

BENSON PARISH COUNCIL

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Benson Parish Council Recreation and Lands Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7:30PM in the Committee Room

Councillors are reminded to sign the attendance register.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies.**
2. **Declarations of Interest.** – Members must ensure that they complete the Declaration of Interest sheet prior to the start of the meeting in respect of items other than Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and must indicate the action to be taken (i.e. to stay in the meeting, to leave the meeting or stay in the meeting to make representations and then leave the meeting prior to any considerations or determinations of the item).
3. **Public Session.** To allow members of the public to ask questions and address the Chairman. (It should be noted that the time allocated for the public session is a total of 10 minutes for all those wishing to speak as per council Standing Orders para 1.e.).
4. **Village Centre.**
 - a. To review suggested locations for additional bicycle racks to be installed in Village areas
 - b. To note any response from SODC on the takeover of the Millstream car park
 - c. Any maintenance or other issues.
5. **Rivermead:**
 - a. To discuss the placement of a memorial tree and commemorative plaque at Rivermead.
 - b. To note that Salters Steamers have been contacted about the requirement to cap the girders at the Rivermead Landing Stage.
 - c. To note that the order for the purchase of additional picnic benches to be placed at Rivermead has been processed
 - d. To receive an update on the installation of new Thames path gates at each end of Benson Marina.
 - e. To receive an update on the requirement to update the conditions for the use of Rivermead recreation area including mooring.
 - f. To note that work on the cutting back of riverbank foliage has been carried out.
 - g. Any maintenance or other issues.
6. **Allotments.**
 - a. Allotment allocation update and report.
 - b. To discuss a recommendation to full council on the request of an allotment holder to keep bees on his allotment now that the survey from allotment holders has been completed.
 - c. Any maintenance or other issues.
7. **Play Areas:**

- a. To discuss progress on the alternatives to remove, refurbish or replace the wooden multiplay equipment on the Green Close play area.
 - b. Any maintenance or other issues.
8. **Bertie West Field (BWF).**
- a. To note that additional pollarding of the large Willow tree has been carried out by parish staff at the request of a neighbouring house owner.
 - b. Any maintenance or other issues.
9. **Sunnyside.**
- a. To receive an update on the possibility of the gardening club maintaining the small garden at the front of the hall.
 - b. To discuss Sunnyside residents parking vehicles on the recreation ground.
 - c. To discuss the removal of a damaged tree by a professional tree surgeon.
 - d. Benson United Football Club:
 - i. To receive an update on the Benson United Football Club requirements for Sunnyside recreation ground maintenance.
 - ii. To note that the Benson United Football Club requirement to store new goalposts and nets has been passed to the halls committee as the club now wished to purchase 'folding goalposts' that could be stored against the pavilion garage wall.
- To discuss the infilling of the gaps on the perimeter of Sunnyside with trees
- e. Any maintenance or other issues.
10. **Benson War Memorial.**
- a. To receive an update on the pre-application for a grant to refurbish the lettering on the memorial.
 - b. To note that the Benson and Ewelme Branch of the Royal British Legion are reviewing options for a temporary ramp during the Remembrance Parade at the War Memorial.
 - c. Any maintenance or other issues.
11. **Benson Brook.**
- a. Any maintenance or other issues.
12. **General.**
- a. To note the progress of the installation of additional dog fouling signs around the village.
 - b. To discuss a complaint from a parishioner on the installation of a school road warning sign outside his house.
 - c. Discuss the recent illegal parking on council property such as the Sunnyside Recreation Ground and Aldridge Triangle.
 - d. Wells Corner Memorial:
 - i. To discuss the removal and re siting of the memorial when the junction Watlington Road, Littleworth Road and Sunnyside changes to support the

Littleworth Road developments. To discuss the placing of a plaque on the old site.

- e. To receive an update on the way forward with Benson Parish Council taking on additional maintenance in the parish under the OCC 'Oxfordshire Together' proposals.
 - f. To receive an update on the replacement of the 2 seats along Church Road.
 - g. To receive an update on the replacement of 2 stiles on footpath 125/2 with kissing gates by the Chiltern Society.
 - h. To note and discuss an email complaint from a parishioner about the clearing of public footpaths around the village
 - i. To note and discuss an email from Crowmarsh Parish Council about the possible installation of a bus shelter at the bust stop layby on the A4074 near Howbery Park.
 - j. To receive an update on the placement and costing of additional litter bins around the village.
 - k. To note that there has been no further response from RAF Benson on the clearance of trees on the perimeter of the base that obstruct Radar.
 - l. To note that no response has been received from the family that erected the Faye Grundy Shelter.
 - m. To note that grass contractor is trying to find a non-glyphosate-based weed killer for use around the village.
13. **Any Other Items to Note or for the Next Agenda.**
14. **Date of Next Meeting.** 10th November 2016.



P Eldridge
Parish Clerk
2nd September 2016