

Dear Residents of Exton Parish

I hope this message finds you well.

It has recently been brought to my attention that not everyone sees the orange planning notices displayed around the parish. There are many understandable reasons for this, including work commitments, holidays, or simply not passing the relevant location at the right time.

A few residents have also asked whether planning applications could be shared more widely when notifications are received from Winchester City Council or the South Downs National Park Authority. I am very happy to look at ways we can improve communication and ensure residents have easy access to information about matters affecting our parish. I apologise if this has caused any confusion, and I appreciate everyone's understanding while we look at the best way to keep everyone informed.

At our Parish Meeting in March this year, I explained that the Parish Meeting does not comment on or submit representations regarding planning or licensing applications as a body. Individual residents are, of course, entirely free to express their own views and submit comments through the appropriate channels. The minutes of that meeting can be found on our parish website: <https://extonparishmeeting.com/>
<https://extonparishmeeting.com/parish-meeting-minutes/>

To help keep everyone informed, I will continue to publish relevant planning and licensing information received from Winchester City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority on the parish website. The website contains a great deal of useful information about parish matters and will continue to be kept updated.

There is a considerable amount of information received from both authorities, and while I want residents to be aware of matters affecting the parish, I do not want to overwhelm inboxes with information that may not be relevant to everyone. I will therefore focus on sharing information that directly affects Exton and Preshaw, while using the website as the main source for wider parish updates.

Following a helpful suggestion made under Any Other Business at our last Parish Meeting, I will also aim to display a list of planning applications relevant to Exton and Preshaw on the parish notice board, with local applications clearly highlighted. I hope this will provide a useful additional source of information, particularly for residents who do not regularly use the internet.

At present, the website is not used as much as it could be, so I would encourage all residents to make regular use of it as a valuable source of local information. The Winchester City Council and South Downs National Park Authority websites also allow residents to search planning applications and view details of matters relevant to their area:

Winchester City Council Planning Applications:

<https://planningapps.winchester.gov.uk/online-applications/registrationWizard.do?action=start>

South Downs National Park Authority Planning Applications:

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-applications/find-an-application/>

This is a Parish Meeting, and it belongs to the residents of Exton and Preshaw. I welcome suggestions on how we can continue to improve communication and make information as accessible as possible for everyone.

If you have any ideas, questions, or would simply like to discuss parish matters, please feel free to contact me directly: extonpm@extonparishmeeting.com

My aim is simply to ensure that everyone in Exton and Preshaw can stay informed and involved in matters affecting our parish.

Kind regards,

Fred Langdale

Chairman

Exton & Preshaw Parish Meeting

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