

HURN PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of Hurn Parish Council was held on Monday, 9th May 2022 at Hurn Bridge Sports Club at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

Mrs N Shaw, Clerk
Police Inspector Helen Deakin

52/22 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

53/22 APOLOGIES

None. Cllr H Greenman gave his apologies for the June meeting.

54/22 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 2022/2023. Mrs Phipps said she was happy to continue as Chairman. There were no other nominations. Cllr H Greenman proposed that Cllr Mrs Phipps should be re-elected as Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr I Evans. Voting unanimous.

Cllr H Greenman was happy to continue as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore proposed Cllr. H. Greenman as Vice Chairman seconded by Cllr M Cranham. Voting unanimous.

55/22 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.**
- Town Common Steering Group – **Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore**
(Deputy: any other Councillor)

- Responsible Financial Officer and Newsletter – **Parish Clerk**.
- Internal Auditor – **Anne Colmer**.

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

56/22 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Cllr I Evans proposed that the minutes of the meetings held on 14th March 2022 were a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore, and it was **resolved** that they be signed by the Chairman.

57/22 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.

58/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm.

Inspector Helen Deakin introduced herself. She oversees Community policing in Christchurch and Boscombe. Separate front line response teams respond to 999 calls. There are 2 community policing teams, one covering each ward. The team covering Christchurch consists of 1 Sergeant, 4 PC's and 5 PCSO's. The 3 local priorities are:

Antisocial behaviour

Drugs

Theft/burglary.

Response is based on “threat, risk, harm”. As a result, if you come back and find your property has been broken into, they will not respond in person. However, if someone is still in the building, there is a threat so they may respond in person.

Cllr Mrs M Phipps raised a recent incident in Hurn when a trailer was stolen. CCTV footage was available giving details of the vehicle which has taken the trailer and the direction it had been taken. The police did not respond to the report. She tried to contact all of the Inspector's team on behalf of the victim but received no response. Apparently, the report of the theft would have gone into a pile of similar reports to have been dealt with some time afterwards by which time the information on where the trailer had been taken would have been of no use. This is very frustrating for the victim and leads to member of the public being disillusioned with the police especially when they will not retrieve stolen property. The Inspector sympathised with the victim, but the police do not have the resources to respond and must prioritise.

Anne Colmer explained there had been repeated problems with young people building cycle tracks in the Ramsdown Forest. As well as causing damage to the SSI and causing a risk to members of the public by digging holes there was drug taking. She asked if this would be responded to. The Inspector said no. She needs to report each individual incident with details time, place etc. If a large picture appeared, they may be able to respond. Volume of incidents increased the priority.

Cllr Mrs M Phipps raised the issue that personnel were being diverted away from Christchurch to Boscombe. The Inspector agreed this did happen if circumstances required it.

Cllr M Cranham reported that 2 police officers had interviewed him about a pet bird in his garden which he had had for many years. Yet the police did not respond when there was information to retrieve stolen goods. Wasn't she worried that people would take matters into their own hands?

Cllr Mrs M Phipps highlighted that Residents did not think they received co-operation from the police. She was burgled and did not report it as there was no point as the police would not respond. The Inspector said underreporting was a national problem. It was important to always report crimes as it built up a picture of problem areas. She acknowledged that the 101 service has problems. Her team, work the same shifts and have the same days off. The response police will always respond to 999 calls if they reach the priority for "threat, risk, harm".

The Inspector explained that her team work with other agencies to deal with prolific offenders who commit thefts and anti-social behaviour.

Councillors said there was an all-time low perception of the police. Council tax payers were being asked to pay over inflation increases for the police but did not see them responding when they were the victims of crime. It was very frustrating. The Inspector understood this perception. County lines were a priority as it had massive impact on the young people targeted. Although this was a small issue for local residents.

Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore asked if there were enough resources to deal with multiple incidents at the weekends. The post office has been targeted on several occasions and the response has been very disappointing. In another incident 2 local residents who were in the post office had to help to contain a seemingly metal disturbed man who came into the store. The man was causing problems, trying to get into an elderly couples' car etc. The police never attended.

Anne Colmer asked about youths taking drugs, antisocial behaviour. Does this need to be reported every time? Cllr M Cranham asked about illegal e-scooters, can they go on the pavement. The Inspector responded no; they need insurance. They cannot tackle problems with e-scooters, they do not have the resources.

Cllr Mrs M Phipps commented that they were promoting crime as criminals knew they could get away with it. The Inspector reiterated that if a crime was in progress to dial 999.

Cllr Mrs M Phipps thank Inspector Deakin very much for coming. Cllrs were supportive of her personally but very frustrated with the police responses as a whole. It was useful that Cllr I Evans was on the Single point of contact committee and could raise issues and report back to the Parish Council.

The Clerk said that when PCSOs Karl Stark and Michelle Clarke attended a meeting, they made a crime report and said the Parish Council would be sent the figures each month, but this hadn't happened. The Inspector agreed the crime figures would be supplied each month and Officers would attend some Parish Council meetings. She was happy to come back again in 6 months' time if invited. Cllr Mrs M Phipps said if

she agreed which meeting she would attend it would be put in the newsletter to give Residents the opportunity to attend.

The meeting was reopened at 8.19pm

59/22 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS.

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

Cllr Mrs M Phipps reported that as explained earlier there had been problems with cycle ramps etc in Ramsdown. Currently these had been filled in.

Christchurch Town Council wish to take over the River Way recreation ground from BCP Council. It has been found that part of the site is within Hurn. The historic boundary was the river which as it has changed course has altered. Cllrs agreed that if Christchurch Town Council wished to change the parish boundary to the current river course, they would not object but all expenses involved must be paid by Christchurch Town Council.

Leave on Agenda for June meeting.

b) Gravel Extraction

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

Roads

Cllr I Evans agreed to report a pot hole on the Avon Causeway. **Leave on Agenda for June meeting.**

c) Playground

Cllr M Cranham reported that he is gradually cutting back the undergrowth. **Leave on Agenda for June meeting.**

d) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Mrs M Phipps updated Cllrs. The consultation has been completed; the analysis has gone to the Steering Committee. The Malmsbury estate did not want the gap and NMSB objected to some issues. The steering group meeting will hold a meeting to agree the final plan. The plan will then be presented to the Parish Council to agree the next stage. **Leave on Agenda June meeting.**

e) BCP Local Plan Issues & Options

The Parish Council's response has been submitted. **Remove from the Agenda.**

f) Hurn Bridge Sports Club Lease

Phil Old is trying to obtain an extension to the lease on the Sports Club. Cllr Mrs M Phipps has been supporting this on behalf of the Parish Council and had forwarded an email from Jan Hill, Recreation and Development, BCP progressing the extension to the lease. **Leave on Agenda June meeting.**

60/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

61/22 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk presented the list of correspondence.

62/22 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Clerk reported on the BCP Town and Parish Council's meeting. BCP council is developing an asset transfer policy. When BCP was created various transfer of assets, e.g. skate and playgrounds were agreed with the Town and Parish Councils. These are still waiting, and problems are arising with assets not being maintained. Jess Gibbons recommended that individual town/parishes speak to the officers involved. An invitation to the Dorset coast forum was forwarded to Parish Councillors. The cleaner greener safer projects were discussed and the plans to cope with the influx of visitor in the summer.

Cllr Mrs M Phipps reported on the disrupted BCP Full Council relating to voting regarding a new Overview and Scrutiny Board/Committee. Independent Councillors are putting forward a vote of no confidence in the BCP Council leadership at the AGM on 10th May.

63/22 FINANCE

a) Cheques Out:

The following items of expenditure were **resolved**, proposed Cllr M Cranham,
Seconded: Cllr Mrs J Jones

- Cheque No 924: £75.00 to Mrs M Phipps – Chairman's allowance January, February and March 2022.
- Cheque No 925: £100.00 to Anne Colmer, Internal audit.
- Cheque No 926: £403.33: to Mrs N Shaw for Clerk's duties and expenses during April 2022: (hours for April 2022 [26.50 hours @ £12.45/hour = £336.15] + £52.99 expenses, use of home as office allowance February, March and April 2022, printer ink) + £50.22 unclaimed increase in hourly rate.

b) General

Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore proposed the Parish council applied for Online banking, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Jones and passed unanimously. Expenses would be approved at a Parish council meeting and confirmed by 2 Cllrs online.

c) Annual Accounts

The total gross income for 2021/22 was £13,426 and the total annual gross expenditure for 2021/22 was £13,313. The certificate of exemption from a limited assurance review was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

The Annual Governance Statement was presented. The Annual Account for the year ending 31 March 2022 had been prepared. Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Jones and seconded by Cllr M Cranham that the Annual Accounts be accepted. This was agreed unanimously and the Council **resolved** that the accounts be signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer. 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 2022" will be displayed on the noticeboard as required. The Annual Return would be published on the website.

64/22 SUPPLEMENTARY

None.

65/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th June.

66/22 PLANNING

Application Number: 8/22/0320/HOU

Location: 1 Blackwater, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 6AF

Proposal: Erection of Side and rear extension, removal of existing range of buildings and replacement with a purpose built Garage and general use building

Councillors Resolved **to object** to this application. The purpose built garage and general use building are excessive for domestic use and are overdevelopment in the green belt. The buildings are not in keeping with aspect and setting of the listed building. The general use building will dominate the site and the landscape towards St Catherine's Hill.

Application Number: 8/22/0321/LB

Location: 1 Blackwater, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 6AF

Proposal: Erection of Side and rear extension, removal of existing range of buildings and replacement with a purpose built Garage and general use building

Councillors Resolved **to object** to this application. The purpose built garage and general use building are excessive for domestic use and are overdevelopment in the green belt. The buildings are not in keeping with aspect and setting of the listed building. The general use building will dominate the site and the landscape towards St Catherine's Hill.

Application Number: 8/22/0389/TTPO

Location: 7 Tall Trees, Plot 55 Matchams Lane, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 6TT

Proposal: Sycamore – Remove all branches. Make it into a feature and control/prevent future branch growth.

Councillors Resolved **to object** to this application. No arboreal report has been provided and the tree is the subject of a TPO. The tree is not dead, dying, diseased or dangerous. Currently it is not causing damage.

Application Number: 8/22/0301/HOU

Location: Brambles Parley Green Lane, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 6BB

Proposal: 2-storey extension to rear and part 2-storey and part 1st floor extension to side

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

Application Number: 8/22/0334/COU
Location: Bournemouth University Sports Campus, Chapel Gate, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 6BL
Proposal: Change of use of part of the first floor of the Chapel Gate Clubhouse (use class F.2) to a mixture of uses comprising offices (use class E(g)), a day nursery (use class E(f)) and for the provision of a research and educational facility (use class F1(a)).

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

The meeting closed at 9.28 pm.

Signed: Date: