

## HURN PARISH COUNCIL

The **Meeting of Hurn Parish Council** was held on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025** at **Hurn Bridge Sports Club** at **7.30 pm**.

Present:

Cllr Mrs M Phipps, Chairman

Cllr I Evans

Cllr H Greenman,

Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore

Cllr M Cranham

Anne Colmer, Internal Auditor

Mrs N Shaw, Clerk

### **52/25 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **53/25 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Mrs J Jones.

### **54/25 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Mrs M Phipps informed the meeting that the Dorset Association for Parish and Town Councils had advised that the outgoing Chairman should chair the meeting for the appointment of the new Chairman, even if they are nominated themselves. Cllr Mrs Phipps then stood down as Chairman and asked for nominations for Chairman for the year 2025/2026. Mrs Phipps said she was happy to continue as Chairman. There were no other nominations. Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore proposed that Cllr Mrs Phipps should be re-elected as Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr M Cranham. Voting unanimous.

Cllr M Cranham was nominated as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. Cllr I Evans proposed Cllr M Cranham Vice Chairman seconded by Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore. Voting unanimous.

### **55/24 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following were agreed:

- Tree, Footpath and Bridleways Officer – **Cllr Mrs M Phipps**.
- Airport Consultative Committee and Air Transport Forum – **Cllr Mrs J Jones**. (Deputy: any other Councillor)
- Transport and Waste – **Cllr Mrs M Phipps**
- CPRE and DAPTC representative – **Cllr H Greenman**. (Deputy any other Councillor)
- Playground Officer - **Cllr M Cranham**.
- Flood Warden – **Cllr I Evans**
- Hurn Court Farm Quarry Liaison Group – **Cllr M Cranham**.
- Avon Common Quarry Local Liaison Group – **Cllr I Evans**.
- Police Liaison Officer - **Cllr I Evans**.
- Town Common Steering Group – **Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore**

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- (Deputy: any other Councillor)
- Responsible Financial Officer and Newsletter – **Parish Clerk.**
- Internal Auditor – **Anne Colmer.**

Cllr I Evans proposed that the election of officers be **resolved** and was seconded by Cllr H Greenman. The resolution was passed unanimously.

#### **56/25 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES**

Cllr H Greenman proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 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.

#### **57/25 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.

#### **58/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Meeting Closed at 7.35.

A Resident reported ongoing problems with bikes on Ramsdown and vehicles parking over the entrance to the bridleway. Both the Forestry Commission and the Rural Crime Police were involved. Cllr I Evans agreed to bring the issue up at the next Single Point of Contact meeting with the Police.

The meeting reopened at 7.40.

#### **59/25 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS.**

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

Potential drug taking on Ramsdown has been reported to the Rural crimes officer. It was agreed to continue reporting incidences and to inform Cllr I Evans so he could raise the problem at the Single Point of Contact meetings.

Cllr M Cranham reported that Residents had raised issues with a large camper lorry being lived in by the garages in Moors Close. He agreed to take photographs and keep a record of times and dates etc to enable the concerns to be reported **Leave on Agenda for June meeting.**

##### **b) Gravel Extraction**

Representatives of New Milton Sand and Ballast had presented their plans for an extension to the quarry at the April Annual Assembly. A planning application has been submitted. **Leave on Agenda for June meeting.**

##### **c) Roads**

Mrs H Balkaya Shore has reported issues with e bikes speeding dangerously through the village. **Leave on Agenda for June meeting.**

##### **d) Playground**

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

##### **c) Hurn Bridge Sports Club Lease**

Nothing to report. **Leave on Agenda June meeting.**

**d) DAPTC**

It was agreed the Clerk would follow up progress on a BCP area committee with the DAPTC. **Leave on Agenda June meeting.**

**e) Community Governance Review**

The Draft recommendations were discussed. The recommendations in paragraph 1.6 on page 13 of the recommendations should the transfer of area A from Hurn to Christchurch and area B from Christchurch to Hurn. Cllrs agreed with the recommendations show in paragraph 2.2, p 14, except that area B should transfer from Christchurch to Hurn. Area B should remain within Christchurch. Area B appears to be a public area which Hurn Parish Council does not have the funding to maintain. **Leave on Agenda June meeting.**

**f) Devolution**

The proposed Wessex area was not included in stage 1. **Remove from the Agenda.**

Cllr Mrs M Phipps update Cllrs on the BCP Local Plan. The Inspector said the plan was not sound. BCP had not consulted sufficiently with neighbouring areas to take up the short fall in housing. It is likely a replacement plan will need to be prepared. This plan will need to be prepared in accordance with the new NPPF which has an increased housing requirement. Include the BCP Local plan in the Agenda for June.

**60/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**61/25 CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of correspondence was presented. A briefing has been received from the Environment Agency. They are minded to grant a permit for the MVV ErF/CHP Facility at Canford Resource Park.

**62/25 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Cllr I Evans reported on the Single Point of Contact meeting he attended. He has finally been included on the invite list. He raised the issue of e-bikes being ridden dangerously. The Police are reluctant to intervene in case the rider falls off. Prolific shop lifers are being targeted. The Police are patrolling in Christchurch High Street every other day. If caravans are parked illegally but not causing any trouble they will leave them alone.

