

UNADOPTED

GROVE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2026

Present: Cllr W R Ackers (Chairman) Cllr T May
Cllr S K Dexter (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Rolfe
Cllr R Batstone Cllr J M Stock
Cllr K Jones

Clerk: Mr G M Mundy

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Parish Cllrs M Charlton, A P Harker, J Leggott, F D Parnell, G Smeddle, K Rowland and A Stoter.

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

No interests were declared.

3 Press statement in relation to no progress being made concerning the lack of a school crossing point at the new St Johns Academy Secondary School site on Liberator Lane, Grove and to also consider making a financial contribution towards any crossing from the General Reserves fund

The Chairman welcomed members to the Special Full Council meeting and explained that the reason for the meeting was to discuss and consider making a press statement over the concerns the Council has regarding there being no safe crossing point for young people when attending the new Secondary School and for primary children when visiting the site. The Chairman had prepared a DRAFT statement which was distributed to all members.

The Chairman explained that through the Grove Development Forum the Council (and others) had to get Persimmon Homes (Wessex) and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) to get together and agree a crossing point on Liberator Lane before the school opens in September 2026. He added that the OCC had confirmed that will open on 7 September 2026.

He said that Persimmon had offered to install a crossing but would require OCC to provide the technical specification and all we get from OCC is, "the road is unadopted" and "its Persimmons responsibility, no speed testing has been carried out etc".

He finished by saying that OCC have known for at least two years that there was no crossing point marked on plans. He said that he has a meeting with the Executive Head of St Johns Academy and the Headteacher of the Secondary School site on Wednesday 1 July 2026 to discuss the issues with them.

Following a discussion, It was **MOVED** Cllr Ackers **SECONDED** Cllr Dexter and **RERSOLVED** six in favour and one abstention

"that Grove Parish Council release the agreed press statement"

Clerks note: Following the meeting with the Executive Head of St Johns Academy and the Head Teacher it was agreed (reluctantly) to send out an 'open Letter' instead of the press statement to specified individuals. However, the Parish Council reserves the right to issue the agreed press statement if no action is taken by the OCC before the school opens in September 2026.

Meeting closed: 7.25 pm

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Confirmed: 28 July 2026

Chairman