



Benson Parish Council

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Full Council

Membership:

Councillor William Pattison (Chair), Councillor Patricia Baylis (Vice Chair), Councillor Robert Castelow-Sturges, Councillor David Dawkins, Councillor Rob Jordan, Councillor Fiona Lovesey, Councillor Gavin McLauchlan, Councillor Roger Moore, Councillor Phillip Murray, Councillor Ian Skeels, Councillor Tom Stevenson, Councillor Michael Winton.

COUNCILLORS ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL AT THE PARISH HALL BENSON, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER 2025 AT 7.30PM.

For Members of the Public wishing to attend the meeting to comment on an agenda item during the public session, please contact the clerk via email at

clerk@bensongpc.org.uk

Nicola Copland
Parish Clerk
10th December 2025.

AGENDA

1. Apologies and absences.

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. To receive written reports from the following:

- a. OCC Cllr G McLauchlan
- b. SODC Cllrs S Cooper and A Powell.

4. Public session

To allow members of the public to ask questions and address the Chair.

(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 3.f.)

5. Minutes of the last meeting

To approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting on the 27th of November 2025 as a true record of the meeting.

6. Exclusion of the Public to discuss an item.

Vote 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 business, the Press and Public be excluded from the items at the end of this meeting.

7. Updates on previous actions.



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8. Benson Parish Council Committees.

a. Finance and Staffing Committee

i To receive a report from the Chair of the Finance and Staffing Committee.

ii **Recommendation to Full Council**-to set the precept for 2026/27 at £367,389. This represents a 62p per month increase for a band d property, a 4.85% increase.

iii **Recommendation to Full Council** that the 2026-27 budget is accepted as detailed on the document entitled Budget 2026-27 Final.

iv **Recommendation to Full Council** that Cllr Pattison and Cllr Baylis are authorised to sign the Public Art Funding agreement on behalf of Benson Parish Council.

v **Full Council to note** that £55564.28 previously held in a Nationwide savings account has been moved to a CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund.

vi **Full Council to note**- that Cllr Skeels has been voted onto the Finance Committee.

vii **Cuckoo Pen Project-Full Council to discuss** whether Benson PC amends a previous resolution to appoint Landy Girls to carry out the Cuckoo Pen clearance project using CIL monies, without grant aid.

The previous FC resolution (July 2025). - It was RESOLVED to appoint Landy Girls to clear the Cuckoo Pen area, for a sum of up to £35k +VAT **subject to a grant aid**).

The grant from FCC that we recently applied for has been refused.

b Planning Committee

i To receive a report from the Chair of the Planning Committee.

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.

c. Halls Committee

i To receive a report from the Chair of the Halls Committee.

ii **Full Council to note** - Cllr Jordan has stepped down as Chair of the Committee. Ian Skeels was nominated to take over this position as Chair.

d. Recreation and Lands Committee.

i To receive a report from the Chair of the Recreation and Lands Committee.

e. Awards Committee.

i To receive a report from the Chair.

9. Benson Parish Council Working Groups and Outside Bodies

a. Neighbourhood Plan Delivery Team

i. To receive a report from the Chair of the NPDT WG

b. Parish Events Working Group.

i To receive a report from the Chair of the Parish Events WG.

c. Transport Representative

i. To receive a report from the Transport Representative.

d. Communications and Engagement Working Group.

i. To receive a report from the Chair of the Communications and Engagement WG.



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e. **Public Art Fund Working group.**

- i To receive a report and an update from the Chair of the Public Art Fund WG.

f. **CIL Working group.**

- i To receive a report from the Chair of the CIL WG

g. **Road safety Working group.**

- i To receive a report from the Chair of the Road Safety WG

h. **Rivermead Working Group.**

To receive a report from the Chair of the Rivermead WG

10. Finance

- a. To approve **and sign** the reconciled bank statements for the current account as of 30th November 2025.
- b. To approve payments for December 2025.
- c. To confirm that a Councillor has checked and signed the monthly invoices.

11. Recommendation to Full Council-that Benson PC approves and accepts the transfer of the first 2 DWH Green Spaces (Gerard Avenue Triangle and Eastern Park along Watlington Rd).

12. Correspondence

- a. To review correspondence received.
- b. To review Parish Office Notes.

13. Questions to the Chair.

Questions should be provided to the Parish Clerk by Monday 12 noon prior to the meeting.

14. Items for Councillors to note.

15. The date of the next Full Council meeting. Thursday 22nd January 2026. 7.30pm.

16. Dates of next meetings.

Planning Committee TBA

Finance Committee Tuesday 10th February. 6pm

Halls Committee-Tuesday 13th January 7pm-

Recreation and Lands Committee Thursday 15th January 10am.

Awards Committee TBA