**63/25 FINANCE**

**a) Payments:**

The following items of expenditure were agreed, Cllr M Cranham proposed, Seconded by Cllr I Evans:

- £100 to Anne Colmer for Internal Audit (£60 A Colmer and £40 HMRC).
- £75 to Cllr Mrs M Phipps for Chairman's allowance for January, February and March 2025.
- £568.79: to Mrs N Shaw for Clerk's duties and expenses during April 2025: (hours for April 2025 [32.50 hours @ £15.84/hour = £514.80] + £53.99 expenses, printer ink, use of home as office allowance for February, March and April 2025).
- £14.67: to HMRC Employers NI.
- £52 to Information Commissioner's Office Registration renewal.

Hurn Bridge Sports Club have kindly offered to sponsor the refreshments at the Annual Assembly. It was agreed that the Clerk would thank them for their support it was greatly appreciated.

**b) General**

The renewal for the insurance has been received. £770.98 compared to £749.80 last year. Insurance due on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

We have received the Playground Annual Inspection Repeat order form. It will be £513.6 if we accept now, this was agreed.

**c) Annual Accounts**

The total gross income for 2024/25 was £11,408 and the total annual gross expenditure for 2024/25 was £12,148. The certificate of exemption from a limited assurance review was signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Governance Statement was presented. The Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 had been prepared. Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Cllr M Cranham and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore that the Annual Accounts be accepted. This was agreed unanimously and the Council **resolved** that the accounts be signed by the Chairman. The Internal Auditor had signed the Annual internal audit report. The “Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors’ Rights Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025” will be displayed on the noticeboard as required. The Annual Return would be published on the website.

Cllr Mrs M Phipps thanked the Internal Auditor and Clerk for preparing the accounts.

The Financial risk assessment highlighted the risk of cyber-crime. It was agreed the Clerk would ask Vision ICT, the website provider, what protection was in place for the website. The Clerk has obtained the latest template Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. These need to be tailored to the Parish Council.

**64/25 SUPPLEMENTARY**

Jess Ritson, the previous Post Mistress has passed away.

Cllr I Evans reported that cows had been loose on the Avon Causeway. He had tried to inform the farmer, but he was not in. He rang the Police on 101, but there was no answer. He will raise the problem with the 101 service at the next Single Point of Contact meeting.

**65/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**66/25 PLANNING**

Cllr Mrs M Phipps updated Cllrs on problems with the new BCP Council Planning portal. The new system is far inferior to the previous Christchurch system. No weekly lists are distributed, there is no History tab on planning application, requests for extensions of time to respond to applications are not responded to, the specific link

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for the Parish Council to respond to an application does not work. Cllr Mrs M Phipps has been in communication with Wendy Lane, Director of Planning and Transport regarding these issues. Cllr Mrs M Phipps proposed a formal letter of complaint be sent, seconded Cllr H Greenman. Agreed unanimously.

**Application Number:** P/25/009581/TTPO  
**Location:** Aviary Lodge, Matchams Lane, Christchurch, Dorset.  
BH23 6AW  
**Proposal:** T1 Holm Oak. To reduce by 20% all over, back to growth points. To lift crown by 7 metres of lower branches

Councillors resolved to **object to** this application. No arboreal report has been provided. The tree does not appear to be dead, dying or deceased. It is a mature tree of high amenity value, being of good quality and shape. The tree is set well back from the house and should not shade it. The work proposed is excessive and is likely to damage the viability of the tree. The Parish Council would not object to a lower crown lift, to a height agreed by the Tree Officer of less than 5 m from the ground.

**Appeal** APP/V1260/W/25/3364875  
**Application Number:** 8/24/0208/FUL  
**Location:** Land of Christchurch Road West Parley, BH23 6BB.  
**Proposal:** Change of use from agricultural to dog care and erection of associated buildings and infrastructure

Councillors resolved to **object to** this appeal. Cllrs strongly support BCP Council's refusal of this application. No exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated for development within the green belt. Insufficient evidence of need has been demonstrated. The potential noise nuisance from 40 dogs is huge. It will have a major impact on properties on Christchurch Road and special needs students at Portfield School. No reference has been made to lighting which would be inappropriate in the green belt.

Cllr H Greenman declared an interest in the remaining planning application and left the meeting.

**Planning Application No:** P/25/00993/FUL  
**Location:** Theme Park, Merritown Lane, Christchurch, BH23 6BB.  
**Proposal:** Change of use of family theme park to mixed use retail, education and commercial car parking, along with associated infrastructure (signage, ANPR) cameras and columns, cabinet and adverts).

Cllr M Cranham resolved to make a **conditional response** to this application, seconded Cllr I Evans. Cllr Mrs M Phipps abstained. Passed by a majority.  
Cllrs welcomed submission of an application for the whole site and support redevelopment of the theme park and would like to see the attraction succeed. The potentially controversial aspect of the application is the commercial parking. The previous planning application 8/24/01812/ADV was refused. The reasons for refusal

need to be addressed. Any approval of the application must be conditional on the number of commercial parking spaces not being increased or moved onto any other area of the site. The change of use will result in an increase in vehicle movements. Policy 7. of the Hurn Neighbourhood Plan referring to 2 Pegasus crossings applies. The Parish Council ask that any grant of planning be conditional on a contribution towards these crossings.

The meeting closed at 9.38 pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....