

HURN PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of Hurn Parish Council was held on Monday, 9th March 2026 at Hurn Bridge Sports Club at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Mrs M Phipps, Chairman
Cllr M Cranham. Vice Chairman
Cllr I Evans
Cllr H Greenman
Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore
Cllr Mrs J Jones

Nicola Shaw, Clerk
1 Resident

29/26 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

30/26 APOLOGIES

None.

31/26 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Cllr I Evans proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2026 were a true record, this was seconded by Cllr H Greenman and it was **resolved** that they be signed by the Chairman.

32/26 CODE OF CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

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

33/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

34/26 MATTERS ARISING

None.

35/26 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS.

a) Open Spaces: Town Common/Sopley Common/Ramsdown, Hurn Forest:
Nothing to report. **Leave on Agenda for May meeting.**

b) Gravel Extraction

Cllr M Phipps agreed to follow up the donation from New Milton Sand and Ballast.
Leave on Agenda for May meeting.

c) Roads

West Parley contacted Hurn Parish Council regarding a proposal to reduce the speed limit on Christchurch Road and New Road. Cllr Mrs M Phipps contacted Cllr Manuel

to discuss the proposals. As it was not possible to respond before the deadline, details were forwarded to Cllrs to respond individually. **Leave on Agenda for May meeting.**

d) Playground

The annual inspection has been carried out. A few moderate risk items were identified. It was agreed the Clerk would correlate these issues for each play area. **Leave on Agenda for May meeting.**

c) Hurn Bridge Sports Club Lease

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

d) DAPTC & Policies

The Clerk had distributed draft IT, Data Protection and Freedom of Information policies to Cllrs prior to the meeting. These were briefly discussed.

Cllr M Cranham proposed adopting the following policies, 2nd Cllr I Evans:

Data Protection and Data Protection Privacy Policy Notice;

Information Technology Policy

Freedom of Information Policy.

Cllr Mrs J Jones abstained. Agreed by all other Cllrs.

To meet the requirements in the adopted policies each Cllr needs an email address, used just for Council communication. The website/ email provider advised that 2 stage authentication is not required if password protected. Only a limited number of attempts to access the emails will be allowed before it will be blocked. A .gov.uk email address will cost £15 per Cllr. To meet the website accessibility requirements the latest standard must be met. It will cost £145 for Vision ICT Ltd to test the website for accessibility. The Clerk had reviewed the finances; the IT provision budget and contingency would cover the costs. Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore proposed paying for the email addresses and accessibility check, 2nd by Cllr M Cranham. Agreed unanimously.

Cllrs thank the Clerk for all her work producing the Policies. **Leave on Agenda for May meeting.**

e) BCP Council – Local Plan

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

f) BCP Council Local Transport Consultation

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

g) BFS/PPS Dorset/BCP – Provider Survey

The Parish Council did not have enough information to respond to this consultation. It was forwarded to Hurn Bridge Sports Club who will respond. **Remove from the Agenda.**

36/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Meeting closed at 19.55.

The Resident asked about potholes. Cllr Mrs M Phipps recommend that he report them online.

Cllr Mrs M Phipps reported that she had not received a response regarding a SID on Matchams Lane to display the speed of vehicles. She will follow it up.

The meeting reopened at 20.00.

37/26 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk presented the list of correspondence received.

38/26 COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

39/26 FINANCE

a) Payments:

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

- £513.60: to the Play Inspection Company Ltd for the playground inspection.
- £597.18: to Mrs N Shaw for Clerk's duties and expenses during February 2026: (hours for February 2026 [36.25 hours @ £16.35/hour = £592.69] +£4.49 expenses, printer ink.
- £26.35: to HMRC Employers NI.

b) Playground Account

- £428 transferred to Community account to pay for the inspection.

c) General

- The Clerk presented the Financial Risk assessment. Cllr Mrs M Phipps commented that BCP and Sovereign housing are responsible for trees, not the Parish Council. Cllr M Cranham proposed accepting the risk assessment, 2nd by Cllr I Evans, agreed unanimously.
- The Internal Auditor will be standing down after the current period. It was agreed the Clerk would look into finding a new Internal Auditor. Councillors expressed their thanks to the Internal Auditor who had carried out the Internal Audit for many years. Her work was greatly appreciated.

40/26 SUPPLEMENTARY

Aidan Dunn the new Chief Executive of BCP Council has agreed to Speak at the Annual Assembly in April.

A Newsletter will be distributed to Residents. Cllr Mrs Balkaya Shore explained that due to personal reasons she would be standing down as a Cllr. It was agreed that the vacancies for both a Councillor and an Internal Auditor would be included in the Newsletter.

41/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th April 2026.

42/26 PLANNING

P/26/00032/CLE 2 Red Cottages – Refused

Planning Application No: P/26/00469/FUL
Location: Chapel Gate Circuit Parley Green Lane, Christchurch
BH23 6BL
Proposal: Electric charging hub

Cllrs resolved **to object to** this application. This application is in essence similar to application 8/24/0006/FUL which was refused by BCP Council but granted on appeal. The revised application has moved the facility a small distance, expanded the charging units and added an amenity block. This application is unacceptable development in the green belt. The proposed amenity block further compromises the openness of the green belt. EV charging is already available at the Lidl store in West Parley. Additional capacity is not required. The proposed signage and lighting are inappropriate in the green belt.

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

Signed: Date: