

HURN PARISH COUNCIL

The **Meeting of Hurn Parish Council** was held on **Monday, 10th March 2025** at **Hurn Bridge Sports Club** at **7.30 pm**.

Present:

Cllr Mrs M Phipps, Chairman

Cllr I Evans, Vice Chairman

Cllr H Greenman

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore

Cllr M Cranham.

Mrs N Shaw, Clerk

Mrs L Lucas-Rowe Adventure Wonderland

M Powell Diverse Abilities

1 Resident

27/25 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Mrs L Lucas Rowe and Mr Powell who would be speaking about a planning proposal for Adventure Wonderland.

28/25 APOLOGIES

None.

29/25 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Cllr I Evans proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2025 were a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore and it was **resolved** that they be signed by the Chairman.

30/25 CODE OF CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

The Chairman reminded members of the need to declare their interests at all meetings where matters being discussed, or to be discussed, affected their interests.

31/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr H Greenman left the meeting room. Mrs L Lucas Rowe explained the plans for the Adventure Wonderland site. Adventure Wonderland closed in 2023 due to declining visitor numbers, Covid etc. The Aviation Museum has moved onto part of the site. Some of the land was also used for parking.

In 2023 Mr Powell approached Adventure Wonderland to use the indoor play area for use by Diverse Abilities, a charity he is CEO of. The Treehouse is now used as a facility for children with special needs. Outside they have retained the crazy golf course, trampolines and bouncy castle. The fair ground rides have been removed and there are play areas, go karts and garden zones. These quieter attractions are very popular with children who need a calm and contained environment and one-to-one support.

Discovery Village are using the theatre building for an interactive play facility for small children. A commercial car park was opened in 2022 for airport parking. They submitted a planning application for this in 2024. BCP asked for a planning application to cover the whole site. They are now preparing to submit a planning application for the whole site. Proposed Plans were distributed to Cllrs. These include a new attraction to be called Merritown incorporating the Alice in Wonderland maze, smaller gentler garden led attractions and Discovery Village. The plans also show the various uses of the car park. The former café will reopen and be open to all. Commercial parking will operate on the top two rows (107 vehicles) and will finance improvements to Merritown, the shop, Merritown House etc.

Mr Powell explained the objectives and operation of the Diverse Abilities charity and the benefits it provides to children with special needs and their careers. The facility has been very successful.

Cllr Mrs M Phipps thanked Mrs L Lucas-Rowe and Mrs Powell for their presentations. The Parish Council appreciated them producing a plan proposal for the whole site rather than piecemeal applications. The commercial car parking was potentially the controversial aspect of the plan. She emphasised that the Parish Council would be a Statutory Consultee not the deciding body on any application submitted.

Cllr Mrs M Phipps left the meeting at 7.51 pm. Cllr I Evans took over as Chairman.

Councillors asked questions about the plans. Mr Powell explained that Divisibility was funded by the Local Authority and fund raising. Mrs L Lucas-Rowe explained there would be 450 parking spaces in total. The overflow car park would only be used for “events” and they would be open to there being conditions restricting its use.

Cllr I Evans thanked Mrs L Lucas-Rowe and Mr Powell for taking the time to come and speak to Cllrs.

8.06 pm Cllr H Greenman returned to the meeting.

8.09 pm the meeting reopened.

32/25 MATTERS ARISING

a) Annual Assembly

New Milton Sand and Ballast have agreed to make a presentation at the Annual Assembly. A newsletter is being finalised for distribution. **Remove from the Agenda.**

33/25 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS.

a) Open Spaces: Town Common/Sopley Common/Ramsdown, Hurn Forest:

Issues with cyclist building jumps in Ramsdown have been reported to the Forestry Commission. They have visited the site several times and removed the bike jumps and litter. A CCTV sign has also been put up stating anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. If fires are being lit, this will be pursued further with the police. **Leave on Agenda for May meeting.**

b) Gravel Extraction

Nothing to report. **Leave on Agenda for May meeting.**

c) Roads

Cllr Mrs M Phipps has reported to BCP a caravan parked in the layby outside Hurn Bridge Sports Club. Cllrs commented that the state of Bosley Nursery had improved since the Linwood Timber had been on the site.

Cllr H Greenman reported that BCP Council will be improving the footpath along the River Stour.

Cllr J Jones asked that electric bicycles been ridden dangerously though the village be noted. **Leave on Agenda for May meeting.**

d) Playground

The Annual Inspection has been completed, only low risk issues had been identified. Cllrs thanked Cllr Cranham for looking after the areas so well. **Leave on Agenda for May meeting.**

c) Hurn Bridge Sports Club Lease

Nothing to report. **Leave on Agenda for May meeting.**

d) DAPTC

The hurnparishcouncil.gov.uk website is now live as is the clerk@hurnparishcouncil.gov.uk email address. Vision ICT say that a proxy for Cllrs email address can be set up as previously, but this would cause problems with Data Protection and Freedom of Information. It was agreed to only have the Clerk and chairman@hurnparishcouncil.gov.uk email addresses. **Leave on Agenda for May meeting.**

e) Community Governance Review

Christchurch Town Council have identified another section of land for a boundary change in Hurn Parish. Cllrs were disappointed that Christchurch Town Council had not approached the Parish. It was agreed to discuss this further during the next phase of the consultation. **Leave on Agenda for May meeting.**

f) Devolution

BCP Council voted for the Heart of Wessex proposal. However, this was not included in Phase 1 by the Government. **Leave on Agenda for May meeting.**

34/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

35/25 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was presented. Cllrs discussed the need for a public access defibrillator in the village. The Skittles Club operating out of Hurn Bridge Sports Club has applied for a grant to install one. Cllrs agreed to monitor progress of this.

36/25 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr I Evans commented that he still has not received a response from Inspector Daniel Cullen regarding the Single point of contact meetings with the police. Cllr M Cranham

asked that he highlight dirt bikes being driven through the village dangerously and the riders not wearing helmets, when he does attend a meeting.

37/25 FINANCE

a) **Online payment:**

The following items of expenditure were agreed, Cllr H Greenman proposed,
Seconded by Cllr Mrs J Jones:

- £495.60: to Play Inspection Company for the playground inspection.
- £420.66: to Mrs N Shaw for Clerk's duties and expenses during February 2025:
[27.0 hours @ £15.58/hour = £420.66] + £3.99 expenses, printer ink).
- £52.00: to Vision ICT Ltd for .gov.uk domain.

b) **General:**

Cllr M Cranham agreed to contact Lloyds bank to receive the authorisation card and reader to enable him to access the accounts online.

38/25 SUPPLEMENTARY

None.

39/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th April 2025 the Annual Assembly.

40/25 PLANNING

Planning Application No: 8/25/0073/ADV

Location: Advertisement Millhams Street North Christchurch

Proposal: Advertising signs on various roundabouts in Christchurch.

Cllrs resolved to respond **No Comment** to this application.

Planning Application No: P/25/00043/HOU

Location: 3 Greywell Christchurch BH23 6AJ

Proposal: Enlargement of existing first floor space with new rear facing pitched roof to end gable, complete with new balcony area. Provide cladded support columns at ground floor level. 4x roof lights.

Cllr M Cranham declared an interest and left the meeting.

Cllrs resolved to respond **no objection** to this application.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed: Date: