HURN PARISH COUNCIL

The **Annual Assembly** of **Hurn Parish Council** was held on **Monday, 13 April 2026** at **Hurn Bridge Sports Club** at **7.30 pm.**

Present were:

Cllr Mrs M Phipps, Chairman
Cllr M Cranham, Vice Chairman
Cllr I Evans
Cllr H Greenman

Aidan Dunn, Chief Executive BCP Council

Mrs N Shaw, Clerk
10 Parishioners

43/26 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Cllr Mrs M Phipps welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting including Aidan Dunn, Chief Executive of BCP Council.

44/26 APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs J Jones

45/26 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 14 April 2025 having been circulated were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed, Cllr H Greenman seconded Cllr I Evans and unanimously agreed.

46/26 CODE OF CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

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

47/26 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

48/26 FINANCE

a) **Income In:**

– £4,917.01 1st instalment of Precept 2026/27.

b) **Transfers Out:**

The following item of expenditure was proposed by Cllr M Cranham and seconded by Cllr H Greenman and **resolved** unanimously**:**

- £527.03: to Mrs Nicola Shaw for Clerk's duties and expenses during March 2026: (hours for March 2026 [27.25 hours @ £16.35 = £445.54] + expenses £81.49 printer ink and photocopying.)
- £174.00: to Vision ICT Ltd for Website MOT
- £4.28: to HMRC for employers NI

c) **Reserves**

Cllr I Evans proposed to keep the unspent reserve (present at the end of the financial year) in same bank account, earmarked as reserves. Cllr M Cranham seconded the proposal and Councillors **resolved** unanimously to keep the unspent reserves in the bank account.

d) General:

Annual Accounts

- The papers for the financial return for the year ending 31 March 2026 have been received from BDO LLP.

49/26 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman thanked all Councillors and the Clerk for their work and support over the past year. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month; residents are welcome to attend. Regular newsletters provide updates and give the contact details of Councillors. The Christmas tree lighting service and party are very well attended, a really great community event.

Playground

The Playgrounds are inspected weekly by Cllr Mark Cranham. They also have an annual inspection carried out by a specialist company.

Defibrillator

A defibrillator has been installed in a secure cabinet outside Hurn Bridge Sports Club. The Club successfully applied for a grant from the Ward Cllr (Cllr Mrs M Phipps). The defibrillator is available in an emergency by ringing the emergency services on 999. They will provide the code needed to access the cabinet.

Airport

Cllr Mrs J Jones is the Parish Council representative on the Consultative Committee and Cllrs Mrs M Phipps also attends on behalf of the BCP Council. The year to the end of March 2026 will have been the Airport's busiest ever with anticipated passengers of just under 1.4 million.

Hurn Court Quarry

New Milton Sand and Ballast (NMSB) have submitted a planning application to extend the quarry across the road to the Events Field. The Parish Council ensured Parishioners were informed and invited to a walk-in event about the proposal. NMSB received a lot of feedback. The application is still under consideration.

Roads

There is a plan to make the area around the Airport passenger entrance, including the entrance to Hurn Court Lane around the quarry entrance, into a "red route". Whilst drivers can stop on double yellow lines to drop off and pick up passengers. On red lines, stopping, parking, loading or unloading is strictly prohibited. We understand that cameras can be used for enforcement where there are red lines. This should help to alleviate the dangerous parking which takes place currently.

The Parish Council has requested there is a 4 hour waiting restriction in the layby outside Hurn Bridge Sports Club. There is often problem parking by airport and commercial parkers and those in caravans or motorhomes.

Website
It is strongly recommended that Parish Councils have a .gov.uk website and email addresses. Councillors must have an email address that is only used for council business. They will soon all have a .gov.uk emails addresses. Unfortunately, this all costs money.

BCP Council
There was recently a Community Governance Review conducted by BCP Council. As a result, there will be 3 new Parish/Town Councils, Bournemouth, Poole and Broadstone with elections for these taking place on 7th May. Nothing changes in Hurn except for a few minor boundary changes.

The new BCP Local Plan is being prepared. With the changes in the National Planning Policy Framework room for 45,000 homes over the next 15 years must be found. This is a ridiculous task and almost twice the previous target of 24,000 homes. Alongside the Local Plan will be the Local Transport Plan, LTP4. The response to the consultation on this was extremely poor with only 400 responses from BCP residents. Even with the low response, many did not agree with some of the proposals. Cllr Mrs M Phipps thought it was not a Transport Plan as such but more a cycling and climate change plan.

Cllr Mrs M Phipps explained there is always a lot going on in Hurn and she had only highlighted some of the issues.

50/26 Open Forum – Question and Answer session
The meeting was closed at 7.50pm. Residents were invited to ask questions.

Parking and roads
A Resident asked what enforcement there would be for the parking restriction in the lay by. Cllr Mrs M Phipps responded that there would be signage and some monitoring.

The extent of the red route was queried. Cllrs Mrs M Phipps explained the Parish Council had not seen the details yet. Cllr H Greenman commented that BCP Council no longer enforced taxis not parking on Hurn Court Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Council would ask BCP Council to enforce taxis not using Hurn Court Lane as a taxi rank for the Airport.

A Resident asked about problems with the drainage along Parley Lane. Cllr M Cranham commented that all the drains appeared to need clearing. He reports the problems. The Parish Council had reported problems. The issue of flooding near the entrance to the Airport is on a list to be done, but it is not straight forward.

A Resident complained about the state of Mill Lane among other roads due to the extreme rain over the winter. He had had multiple punctures, resulting in expensive tire replacements. Cllr Mrs M Phipps asked him to keep report problems on the BCP website.

A Resident commented that cycle lanes had been put in a great expense, but some cyclists don't use them. Cllr M Cranham commented that undergrowth and debris significantly narrowed the width of the cycle lane along Parley Lane making it

dangerous. Cllr Mrs M Phipps responded that legally cyclist do not have to use a cycle lane they can choose to use the road. She would like it to be locally mandated that cyclist must use of cycle lanes.

The meeting was closed at 20.02.

51/26 Presentation by Aidan Dunn Chief Executive BCP Council

Cllr Mrs M Phipps introduced Aidan Dunn, Chief Executive BCP Council.

Aidan Dunn thanked everyone for their interest. He explained that he was 6 months into the post having previously worked at Dorset Council. He is an Officer of the Council he does not do politics. He is appointed not elected. He advices the politicians on policy. He does not make the decisions. It is his job with his 5,000 colleagues to implement the decisions made by Councillors.

BCP Council was formed 7 years ago from Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Councils. Each areas has its' own identity. The local feel needs to be balance with the need to attract investment and employment. The politics in BCP is very complex with 11 different political groupings. With 76 Councillors, the largest group is 28 Liberal Democrats. The Leader of Council is Millie Earle. She has formed an alliance with other parties.

The total budget for 2026/2027 is £457m budget. 80% of the budget is spent on approximately 2% of the population of BCP Council. This includes children in care and vulnerable adults. For example, an average high cost residential place is £579k per child per annum. The Council has had to cover the cost for Special Educational Needs (SEN). The grant received from government is not nearly enough. This has resulted in a debt of £380m. The government has agreed to write off 90% of this. However, this still leaves a challenge of how to deal with the remaining £38m. The Council is trying to save up to cover this cost.

Mr Dunn gave an overview of the proposed devolution to form a Wessex Mayoral area, incorporating Dorset and most of Somerset and Wiltshire. An elected Mayor for this area would enable additional powers such as the ability to raise a tourist tax.

Residents and Cllrs asked about the removal of funding for the Air Show. Mr Dunn responded that income from the event did not cover the costs of £450k to hold it. BCP Councillors made the decision not to fund it.

A Resident asked about a local bus. Cllr Mrs M Phipps responded that one had been run but it was not economic.

Cllr Mrs M Phipps thanked them very much for coming, the presentation was very interesting.

The meeting reopened at 9.14pm.

52/26 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM on 11 May 2026.

53/26 PLANNING

Planning Application No:	P/26/01560/TTPO
Location:	32 Hurn Court, Hurn court Lane, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 6BH
Proposal:	T2 – Oak – Crown reduce by 1-1.5m to mirror previous pruning of the crown. T5 – Ash – Asymmetrical crown with bias over driveway – Remove lowest limb elongating over drive.

Councillors Resolved **not to object** to this application.

Application Number:	**8/26/01408/CLP**
Location:	Unit 1 Compass Aviation Park West, Bournemouth International Airport, BH23 6NW.
Proposal:	Lawful Development Certificate for proposed erection of a loading canopy anchored to an existing hardstanding.

Councillors Resolved **not to comment** on this application.

The meeting closed at 9.23 pm.

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

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