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**Members of the public present: 2**

**5587. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Wonnacott, Cllr Stratton, District Cllr Watson.

**5588. Declaration of Interests**

The Chairman declared that interests be raised as they arise.

**5589. Public Open Question Time**

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