

Throop and Holdenhurst Village Council
FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

23rd November 2022 – 7:00pm

Village Hall, Holdenhurst Village Road, Dorset BH8 0EE

Present: Cllr S R Fisher (Chair), Cllr N J Corcoran (Vice Chair), Cllr J-A Houldey, Cllr. L W Sabih, Cllr P Hall and Cllr M J Waters

P Biles (Clerk)

Public attendance- 30

1. Welcome from the Chair (199/22)

The Chair welcomed and thanked people for coming to the meeting and explained that Martin Whitchurch (Strategic Lead Greenspace & Conservation- BCP) would be coming to the meeting shortly.

The Chair also encouraged people to sign up for the THVC newsletter on the forms provided in the village hall on the night or sign up later on the website. The link is as follows-

[Newsletter | Throop & Holdenhurst PC \(throopholdenhurst-pc.gov.uk\)](https://throopholdenhurst-pc.gov.uk)

The Chair also asked the people in the meeting hall to complete the survey regarding their preferred name for the SANG- Throop Nature Park or Stour Valley water meadows.

2. Apologies for absence (200/22)

Cllr T Blackmore sent his apologies

3. Announcements (201/22)

1- The Holdenhurst Notice Board now complete and has been installed on the Village Green.

2- The Jubilee Tree has been planted on the Green in Throop along with the tree that was donated in memory of the Queen.

3-War Memorial update- the fund currently stands at £3252.80

4-The two dead/dying trees have now been removed from Holdenhurst Green and special mention was made of one of the trees being, innovatively, being carved into the shape of a small chair which is much appreciated.

4. Declarations of interest(202/22)

None

5. Minutes for the meeting 28th September 2022 (203/22)

Minutes of previous meeting 28th September 2022 were signed by the chair as accurate record of the meeting.

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6. Public participation/Questions (204/22)

None

7. Democratic 15 minutes (205/22)

1. It was asked if the overgrown vegetation(The Hedgerow) could be trimmed back at the corner of Taylor drive / Throop Road to allow drivers to see round the corner easier. The Clerk to contact BCP.
- 2 The brambles at the duck pond, on Throop Green, could be trimmed back and tidied up as it's looking untidy. The Clerk to contact BCP.
3. The gully outside Muccleshell Cottages on Throop Road requires digging out as it's blocked causing flooding as water cannot run away. The Clerk to contact BCP.
4. A question was raised regarding the Winter Gardens being stalled and therefore should the SANG be scrapped and start the process again once BCP know what the new plans may be? It was explained that this has been looked into and the only way the planning can be removed is by a judicial review. It was suggested that the question is raised with Martin Whitchurch later in the evening.
5. Between the Dairy Barn and the River Barn there are leylandii causing blocked drains which causes the roads to flood more readily. The Clerk to contact BCP.
6. The 'blind corner' at the junction of Holdenhurst and Throop Road requires the overgrown vegetation to be cut back to increase visibility for drivers. The Clerk to contact BCP.

8. Matters Arising from previous meeting (206/22)

Updates from Democratic 15 minutes from 28th September 2022 FCM

1. Throop Road – New Path between Woodbury Avenue and the entrance to Longbarrow Allotments- The Clerk to write to BCP and enquire how the site will be finished and how they plan to deal with the 'blind' corner.
BCP Response-....' we found it would only really be feasible for the path to be taken up to but not past the cattery, we believed that the passing place already in situ couldn't be improved upon significantly and that we couldn't do anything on the other side of the road without removing the hedgerow'.
Ref.... 'the blind corner, it would appear that most of what could be achieved would again necessitate removal of hedgerows and verges, which would be detrimental to the character of the village'.
2. Some trees that are overhanging across the footpath to the wooded area near the junction of Lavender Road and Broadway lane. The Clerk to write to BCP to request that the trees concerned are pruned sufficiently. The clerk contacted BCP to alert them of the issue. BCP has now rectified the issue.
3. Mar-Key site on Throop. The clerk has received further communication regarding the oversize structure on the Mar-Key site. The clerk has written to BCP again as the date for its removal/planning application deadline (21/10/22)has passed. Correspondence from BCP received confirms the structure will come down week commencing 28th November
4. Gas Light outside the village hall. Not working. Still awaiting response .

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9. Clerk's Report (207/22)

1- Bank Reconciliation completed 07/11/22

2- The Budget for 2023-24 is currently being prepared. The deadline for submission of the precept request is 31/01/23. The Budget will need to be agreed at the next FCM on the 18th January 2023.

The clerk will share the draft budget information to the councillors for information and comment prior to the FCM on the 18th January.

Correspondence received-

3- An email was received regarding the flooding on Throop Road outside Wood Row. BCP were informed who fixed the problem- a blocked drain situated near No 5.

4- An email was received regarding the top of the streetlight (LED but village gas lamp design) outside 1 Willow Mead was hanging on just by two of the four brackets. BCP were alerted and the issue promptly rectified.

