

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2025 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

**Present:** Cllr W R Ackers (Chairman) Cllr B Maginn  
Cllr R Batstone Cllr D Rolfe  
Cllr S Dexter

**In attendance:** Mr Barry Gooch and Dr Barry Lloyd

**Clerk:** Ms E McKivitt

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr C T McCarthy.

**2 Declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting**

No declarations were made.

**3 To sign the report of the meeting held on 20 May 2025**

It was **MOVED** the Chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously

**“that the report is signed as an accurate record of the meeting”**

**4 To receive any matters arising from the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising.

**5 To receive questions from members of the public relevant to items on the agenda for this meeting**

No public were present.

**6 To receive any Environmental issues (to include):**

(a) Letcombe Brook Project. There was nothing to report.

(b) To receive Mr Barry Gooch (Chairman of the Future Flood Resilience Group) to discuss the group’s Chairmans report, the future climate of South Oxfordshire and Open letter – Surface water discharge from new developments into local watercourses and water drainage systems.

Mr Gooch introduced himself and Dr Colin Lloyd and explained more about the work that the Future Flood Resilience Group are doing, he offered to provide the council with a full report after the meeting.

Cllr Dexter asked what the parish council could do to help the flood group, offering to put a section on our website and flooding. Cllr Batstone asked how the data was managed.

Mr Gooch responded and said that he would provide a detailed report, (the report is available on request from the Parish Council office).

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked Mr Gooch and Dr Loyd for attending.

**7 To receive any Police and associated matters (to include):**

- (a) Acts of vandalism of parish property since the last meeting. The Clerk reported that there had been no recent reported incidents of vandalism on parish property.
- (b) Neighbourhood Action Group. No update has been received.

**8 To receive any transport issue matters**

- (a) The report provided by the Council Passenger Transport Representative (Mr Holding) was received and noted.

**9 To receive any highway matters.**

There were no matters to discuss.

**10 To consider any cemetery issues**

Clerk Following a discussion, it was agreed that some progress be made on finding a solution for the cemetery wall and memorial wall.

*Parish Clerk's note: The Parish Clerk and Officers will act on instruction from Parish Councillors. The committee and or Council need to determine if the Memorial Wall is to be dismantled and rebuilt or replaced with something completely different and likewise, the same with the Cemetery Wall.*

**11 To receive Chairman's urgent communications (relevant to this committee)**

There were no Chairman's communications.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Confirmed: 4 November 2025

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Chairman