

Adjournment Notes for Parish Council Meeting 7th June 2007

Mr Simon Watson address the Chairman and Councillors regarding concerns regarding the possibility of Gravel Extraction on the other side of the river from Benson between Wallingford and Rush Court, on land currently occupied by Severals Farm. He provided Cllrs with a written copy of his concerns (available with the minutes of the meeting).

He advised that the area (SG47) was approx 536 acres and would provide 14.5 million tons of gravel. This particular area was not included in the PAGE response but Preston Crowmarsh is part of Benson and is likely to be affected by this activity.

He stressed that something needs to be said now otherwise this might go ahead by default. He advised that a meeting will take place on Saturday 9th June at Crowmarsh Battle Farm to discuss a response.

He had been in touch with OCC and they had given the impression that this site would not go ahead but Mr Watson remains unconvinced and feels that it must be fought. He had also been in touch with the Mayor of Wallingford and has heard that she and the shop keepers in Wallingford are extremely concerned. The Town Council has held an extraordinary meeting.

The Chairman thanked Mr Watson for his comments. Cllr Fletcher suggested to Mr Watson that he could also fight the cause by offering an alternative site to OCC.

NB: Mr Watson's comments discussed at Post received item 30 and proposal resolved