



Benson Parish Council

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Planning

Membership:

Chair Councillor P Murray-Chair, Councillor David Dawkins, Councillor Rob Jordan,
Councillor B Pattison, Councillor Ian Skeels, Councillor Michael Winton

Minutes of the Benson Parish Planning Committee meeting, held on Friday 24th October 2025 at 13.00pm at the Parish Hall

Nicola Copland
7th November 2025

Present-Cllr P Murray (Chair), Cllrs D Dawkins, I Skeels, M Winton,
1 member of the public
Clerk-N Copland

1. Apologies received from Cllrs B Pattison and R Jordan.

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. **None**

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.)
A member of the public spoke regarding item 6i.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved-To approve and sign the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 23rd September 2025 as a true record of the meeting.

5. Exclusion of the Public to discuss an item.

To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and Public be excluded from the items of the meeting. **None**

6. To consider and comment on the following applications.

i P25/S2692/FUL Field south of Brook Street, Brook Streey, Benson OX10 6HA

Members resolved to not object to this application.

ii P25/S2906/HH 5 Sunnyside Benson OX10 6LZ

Members resolved to not object to this application

iii P25/S2893/HH 19 Littleworth Road, Benson OX10 6LY

Members noted that this has already been agreed.

iv P25/S3244/CM / MW,0101/25 Severn Trent Green Power Wallingford AD Facility A4074 Benson OX10 6SQ

Members resolved to not object to this application.

v P25/S3055/S73 39 St Helens Way Benson OX10 6SP

Members resolved to not object to this application

Vi P25/S2992/S73 Mulberry Cottage 44 High Street Benson OX10 6RP

Members resolved to not object to this application



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vii P25/S3150/LB 1 High Street Benson OX10 6R

Members resolved to not object to this application

7. The following amendment was noted.

i P25/S1950/FUL Rivermead Recreation Site, Preston Crowmarsh.

8. Members noted that the following planning application has been granted.

i P25/S1899/HH 5 Old Barn Close Benson OX10 6LN

9. Items to note or to be included on next agenda.

i **The Chair** asked for members to vote to suspend Standing Orders to discuss legal help for the forthcoming Appeal reference: APP/Q3115/W/25/3374232 - The Land Adjacent to The Orchard Braze Lane, Benson.

Members resolved to suspend Standing Orders. Cllr P Murray explained that this is a time sensitive issue, hence the immediate request. Beechwood Homes are appealing the decision to refuse their development at the above location. Cllrs agreed that the PC will require specialised planning advice on this matter and so would like to make a recommendation to Full Council to procure funding from the legal budget to fund a Planning Consultant. **Recommendation to Full Council**-that Benson PC appoints a planning consultant to help councillors with The Orchard Planning Appeal/Hearing, (Land adjacent to The Orchard) Braze Lane Benson OX10 6JB, at a cost of no more than £8000+VAT.

Members resolved to reinstate Standing Orders.

ii Members noted that the following application has been withdrawn-
P25/S 2133/LB The Plough 2 Brook Street Benson OX10 6LQ

10.Date of next meeting-tba