

HURN PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of Hurn Parish Council was held on Monday, 13th May 2024 at Hurn Bridge Sports Club at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Mrs M Phipps, Chairman
Cllr H Greenman,
Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore
Cllr M Cranham

Anne Colmer, Internal Auditor
Mrs N Shaw, Clerk
2 Residents

57/24 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

58/24 APOLOGIES

Cllr I Evans and Cllr Mrs J Jones.

59/24 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 2024/2025. 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 H Greenman. Voting unanimous.

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

60/24 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**

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

Cllr M Cranham proposed that the election of officers be **resolved** and was seconded by Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore. The resolution was passed unanimously.

61/24 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Cllr M Cranham proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2024 were a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore and it was **resolved** that they be signed by the Chairman.

Cllr H Greenman proposed that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 17th April 2024 were a true record, this was seconded by Cllr M Cranham and it was **resolved** that they be signed by the Chairman.

62/24 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. Cllr H Greenman declared an interest in Planning applications 8/24/0226/FUL and 8/24/281/FUL.

63/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

64/24 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS.

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

b) Gravel Extraction

Cllr H Greenman queried what was happening with the restoration of the original Hurn Court Farm site. In particular the restoration of the hedges. It was agreed that Cllr H Greenman would send the Clerk the contact detail and she would ask New Milton Sand and Ballast for the restoration timetable. **Leave on Agenda for June meeting.**

c) Roads

Cllr H Greenman commented that when vehicles drive over the manhole cover outside Stable Structure water is thrown up. He agreed to report the issue. **Leave on Agenda for June meeting.**

d) Playground

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

c) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Mrs M Phipps updated Cllrs. BCP have finally sent their comments to the Examiner. It will be up to him to consider the differences of opinion. Now the Examiner has received BCP's comments he will review when he will carry out the examination. **Leave on Agenda June meeting.**

d) Hurn Bridge Sports Club Lease

The Christchurch Residents Association have asked about the lease and have been told “Officers are working towards renewing the lease with the tenant, there is an automatic right to renew and the Draft Heads of Terms are being drawn up.” **Leave on Agenda June meeting.**

e) BCP Draft Local Plan

The Parish Council’s comments have been submitted. **Remove from the Agenda.**

65/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was closed at 19.59.

It was commented that Residents had also been able to comment on the BCP Draft Local plan by sending their comments by email.

The meeting reopened at 20.00.

66/24 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence was presented.

67/24 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The DAPTC has said they will create a BCP Local Area Committee. This has not been done. It was agreed that the Clerk would follow this up with Neil Wedge.

68/24 FINANCE

a) Cheques Out:

The following items of expenditure were agreed, Cllr M Cranham proposed, Seconded by Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore:

- Cheque No 1049: £155 to Anne Colmer for Internal Audit and replacement laptop.
- Cheque No 1050: £75 to Cllr Mrs M Phipps for Chairman’s allowance for January, February and March 2024.
- Cheque No 1051: £293.72 to Dorset Association of Parish and Town Council for annual subscription.
- Cheque No 1052 £593.39: to Mrs N Shaw for Clerk’s duties and expenses during April 2025: (hours for April 2024 [32.00 hours @ £14.70/hour = £470.40] + £122.99 expenses, printer ink, use of home as office allowance for February, March and April 2024 and photocopying).

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. £812.90 compared to £701.64 last year. It would be £749.80 for the 3 year Long Term Agreement (LTA). It was agreed to accept the 3 year LTA. Insurance due on 21st June.

We have received the Playground Annual Inspection Repeat order form. It will be £413 if we accept now, this was agreed.

It was agreed that the Clerk would send the information needed for Cllr H Greenman to access the Parish account online to him.

c) **Annual Accounts**

The total gross income for 2023/24 was £4,577 and the total annual gross expenditure for 2023/24 was £10,156. The certificate of exemption from a limited assurance review was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

The early payment of the first instalment of the precept by BCP Council in March 2023, has resulted in an unrepresentatively low income in the year ending 31 March 2024.

The Annual Governance Statement was presented. The Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024 had been prepared. Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore and seconded by Cllr H Greenman 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 2024” 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.

