

Throop and Holdenhurst Village Council  
**FULL COUNCIL MINUTES**

6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 7:00pm

Village Hall, Holdenhurst Village Road, Dorset BH8 0EE

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

P Biles (Clerk)

Public attendance- 7

### **1. Apologies for Absence (126/22)**

Apologies received from Cllr J-A Houldey and Cllr P Hall

### **2. Announcements (127/22)**

The Clerk advised that THVC had submitted the BCP Local Plan Issues and Options response with the Statements added to the Pins put on the Interactive Map.

The Chair announced that The Village Council will be creating and distributing an information leaflet to the residents of Throop and Holdenhurst within the next two months. The content will include a request for residents to sign up to the newsletter on the website ( [www.throopholdenhurst-pc.gov.uk](http://www.throopholdenhurst-pc.gov.uk) ), advertising the upcoming Platinum Jubilee Parties and requesting volunteers and any relevant issue/occasion that may be of interest at the time of publishing. There is a budget for the leaflet drop.

The Chair announced, for information, that a letter had been received from BCP regarding Local Heritage Sites in Non-Conservation areas and as such doesn't affect Throop and Holdenhurst.

The Chair also announced, for information, that the Clerk had written to BCP regarding communication about BCP's City Bid and it was confirmed that no communication had been sent to Throop and Holdenhurst Village Council.

The Chair announced that following the resolution of item of 8. SANG – Report Regarding the BCP Cabinet Public Report-'Development of the Throop Nature Park- 9th March 2022' (124/21) she had arranged a preliminary informal meeting with BCP officers to discuss practical way forward to achieve the aims of this unanimous decision. At this meeting, together with the Clerk, a well-known local ecologist and two BCP officers, it was agreed to set up a series of structured meetings over the coming months to discuss the progress of the SANG. ( cross ref 6 Matters arising (131/22).

There were some concerns about the content of the Chairs announcement and the status of the meeting. There was also concern expressed that there had been no prior communication with a number of councillors, and it appeared that a related task, delegated to the Clerk at the council's previous meeting, had not been carried out.

### **3. Declarations of Interest (128/22)**

No declarations of interest raised.

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At this point, the Clerk asked the Chair to pass a resolution to allow Cllr Hall to sign his acceptance of office at the next meeting due to his enforced absence due to illness and pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 Section 83(4).

Proposed by Cllr T Blackmore, Seconded by Cllr. L W Sabih

Vote- Unanimous

#### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (129/22)**

Minutes agreed and signed by Chair

#### **5. Public Questions (130/22)**

No questions were raised by the public.

The Chair reminded the public that they can ask questions at the meetings by giving notice to the Clerk no later than 12 noon on the working day prior to the meeting. The question stated in the notice shall be the question asked at the meeting. ( The Chair will call on those wishing to speak for a maximum of 4 minutes. Those wishing to speak shall state their name and address).

For information, the Clerk explained that the emails received from members of the public include broken Gas Lamps, works in Yeomans Road, especially the 'pinch point', that have been responded to and answers fed back to interested parties.

#### **6. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting (131/22)**

Update on the SANG -Report Regarding the BCP Cabinet Public Report-'Development of the Throop Nature Park- 9th March 2022' (124/21) where Council resolved to delegate authority to the Village Clerk to:

a) Write to BCP Council acknowledging the positiveness of this statement and welcoming the opportunity of working constructively with BCP Council in future on the SANG.

b) Request more details from BCP Council regarding their specific plans, including timescales for working constructively with Throop and Holdenhurst Village Council.

Cross ref item 2- Announcements (127/22).

The clerk, wrote to Mr Whitchurch BCP and suggested that regular meetings could be beneficial to both parties, Mr Whitchurch agreed.

Meeting dates have been agreed as follows-

Tuesday 26th April 2.00pm

Tuesday 21st June 2.00pm

Tuesday 26th July 2.00pm

Tuesday 20th September 2.00pm

Tuesday 1st November 2.00pm

The Venue has yet to be agreed. Further updates will follow.

## **7. Clerks Report (132/22)**

The Clerk explained that the 31<sup>st</sup> of March was the end of the financial year, and the accounts were to be closed and the Bank account reconciled. The report is on the website.

The cost of the Jubilee Trees and the Holdenhurst Noticeboard have been earmarked as the invoices for these items agreed in the previous year will be invoiced for in the current year.

The Clerk also introduced a report to show the Councils expenditure versus the Budget. Overspends were explained and the report is on the website.

## **8. NALC-Smaller Local Council Letter (133/22)**

The Chair introduced a letter received from NALC regarding their committee specifically dedicated to smaller local Councils and the issues that may be encountered and how they may help.

Councillors to consider the NALC letter( 11th March 2022) content and resolve to delegate the clerk to write to NALC confirming THVC support for their Smaller Local Council Committee and will raise issues with the committee as they arise.

Proposed- Cllr N J Corcoran, Seconded- Cllr M J Waters

Vote- Unanimous

## **9. War Memorial Report (134/22)**

The Clerk introduced a report, clarifying the background of the report and to update Council on the actions that have been taken in respect of providing a suitable War Memorial for Throop.

The report was broken down into three sections, Location, Wording and the Memorial itself for voting purposes.

After lengthy and involved discussions, the votes were cast, and results agreed-

Location - On the Green, in front of the Throop Notice Board ( Facing the noticeboard/Path).

Wording-“Dedicated to those from Throop who sacrificed their lives in conflict - Lest We Forget”

War Memorial- Obelisk Portland stone 4ft x 2ft x 1.5ft circa £5000

The Memorial chosen is priced at a level that the Council cannot, by itself, fund the entire cost.

It was proposed to delegate authority to the Village Clerk to make the appropriate arrangements to publicise, request feedback and look into the possibility of a fundraising scheme for the chosen War Memorial to enable its purchase and installation.

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

Vote- Unanimous

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**10. Longbarrow Allotments (135/22)**

Update unavailable as no response from letter to BCP prior to the meeting. Will carry forward to the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

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