

HURN PARISH COUNCIL

The **Extraordinary Meeting** of **Hurn Parish Council** was held on **Monday, 2 September 2024** at the **Hurn Bridge Sports Club** at **7.30 pm**.

Present were:

Cllr Mrs M Phipps, Chairman

Cllr I Evans

Cllr H Greenman

Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr M Cranham

Mrs N Shaw, Clerk

111/24 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Cllr Mrs M Phipps thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

112/24 APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs H Balkaya Shore.

113/24 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.

114/24 Consultation on Reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system.

The proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system were discussed. Councillors commented:

In general Councillors do not agree with the proposed reforms.

They do not agree with the creation of the Grey Belt.

The Green Belt as currently defined should be protected.

Councillors support development on brown field sites.

The housing targets proposed are unachievable as previous house building numbers for the BVCP area would need to triple. Developers will not build houses if the selling price is too low, or the properties will not sell, as has occurred in the local area previously. In some areas the building of a large number of houses could result in a dramatic decrease in the value of existing houses, which will cause some existing homeowners into negative equity.

The targets need to be based on local needs, taking into account local constraints. These constraints will include environmental factors such as flood plains, statutorily designated areas such as heathlands, SSSI's and RAMSARs etc which will affect deliverability of housing.

The current NPPF allows for sufficient cooperation on cross boundary and strategic planning matters. Any co-operation needs to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The planning process should be fair and open for everyone. Travellers should be treated no differently than any other community. Traveller sites should be placed on brown field sites first. They need to be close to and have easy access to amenities such as schools, doctors etc.

Agricultural land should not be built on. Policies should be looking to increase food production.

It was agreed the Clerk would prepare the response to the consultation for approval at the Parish Council meeting on 9 September 2024.

The meeting closed at 9.06 pm.

Signed: Date: