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31st August 2026

FAO: Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer - Mr G M Mundy

Subject: Invitation to People's Emergency Briefing screening at St John's Church, Grove

Dear Mr Mundy

I am writing to invite a member of Grove Parish Council to attend a local screening of the *People's Emergency Briefing* film on the threats to British life from ongoing damage to nature and to our climate. In discussion with Parish Councillor Mr Frank Parnell, it was suggested that this might be appropriate to be a member of the Environmental Services and Planning Committee.

Location: *St John's Church Hall, Grove*
Date: *Sunday, 11th October 2026*
Time: *3pm - 5pm (doors open 2.40pm)*

The film features footage from last November's National Emergency Briefing, which brought together leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature.

It presents a clear, measured overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life in Britain - and what the evidence says about risks and responses.

The initiative is explicitly non-partisan, and is supported by a wide range of organisations including National Trust, Church of England, Exeter University, the Royal Meteorological Society, WWF, National Education Union, and many more.

Local authorities play a vital role in responding to these challenges. Councils are central to reducing emissions across housing, transport, planning and infrastructure, and to strengthening local resilience in the face of increasing flood risk, heatwaves, food insecurity and wider systemic pressures.

They also hold important responsibilities in relation to emergency planning, local resilience forums and community risk assessment, making it especially important that elected members have access to the clearest possible scientific understanding of the risks ahead.

The purpose of the Briefing is to support informed democratic discussion and ensure that national and local decision-makers, alongside the public, share a common understanding of the scale and urgency of the challenge.

Following the 50-minute film, we will host a 45-minute structured local discussion on what this means for our community, including implications for local preparedness, resilience and long-term planning.



The discussion after this showing is aimed towards members of the local churches, but we would like the Parish Council to consider whether a wider showing for the people of Grove would be appropriate.

We would greatly value your attendance - whether to listen and contribute, or simply observe the discussion. Your presence would signal the importance of open, evidence-based dialogue on an issue that affects residents across all wards and political affiliations.

If you are unable to attend, we would welcome a short written message to be read to attendees.

Please let us know if you are able to join us.

With best wishes,

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