69/24 SUPPLEMENTARY

None.

70/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th June 2024.

71/24 PLANNING

Application Number: 8/24/0127/FUL
Location: Hurnwood Park, Avon Causeway Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset.
Proposal: Demolish existing store and construct replacement storage building. Remove shipping container.

Additional information has been provided which has been circulated to Cllrs. Councillors are unable to make any further comments as the consultation period has closed. They expect the Planning Office to consider the additional information provided.

Application Number: 8/24/0264/TTPO
Location: Plot 14 Tall Trees 7 Matchams Lane, Hurn Christchurch BH23 6TT
Proposal: T1 Pine -Fell

Councillors resolved to **comment** on this application. The Park Home appears to have been positioned very close to the mature pine when it was first installed. The applicant would have been aware of this when they purchased the property. There have been several applications to fell mature trees on the Tall Trees site. The loss of mature trees

is constantly eroding the amenity value of the sylvian site. If the planning authority is minded to permit felling a semi mature native tree must be planted. The woodland setting of the site must not be eroded.

Planning Application No: 8/24/0265/TTPO
Location: Ebley 9 Matchams Lane, Hurn Christchurch Dorset
BH23 6AW
Proposal: T1 willow – reduce down by around 20-30%

Councillors resolved to **comment** on this application. No photographs have been provided. Cllrs understand that the crown will be removed from the top of the tree. This will potentially cause the tree to rot and eventually to the loss of the tree. As the tree has a TPO Cllrs query whether the wish to reduce shade is sufficient justification for the proposed work.

Planning Application No: 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 application. No exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated for development in the green belt. There is insufficient demonstration of need. The access is poor, over a cycle lane onto the busy Christchurch Road opposite Portfield School. The potential for noise nuisance from 40 dogs is huge. The noise plan appears to be generic with no reference to noise levels. The impact on the vulnerable pupils at Portfield School is of particular concern. No reference has been made to lighting. Any lighting would be inappropriate in the green belt.

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

Planning Application No: 8/24/0226/FUL
Location: Theme Park Merritown Lane Christchurch Dorset BH23 6BA.
Proposal: Redevelopment of existing stables and land associated with theme park use of Adventure Wonderland to provide Doggy Day Care facility, including reception building and associated play areas and parking.

Councillors resolved to **object to** this application. The Theme Park site was granted permission for development in the green belt for leisure and any loss is counter to the public interest. No exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated for this development in the green belt. There is insufficient demonstration of need. The application states that the site is within the former Theme Park site. This is misleading. A large part will be adjacent to the Theme park on agricultural land where gravel has been extracted. The site is partially restored but landscaping has yet to be carried out in accordance with the gravel consent.

77 dogs at one time is excessive and will result in constant noise. The noise management plan is inadequate and does not give details of actual noise levels. The

proposed building is 9m by 16m. This includes 3 areas for the dogs, a reception area, staff kitchen, toilets and a store. This leaves a small area for a very large number of dogs. The site is close to listed properties which will be significantly negatively affected.

The site is close to the Treehouse which is occupied by the charity Diverse Abilities which provides support to children and adults with profound physical and learning disabilities. It is totally inappropriate to have a dog care facility adjacent. There is a need for a considered overall plan/strategy for the whole Theme Park site before individual piecemeal applications are granted. There is no reference made to lighting. Any lighting in the green belt would be inappropriate. The site is immediately adjacent to the Stour Valley Way and there is the potential for conflict.

Planning Application No: 8/24/0281/FUL
Location: Theme Park, Merritown Lane, Christchurch, BH23 6BB.
Proposal: Alteration to buildings and conversion to form children's play cafe (Use Class E)

Councillors resolved to **comment** on this application. The Theme Park site was granted permission for development in the green belt for leisure. This application should be included in an overall regularisation of planning permissions for the whole site so that it is clear exactly what permissions already exist and in which locations before any changes or new applications are granted. The play café should have its own designated car park. Any grant of planning should be included in the regularisation of the use of the car park.

The meeting closed at 9.58 pm.

Signed: Date: