	Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council on 15 July 2025
	Present Cllr Howe, Cllr Robbins, Cllr Evans Members of the Public – 1
21/26	**Apologies for Absence** Cllr McIntyre – work commitments, Cllr Ford – away, Cllr Jones – work commitments – apologies accepted. Cllr James
22/26	To receive Declarations of Pecuniary, Personal or Prejudicial Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers 22.1 None
23/26	**Open Forum** 23.1 County Councillor – Cllr Fenton has taken over our Parish after the recent boundary changes – he is always available for requests for help. Unitary Council – proposal by end of November 2025 but there will be no feedback until May 2026. Cllr Howe asked if he could help re A361 – Police and Crime Commissioner have been contacted and will be look at situation especially at weekends. Potholes – Government have given more money and at end of June will need to know where this has been spent. Superusers have extra access to report defects – kerb stones, potholes, drains. A & B roads 20/30mph limits. 23.2 District Councillor – no report 23.3 Members of Public – no comments
24/26	**To Accept Minutes of Last Meetings** 24.1 Minutes for Council meeting on 17 June 2025 have been circulated to Councillors. Accepted and signed by council. 24.2 None
25/26	**Monthly Working Party Updates** 25.1 **Planning** – Cllr Howe, Robbins, Jones 25.1.1 25/00974/FUL Unit 11a&b Oxleaze farm awaiting decision 25.1.2 25/00886/HHD Rectory Orchard – approved 25.1.3 25/01305/FUL Land parcel 424112 – awaiting decision 25.2 **Property, Cemetery, Highways** – Cllr Jones, Robbins, Ford 25.2.1 No Parish Transport meeting report 25.2.2 Teleraam to be re connected. 25.3 **Project List 2025** 25.3.1 Bund has been strimmed by groundsman. Last survey carried out by OCC and no newts, otters, voles etc were found. We can therefore commence with the works to raise the bund – however turf cannot be laid with the hot weather so this will be carried out in September. Cllr Howe is expediting a date from contractors and ask about machinery, number of times access will be required. Quote will be sent to OCC to start grant application. 25.3.2 Vale Wood – grant to be applied for in September. Clerk will obtain 2nd quote for tree works 25.3.3 Flood Report – not received yet we are chasing constantly. 25.4 **Village Centre** 25.4.1 Information Board - Cripps family have been approached to agree wording 25.4.2 Request for sole use of kick about field from St Filica Society for village Fete on 6 September 2025. The Parish Council are happy to support and agreed – but cannot

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	allow dogs on the area. Unfortunately most of the Council are away in September. Clerk will ask Cllr Ford if she is available to run an information stand.
26/26	**Village Matters** 26.1 Motorbikes A361 – Cassington Bike show was held in July and after the show they aways visit the A361 on the Monday night. Cllr Jones spoke to TVP operator on the night and was asked if he could photograph number plates. Cllr Howe asked if Cllr Fenton could help and he has spoken to the Crime Prevention Officer. 26.2 SCAS – are able to attend our meeting on 21/10 to talk to residents and explain the use of the defibrillator. We will ask if they are able to do some training on the night for eg up to 8 people. If they can the meeting will start at 8pm and we will move to main hall. It was Suggested residents could watch a video on You Tube. 26.3 Meeting was held with Frances Bates the new rep for ECT. The hedge ground, kick about field, access through Goodfellows Yard and planning were all discussed. She suggested we may want to look into turning the plank in the kickabout field into an access gateway. Our concern is removing/moving the plank and some of the stone wall. 26.4 There has been some damage at the Village Centre allotment site – this will be monitored.
27/26	**Finance** 27.1 Payments or June/July 2025 were agreed and will be authorised after the meeting 27.2 As part of the audit process JPEG regulations are moving towards all Parish Councillors having a .gov.uk email address. Clerk will investigate this with Bulldog as we do not want a separate website for the parish council. It may be that a .gov.uk domain can be used for email but still direct to filkins.org.uk
28/26	**Village Shop** 28.1 Solicitor will provide an update on the lease for the next meeting.
29/26	**Local Plan** 29.1 Briefly -The consultation has been released for the local plan for comments before the draft is released. There are many flaws in the data WODC are using. They are aware that the 2016 housing survey was incorrect but are using this as the base for their information. They are proposing that 16k new homes are built to 2041. Filkins & Broughton Poggs has been listed as a Tier 3 village – amongst most of the surrounding villages – this includes villages much larger than ourselves and tier 3 is proposed to be able to accept between 10-300 houses each – although local planners say this will be proportionate and take into account the rural outlook. This tier is far too big and we are suggesting this be split into 2 tier 3a and 3b for example. It is important that we comment now and not wait for the draft plan. We will be consulting with Michael Robson regarding our response which is due by 8 August. Clerk will write an article for the newsletter asking for residents to comment. It was agreed any costs involved in employing the consultant will be met from reserves up to £2k
30/26	Next meetings 19/08, NO SEPTEMBER MEETING, 21/10, 18/11,16/12

Signed as a true and correct record by Cllr Richard Howe at meeting on 19 August 2025

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