HURN PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of Hurn Parish Council was held on Monday, 8th January 2024 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,

Nicola Shaw Clerk

1/24 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2/24 APOLOGIES

None.

3/24 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Cllr I Evans proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2023 were a true record, this was seconded by Cllr H Greenman and it was **resolved** that they be signed by the Chairman.

4/24 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.

5/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6/24 MATTERS ARISING

None.

7/24 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS.

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

Cllr Mrs M Phipps reported that a large shelter had been built in Ramsdown. The Forestry Commission will be removing it. **Leave on Agenda for February meeting.**

b) Gravel Extraction

Nothing to report. Leave on Agenda for February meeting.

c) Roads

Cllr Mrs M Phipps reported that there had been no update on the potential changes to the junction of Matchams Lane and the Avon Causeway.

Cllr M Cranham has reported flooding in the dip on Matchams Lane twice. Cllr Mrs J Jones reported that 2 more otters had been killed on the A338. **Leave on Agenda for February meeting.**

d) Playground

Nothing to report. Leave on Agenda for February meeting.

c) Neighbourhood Plan

The BCP local plan is being prepared and taking a lot of officer and Councillor time. The plan will be going to Council this week asking BCP Cllrs for agreement to go out to consultation with the draft Plan. This has delayed the BCP Council response to the Hurn Neighbourhood plan. Cllr Mrs M Phipps had a meeting with the Interim Planning Policy Manager to discuss BCP's comments. She will meet him again to discuss their comments further. She has commented that the plan is the Hurn Neighbourhood plan not the BCP Council plan for Hurn and expresses the views of Hurn Residents. The Gap Policy is very important to Residents. Cllrs asked if it was time to involve the local MP Sir Chris Chope MP. Leave on Agenda February meeting.

d) Hurn Bridge Sports Club Lease

The Club Manager is still in discussions with BCP about renewal of the Lease which expires in July 2024. Leave on Agenda for February meeting.

e) Consultation – Have your say on BCP Council's budget saving proposals The response was submitted. Remove from the Agenda.

8/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

9/24 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was presented.

10/24 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr I Evans reported that the Single Point of Contact meeting with the Police will take place the Thursday after the Hurn Parish Council meetings going forward. Cllr Mrs M Phipps asked him to raise the issue of the camper van parked in the layby outside Hurn Bridge Sports Club which is no longer road worthy.

11/24 FINANCE

a) Cheques Out:

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

- Cheque No 1042: £75.00: to Mrs M Phipps for Chairman's allowance October, November and December 2023.
- Cheque No 1043: £403.57: to Mrs N Shaw for Clerk's duties and expenses during December 2023: (hours for December 2023 [27.25 hours @ £14.7/hour = £400.58 + 2.99 expenses, printer ink).

b) Village Account Cheques Out

- Cheque No 76: £324.00 to Christchurch Football Club Limited for refreshments for Christmas party.

c) General

The Clerk presented the finances for the third quarter. She expected there would be a small surplus due to reduced costs and increased interest compared to the original budget.

The proposed budget for 2024/2025 had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. The budget was agreed. The tax base has increased from 248.6 to 264. The precept requirement was discussed. Cllr H Greenman proposed a precept of £8,857.36 for 2024/25. Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore seconded this, and it was agreed unanimously. This would add approximately £1.13pa to a Band D bill. Cllr I Evans thanked the Clerk for her hard work.

12/24 SUPPLEMENTARY

None.

13/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th February 2024.

14/23 PLANNING

Application Number: 8/23/0841/HOU

Location: Ebley, 9 Matchams Lane, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset.

BH22 6AW

Proposal: Installation of a below ground household water

treatment plant.

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

Application Number: 8/23/0841/ADV

Location: Hurn Bridge Farm, Unit 3 Hurn Bridge, Hurn,

Christchurch, Dorset. BH22 6AD

Proposal: Wall mounted company name, logo and contact details.

Councillors resolved **to object** to this application. The sign will be mounted on a character building, in a conservation area within the green belt and is out of keeping. Advertising signs are already attached to the building and fence without planning permission which are detrimental to the building and the Conservation area. Any grant of permission would result in a proliferation of advertising boards in this sensitive area. There needs to be coordinated approach to any advertising signs for the whole site which would need to be appropriate for the setting within the Hurn Conservation area.