

BENSON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Benson Parish Council Planning Committee meeting held
on Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall Lounge**
Minutes

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

Proper Officer: P Eldridge

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. **Apologies.** There were no apologies as all members were present.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** – There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Public Session.** Mr M Spence spoke as the planning member for the Bensington Society noting that the society was maintaining a watch on the new West Waddy phase 2 development. Mr Spence continued that the Benson Parish Council should engage with the C of E primary school due to the possibility of expansion to accommodate extra pupils. Mr Spence finished by saying that West Waddy have in the past changed their initial plans on community facilities by withdrawing them.
4. **To consider the following applications:**
 - a. **BPC51/15/P15/S4056/HH.** Wilmar, 13 St Helens Crescent, Benson, OX10 6RX.
Ground and first floor extensions.
Members unanimously resolved to return no objections with a recommendation that since the new windows will overlook a neighbour a condition should be made to fit obscured glass.
 - b. **Any Deferred applications.** Any applications deferred from the Benson Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th December 2015 which requires the submission of a return before January 2016. There were no deferred applications to discuss.
5. **To note Planning Decisions as follows:**
 - a. **BPC39/15/P15/S3296/HH.** The Farmers Man Cottage, 21 Brook Street, Benson, OX10 6LQ
Alterations to loft and first floor front extension to form additional bedroom and en-suite bathroom
Permission Granted.
 - b. **BPC42/15/P15/S3438/HH.** 10 Pensfield, Benson, OX10 6PD.
Insertion of window to side elevation.
Permission Granted.
6. **BPC44/15/P15/S3374/FUL.** Millstream Surgery, Millstream, Benson, OX10 6RL.
To discuss the provision of bicycle racks. Clerk reported that he had spoken with Dr S Harper who had expressed a concern that there would be no space in the immediate area of the surgery if planning permission for the extension was granted. Cllr D Olley commented that racks could be provided around the surgery and that parish council should request some funding from the surgery so new racks could be fitted. Cllr J Fowler asked the clerk to add an item to the next recreation and lands committee meeting to discuss the requirement and make a recommendation back to the full

council.

Action: Clerk to add item to discuss new bicycle racks in the area of the Millstream Toilets to the next Recreation and Lands agenda.

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7. **Any Other Items to Note or for the Next Agenda.**

a. Clerk made a request for information on the running of the planned public meeting scheduled for Friday 15th January 2015 to discuss with parishioners the phase 2 West Waddy development. Cllr J Fowler responded that the meeting arrangements should be discussed and moved to suspend standing orders.

Suspend Standing Orders: Members unanimously agreed to suspend standing orders.

Suspend Standing Orders.

Cllr Fowler reported that there were sufficient volunteers for hand delivering a flyer to most residences in the village. Cllr Fowler continued that he would draft the flyer.

Action: Cllr Fowler to draft a flyer to advertise the public meeting

Mr Spence asked the chair if he could comment and Cllr Fowler noted he would welcome any ideas from the public. Mr Spence commented that it was important to motivate local groups and individuals to attend the meeting and more importantly to send responses on the application to SODC. He continued that a key factor in doing this would be to ensure that as many people as possible attend the public meeting and this should include delivery of the flyer, posters, Facebook and twitter. At this point Cllr P Peers noted that SODC had written 171 letters to local residences most affected by the new housing. Mr Spence said this would help but still felt that all the other methods should be exploited as well.

In response to a question from the clerk Cllr Fowler confirmed that the meeting would be in 2 parts consisting of a briefing and static displays of information. Cllr P Murray concluded the discussion by noting that it would be best to wait until after Christmas to start the advertising for the meeting this was generally agreed.

Cllr J Fowler moved to resume standing orders

Members unanimously resolved to resume standing orders.

Resume Standing Orders

b. There were no other items to note.

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P Eldridge
Parish Clerk
16th December 2015