



**Benson Parish Council**  
Serving Our Community

# **Benson Neighbourhood Plan Plan Revision 2022-2035**

**Submission Version - Sept 2022**

## **Appendix I - Community Facilities**

Appendix I has been significantly updated to reflect removal of projects completed since our Original Plan was adopted and addition of new projects suggested via community consultation.



## Appendix I – Potential Community Projects

The Original NP contained a list of projects that might qualify to receive CIL funding, together with supporting evidence for some of the projects. This list has been updated in the Revised NP to reflect the latest situation and to clarify that the projects included may also be eligible for funding from sources other than Benson Parish CIL funds - particularly grants and CIL funds distributed to other organisations. Benson Parish Council has also recently launched an online consultation process with the community to encourage comments and suggestions for new projects. The Parish Council will maintain a Register of Projects to manage this process. Inclusion in this list in no way indicates that the projects will be implemented and/or funded by the Parish Council. Many will need to be implemented and/or funded by sponsoring organisations and other funding sources. Inclusion in the list merely indicates that they are projects of community interest and that the Parish Council is broadly supportive of them. In due course, the Parish Council may choose to implement and/or fund/part-fund specific projects, but this will be subject to adequate funds and appropriate resources being available and will follow a proper evaluation and selection process.

There are four lists below:

- Projects that were on the previous list and that have been retained on the new list.
- New projects submitted and added to the new list.
- Projects that have already been implemented or are being implemented.
- Projects removed from the old list because they are no longer feasible.

**Projects Retained**

- 1 Traffic calming measures and 20mph zone
- 2 Improved pedestrian facilities - Platforms at the Bus Stops at The Cedars end of Brook Street and on Church Road
- 3 Improved signage to facilitate access to Community Facilities/Sites
- 4 Improved foot paths/cycle paths - New footway along Brook Street and new cycle way along Blacklands Road
- 5 Parking restrictions road markings to be refurbished
- 6 Play equipment for Green Close play area
- 7 Library / Heritage Centre
- 8 Village Centre car parking
- 9 Enhancement of existing parish green spaces:
  - 9.1 Sunnyside - Planting of wildflower margin
  - 9.2 Millbrook Mead - Refurbishment of the dipping pond and boardwalk
  - 9.3 Cuckoo Pen - Enhancement with picnic benches, fruit trees, wildflowers and (junior) allotments
  - 9.4 Salt Store – Scrub management to create a greater diversity of habitats.
  - 9.5 Benson Brook - increasing the biodiversity value of banks and channel, especially Cuckoo Pen stretch and areas within the village.
- 10 Installation of a trail and associated signage for Benson's nature network
- 11 Bridge across Elm Brook (beside McDonalds to facilitate safer pedestrian access to Warwick Spinney)
- 12 Purchase of equipment to enable Benson Nature Group to manage parish green spaces to maximise their value to wildlife and people. Provision of secure storage for such equipment.
- 13 Expansion of the Mill Stream Surgery
- 14 Works to Salt Store

**New projects added**

- 15 Rivermead – provision of toilet facilities
- 16 Sunnyside - provision of high kerbs
- 17 Expansion of Millstream Centre
- 18 New or renovated Youth Hall
- 19 Benson Community Shed
- 20 Pavilion upgrade for sports clubs and recreational activities
- 21 Solar panels on PC building roofs

**Projects under implementation or completed**

- Faye Elizabeth Play Area - completed
- Community Hall on Hopefield Grange - completed
- Parish Hall extension - completed
  
- Improve area on corner of A4074 and Church Rd to prevent parking - completed
- Bertie West Field - provision of appropriate facilities to support it as a natural play area for children – completed as far as possible
- New footpath and associated wildflower margin connecting Ewelme and RAF Benson – footpath completed
- Relief Road and connections to existing road network – being implemented
- Pedestrian (Toucan) Highway crossing on A4074 – ready to be implemented

**Project removed as no longer possible**

- Burial Ground – no suitable land available