

Throop and Holdenhurst Village Parish Council

Hicks Farm, Throop Development

Report to Parish Council Members

1. Background:

Hicks Farm, Throop lies at the heart of Throop Conservation Area (Designated 08/04/1975) which is within the Green Belt CS37 (Core Strategy 37) which specifies 'It will continue to protect the identities of the villages of Throop and Holdenhurst'.

Historically, and referenced in Holdenhurst Mother of Bournemouth by Kathleen M Chilver 1956, the sketch map of 'Holdenhurst Parish previous to 1845' there are three hamlets along the banks of the Stour which are named from West to East as Muscliffe, Muccleshell and Throop.

This clearly demonstrates the historically and geographically distinctive nature of these settlements and makes clear that Muccleshell lies between and separates Muscliffe from Throop.

THVC notes the recent refusal of National Heritage Funds for BCP's project at Hicks Farm, Throop.

Following recent correspondence between THVC Clerk and BCP it is noted that Senior Planning Officer Laura Bright acknowledges that in CS36 it is misleading to talk about 'Hicks Farm Muscliffe' when referring to land which is substantially within Throop.

2. Proposal:

THVC to resolve that this misdescription within CS36 is formally corrected by BCP before any further re-submission is made to the National Lottery Fund in relation to Hicks Farm, Throop.

THVC to resolve that any other factual errors in the recent BCP/ HLF submission should be corrected before any further re-submission is made to the National Lottery Fund.

3. Actions required:

THVC to request that BCP gives formal and prior notice to THVC of any further applications for funding or planning relating to Hicks Farm Throop which will affect our neighbourhood so profoundly.

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4. Recommendations:

Councillors to consider the Hicks Farm, Throop Development Report and resolve to delegate authority to the clerk to write to BCP reminding BCP that THVC are a statutory body and request that BCP gives formal and prior notice to THVC of any further applications for funding or planning relating to Hicks Farm Throop.

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