to BCP Rights of Way Improvement plan (103/21)**

A written response was sent to BCP on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2021 ref (088/21). A copy of the response is available from the clerk upon request.

**9. Request clerk to investigate costs of including 'Mailchimp, and 'Survey Monkey' In Aubergine contract(104/21)**

The Clerk informed councillors of the reason for considering using Mail Chimp and Survey Monkey as part of the council's communication strategy.

The Clerk also reported that there are good reasons for using its existing website provider, Aubergine to manage the system once installed in order to ensure consistency of use as well as data compliance.

After brief discussions the council resolved to ask the clerk to prepare a report on survey monkey and mail chimp for consideration at its next meeting. The report should also seek delegation to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, to progress arrangements as soon as possible. The report should also contain any advice concerning the need for any changes to the Council's communication strategy and/or Social Media policy.

**10. Budget and precept 2022-2023 (105/21)**

The Clerk referred to the budget report previously circulated to Village Council members and the Chair sought confirmation from the councillors that they are in agreement with its content and recommendations.

Following the Village Council agreeing its budget, the Clerk will notify BCP of the village councils precept requirement for 2022-2023 This has to be done by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

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The Village Council extended their appreciation and thanks to Cllr Waters for the production of the report.

The Village Council resolved to-

1. Agree the Throop and Holdenhurst Village Council budget for 2022-23.
2. Agree the required precept for 2022-23 is set at £10,030.
3. Note that the required precept has been reduced overall from 2021-22.

Proposed by Cllr M J Waters, seconded by Cllr T Blackmore

**Vote- Unanimous**

Meeting closed at 7.51pm.

Signed by Chair.....23/02/2022.....