

UNADOPTED

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2026 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE

Present: Cllr D Rolfe (Chairman from Item 2) Cllr R Batstone
Cllr J M Stock (Vice Chairman) Cllr S K Dexter
Cllr W R Ackers (Chairman – Item 1 only)

Clerk: Mr G M Mundy

1 To elect the committee Chairman for the 2026-27 municipal year

It was **MOVED** Cllr Dexter **SECONDED** Cllr Stock and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“that Cllr Rolfe is elected as Chairman of the Environmental Services and Planning committee for 2026-27”

There being no other nominations, Cllr Rolfe was elected Chairman.

2 To elect the committee Vice Chairman for the 2026-27 municipal year

It was **MOVED** Cllr Ackers **SECONDED** Cllr Rolfe.

“that Cllr Stock is elected as Vice-Chairman of the Environmental Services committee for 2025-26”

There being no other nominations, Cllr Stock was elected Vice-Chairman.

3 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Deputy Clerk Ms E L McKivitt.

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

No declarations were made.

5 Sign the report of the meeting held on 27 January 2026

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

“that the report of the Environmental Services and planning committee is signed as a true record of the meeting”

6 Report summary from the previous meeting

- (a) Item 8(a) – Parish Council bus shelters. The Clerk informed the committee that the Parish Clerk has sought a quote from Ace Bus Shelters (the company that originally installed the shelters), for repairs and refurbishment.
- (b) Item 10(b) – Planning application P24/V0323/FUL. The Clerk informed the committee that she had notified the planning authority of the Parish Council's comments with regard to this application.
- (c) Item 11 – Cemetery issues. The Clerk informed the committee that since the introduction of the amended Cemetery Regulations, there had been no adverse comments from residents to the changes.

The Clerk added that after speaking with the Head Groundsman and the former Outside Services Manager, the wooden fence at the Cemetery should be replaced with a privet hedge. Once the hedge is established, the wooden fence will be removed.

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

No public were present.

8 To receive any Environmental issues (to include):

(a) Letcombe Brook Project.

- The Letcombe Brook Project update report for November 2025 to April 2026 was received and noted.
- The Letcombe Brook Project newsletter Winter 2025/26 edition was received and noted.
- The Letcombe Brook Project newsletter Spring 2026 edition was received and noted.

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

(a) Acts of vandalism of parish property since the last meeting. There was nothing to report.

Clerk

(b) Neighbourhood Action Group. There was nothing to report.

10 To receive any transport issue matters

There were no issues raised.

11 To receive any highway matters

The Clerk had previously distributed an email from OCC regarding a proposed speed limit consultation.

Clerk

Following a discussion, it was agreed to write to OCC and request that the Parish Council see the consultation before it goes live.

12 To consider any cemetery issues

There was nothing new to report.

13 Planning applications to be considered as follows:

- P26/V0840/HH – Erection of a detached Garden Room at 14 Peregrine Way
- P26/V0869/FUL – erection of a farm storage barn in a field West of Bradfield Barn, Old Mans Lane, Grove
- P26/V1283/HH – Rear two storey extension, including removal of chimney and addition of single side window at 2 Fairfield Close, Grove

There were no objections to any of these planning applications.

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

There were no Chairman's communications.

The meeting closed at 7.56pm

Confirmed: 11 August 2026

Chairman