10. Hicks Farm Throop Development.(208/22)

See Hicks Farm Throop Development Report

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.

To request that the 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.

And 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.

Proposed - Cllr J-A Houldey

Seconded- Cllr. L W Sabih

Vote - Unanimous

11. Allotments (209/22)

THVC have formally engaged the solicitors, Wellers Law Group to draw up a lease for the Longbarrow Allotments. They have the documents relating to the allotments that THVC have previously received.

THVC have now received the draft lease which will need to be reviewed by THVC for comment at the next meeting.

The Allotment Working group will meet to review the lease to make recommendations for the next meeting.

The THVC Working Group and the Allotment Committee will then need to meet to discuss the rent, maintenance costs, expectations etc.

The lease will then be submitted to council for agreement.

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The clerk received an email regarding the overgrown vegetation lining the allotments and Throop road reminding THVC that the hedge is THVC's responsibility.

Three quotes for the work of trimming the hedges, sides and top, have been received.

BCP-£385 plus VAT

D. Griffiths- £545 Inc VAT

R. Seare- £100 plus VAT

The clerk recommends Roger Seare at £100 plus VAT.

(The ideal time to cut back the hedges would be Friday 25th November as the road is closed).

Councillors to resolve to delegate authority to the clerk to engage Roger Seare to carry out the work of cutting back the hedges that line Throop Road and the Allotment grounds (roadside only).

Proposed - Cllr J-A Houldey

Seconded - Cllr N J Corcoran

Vote – 5 agree / 1 abstain – Vote Carried.

12. Asset Transfer Policy Document (210/22)

Councillors to consider the response drafted by the working group, led by Cllr Fisher, and delegate the Clerk to submit response to BCP by the deadline date of 25th November 2022.

Proposed- Cllr N J Corcoran

Seconded- Cllr. L W Sabih

Vote- Unanimous

13. Richborough Estates (211/22)

See the Development of the agricultural land within the Conservation Area between Holdenhurst and Townsend Report.

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- resolve to delegate authority to the clerk to write to BCP reminding BCP that THVC is a statutory body and requests that BCP gives formal and prior notice to THVC of any further applications for planning relating to the above proposed development.
- resolve to delegate authority to the clerk to write to Richborough Estates reminding Richborough Estates that THVC is a statutory body and requests that Richborough Estates gives formal and prior notice to THVC of any further applications for planning relating to the above proposed development.

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It was asked that the Richborough Estates resolution be amended as they have yet to apply for planning permission, so the resolution was amended to remove the word 'further' as follows-

- resolve to delegate authority to the clerk to write to Richborough Estates reminding Richborough Estates that THVC is a statutory body and requests that Richborough Estates gives formal and prior notice to THVC of any applications for planning relating to the above proposed development.

Proposed- Cllr. L W Sabih

Seconded- Cllr J-A Houldey

Vote- Unanimous

14. BCP Surveys(212/22)

THVC have received notification of 2 surveys, Green Infrastructure Strategy Engagement and Trees and Woodland Strategy Engagement with a deadline of 5th December 2022. This has not left the council with enough time to agree the content of response prior to submission.

THVC encourage the public to complete the surveys, the links will be put on the THVC website on the notice board section.

<https://haveyoursay.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/trees-woods>

haveyoursay.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/green-strategy

Council to resolve to agree that the two surveys ,Green Infrastructure Strategy Engagement and Trees and Woodland Strategy Engagement , are completed by THVC, agreed by 3 Councillors, and submitted by the deadline date of the 5th December 2022 on the proviso that the responses are in the interest of the parish, factual and non-inflammatory.

Proposed- Cllr J-A Houldey

Seconded- Cllr N J Corcoran

Vote- 5 agree / 1 abstain – Vote Carried.

The Chair encouraged the public to complete these surveys and submit by the deadline date of the 5th December 2022. (Deadline extended to 2nd January 2023 post meeting)

15. Stour Valley Park update (213/22)

Landstory were commissioned (£120K) by BCP/ Parks Foundation to conduct a survey for the development of the Stour Valley Park. Landstory has completed its work and handed its findings to BCP in February 2022 .

The results have been published at [Stour Valley Park](#)

However, Landstory have not published their findings on the section between Longham and Iford, which includes THVC. This is clearly a major omission in this expensive survey.

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Councillors to resolve to delegate the Clerk to write to BCP for the full Landstory report on the section Longham to Iford as this will impact on the response by THVC to the BCP Green and Woodland policy surveys.

Proposed- Cllr. L W Sabih

Seconded- Cllr N J Corcoran

Vote- Unanimous

16. Martin Whitchurch (214/22)

The Chair welcomed Martin Whitchurch and Katie Azulay from BCP, who will address the meeting regarding Hicks Farm and The SANG and take questions from the public and closed the meeting to allow an open forum .

Meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Signed.....