

BENSON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Benson Parish Council extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 7th January 2016 at 7.30PM in the Benson Parish Hall Committee Room.

Present:

Cllr P Peers	(Chair)	(CPP)
Cllr P Baylis		(CPB)
Cllr J Fowler		(CJF)
Cllr R Jordan		(CRJ)
Cllr F Lovesey		(CFL)
Cllr P Murray		(CPM)
Cllr D Olley		(CDO)
Cllr T Stevenson		(CTS)
Cllr M Winton		(CMW)
Cllr R Workman		(CRW)
Proper Officer:	P Eldridge	(CLK)

There were 2 members of the public present

Mr D Rushton of the Transport Advisory Group (TAG) and Mr M Spence

1. **Apologies.** Cllrs S McCann and T McTeague.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Public Session.**
 - a. Mr M Spence of the Bensington Society offered assistance to the parish council with the response to the planning application for an additional 241 houses to the north of Littleworth Road. In answer to a question from Cllr P Peers, Mr Spence said that the Bensington Society would be willing to help with the production of a Neighbourhood Plan.
 - b. Mr D Rushton chairman of TAG noted the importance of a Neighbourhood Plan saying that there appeared to be a number of medium to large sites in the pipeline for Benson. Mr Rushton finished by confirming he would be at the Public Meeting on the 15th January 2016.
4. **To discuss and agree any Proposals or Approvals:**
 - a. Proposal 2016/01: Proposed by Cllr J Fowler and seconded by Cllr P Baylis that Benson Parish Council engages Mr Andrew Ashcroft as a consultant to assist with the Benson Fast Track Neighbourhood Plan at a cost of £450 per day. Cllrs discussed the proposal after which it was **unanimously resolved to approve the proposal**. At this point Cllr J Fowler briefly outlined the next steps to be taken:
 - i. Benson parish council would need to liaise with SODC to get the necessary Terms of Agreement (TOA) in place.
 - ii. Benson parish council will need to process and apply for the relevant grants.
 - iii. Set up a Neighbourhood plan Steering Committee with members from the parish council and parishioners.

5. **Items for Councillors to Note:**

a. Cllr P Peers noted that the flyers to advertise the public meeting on Fri 15th January 2016 were in the process of being delivered to Benson residents.

6. **To confirm the date of the next council meeting.** Thursday 28th January 2016.

7. **Dates of Next Meetings:**

a. Parish Council Meeting. Thursday 28th January 2016.

b. Finance Meeting Tuesday 19th January 2016.

c. Halls Meeting Thursday 14th January 2016.

d. Recreation and Lands Meeting Thursday 11th February 2016.

e. Planning Meeting Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7PM.



Peter Eldridge
Proper Officer
Wed 8th January 2016

**Annex A
Actions for Parish Council Meetings as at
7th January 2016**

Serial No	Action	Initials
1.	Cllr Winton to review and report back to council, council meeting minutes 22 nd October 2015 (15.a.9). <i>Review complete. Item closed.</i>	CMW
2.	Clerk to process the order to Wicksteed council meeting minutes 26th November 2015 (10.b.i.). <i>In progress.</i>	CLK