

BENSON PARISH COUNCIL

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Benson Parish Council Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2015 at 7PM in the Parish Hall Pavilion

Minutes

Present: Cllr J Fowler (CJF) Cllr P Murray (CPM)
Cllr D Olley (CDO) Cllr R Workman (CRW)

Proper Officer: P Eldridge

There were no members of the public present.

1. **Apologies.** Cllrs R Jordan and P Peers.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** – There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Public Session.** To allow members of the public to ask questions and address the Chairman. There were no members of the public present.
4. **To consider the following applications:**
 - a. **BPC27/15/P15/S1971/FUL.** Church Field Farm, Oxford Road, Benson, Wallingford, OX10 6LX.
Removal of condition 13 on planning permission P13/S1686/FUL.
Cllr J Fowler noted that Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes is under review and will either be abolished or replaced with something else. Cllr D Olley noted that the applicant had received pre-application advice from the SODC planning department. Cllr J Fowler agreed to draft a letter to SODC planning asking what their position is on applications asking for conditions on the code to be removed.

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Members voted unanimously to object to the application.

5. **To note Planning Decisions as follows:**
 - a. **BPC26/15/ P15/S1592/FUL:** RAF Benson, Clay Lane, Benson, OX10 6AA.
Internal alterations to existing single and two storey accommodation attached to north and south sides of aircraft hanger. Construction of two storey squadron support accommodation extension on north side of aircraft hanger. Alterations and additions to existing foul and surface water drainage systems. Alterations and additions to existing M&E service systems. (As amplified by Tree Survey rec'd 16/06/15).
Planning Permission Granted.
 - b. **BPC20/15/P15/S1427/LB:** 2 Castle Square, Benson, Wallingford, OX10 6SD.
Essential repairs and make minor alterations.
Listed Building Consent Granted.
6. **Littleworth Road Development.** Cllr P Murray reported that he had spoken with Paula Fox Head of SODC Planning South who said that SODC had held a review and decided that SODC would not support a challenge to the appeal decision. Cllr Murray continued that SODC recognise that the parish council will be disappointed with this decision and would provide support if the council decided to restart the neighbourhood plan. Cllr J Fowler commented that there were wider issues with the Littleworth Development and questions to be asked:

- a. What discussions, if any, have SODC had with WestWaddy in terms of additional facility provision?
- b. Why are there only "38 affordable rented units and 12 affordable rented retirement homes"? This does not equate to 40%.
- c. Will the affordable units be reserved for Benson residents?
- d. How much money will be allocated towards "community facilities in Benson"
- e. How much money will be allocated towards "improvements to public footpath No 8 and footpaths in the vicinity of the site, towards improvements to the northbound and southbound bus stops at Benson Marina and associated highway alterations and improvements"?
- f. What discussions have SODC had or what do they plan to have with Thames Water about the identified lack of supply water to the development?

The discussion ended with Cllr Fowler agreeing to contact SODC planning to arrange a meeting to discuss the issues and questions.

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7. **Hale Road Parking Bays.** To receive a report on SOHA plans for the installation of additional parking bays along Hale Road. Cllr D Olley reported that he and the clerk had visited the site to review the plan provided by a Hale Road resident and noted that 2 maturing trees and a Benson Community Association Bench (BCA) would need to be removed if the plan went ahead. Cllr Olley continued that he had contacted SODC to ask if the trees were mature enough for Tree Protection Order action. Currently he is waiting for a response. Cllr Olley went on to explain that he had contacted Mr Hughes a surveyor for SOHA who said that he was not aware of the trees or seat and would go back to Monson to see what action can be taken to avoid the removal of the trees and seat. Cllr Olley completed his report saying that a rearrangement of the concrete bays would spread them out so that the removal of the trees and seat were not necessary. After a short discussion Cllr Olley agreed to follow up issues with Mr Hughes including trying to ensure the new pedestrian foot path is maintained along the full length of the new bays if they be rearranged.

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8. **Any Other Items to Note or for the Next Agenda.** There were no items to note or for the next agenda.



P Eldridge
Parish Clerk
8th July 2015