

Throop and Holdenhurst Village Parish Council

Commemorating the Queens Platinum Jubilee

Report to Village Council

1. Background:

- 1.1 At its meeting on 12/01/2022 the Village Council received a report concerning a proposal for commemorating the Queens Platinum Jubilee.
- 1.2 At that meeting the Village Council resolved to:
- a) Consider a final report concerning the purchase of two trees as part of the Villages celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee this year and to,
 - b) Delegate authority to the Village Clerk to:-
 - i) 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.
 - ii) Obtain three quotes for the purchase and planting of two suitable trees.
 - iii) Submit a 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.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to update the Council on the progress made and to seek approval to complete the project. This report informs the council of the costs involved and seeks agreement to meet these costs from council funds. The council is also recommended to delegate authority to the Clerk to undertake the required tasks and financial transactions on behalf of the Council as detailed in the report.

2. Actions undertaken.

- 2.1 The Throop and Holdenhurst Village greens are owned and managed by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP) and a meeting was therefore arranged on 2nd February 2022, to discuss the possibility of the Village Council being permitted to plant a commemorative tree on each green.
- 2.2 The meeting was attended by Clerk, the Chair and Vice Chair and the Operations Manager of BCP.

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- 2.3 As a result of the discussion, it was evident to the Village Council's representatives that there would be significant financial and practical advantages in seeking assistance from BCP in supplying and planting the required trees. Once planted a local volunteer will need to be tasked with regularly watering the trees until they are fully established.

3. Final Proposals.

- 3.1 The following proposals are now put forward for the final agreement of the Village Council:

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- BCP to undertake a Cable Avoidance Tool check before excavating.
- Planting to include 3 stakes, tree guard and irrigation pipe
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- 3.2. In addition to the above two commemorative plaques with stakes, are required in either brushed aluminium effect or rose gold effect with clear printed graphic in black text. The cost for these is £106.40 (£88.88 plus VAT).

4. Recommendations:

- 4.1. Subject to the views of the Village Council, members are asked to consider and agree the report and resolve to delegate authority to the Clerk to:
- a) Contract with BCP council for the supply and planting of two trees as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of this report at a cost to the council of £400.80.
 - b) Obtain two commemorative plaques as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of this report at a cost to the council of £106.40
 - c) Publicise the initiative and village councillors of feedback and recommendations concerning the actual event date and final details.