	Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council on 17 February 2026
	Present Cllr Howe, Cllr Robbins, Cllr Ford, Cllr Evans, Cllr McIntyre Members of the Public – none
78/26	**Apologies for Absence** Cllr Fenton, Cllr Jones- apologies accepted
7926	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 79.1 None **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC** The Committee is asked to consider passing the following resolution: "That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Act." Meeting will be cleared for item Village Shop below 79.2 Agreed
80/26	**Open Forum** 80.1 County Councillor – ~~no report~~ Report received and read 80.2 District Councillor – no report 80.3 Members of Public – none
81/26	**To Accept Minutes of Last Meetings** 81.1 Minutes for Council meeting on 20 January have been circulated to Councillors. With one alteration accepted and signed by council 81.2 None
82/26	**Monthly Working Party Updates** 82.1 **OALC Monthly Meeting** No report 82.2 **Planning** – Cllr Howe, Robbins, Jones 82.2.1 25/02644/FUL Goodfellows- approved 82.2.2 25/02905/HHD Banham Cottage – approved 82.2.3 Alvescot Downs scoping application – our response was lodged online – in Total 104 objections were received and we thank all residents who took the time to write. 82.2.4 Cllr Howe visited The Court House re their request to replace their fence which is falling down and match this to the other side. There were no objections 82.2.5 Reports in media as we are likely to join with Cherwell – Cherwell announced that since 2021 they have spent £450k where they have lost planning appeals. Increasing perception that councils will no longer object as they cannot afford to lose – some councils may block everything on purpose. 82.3 **Property, Cemetery, Highways** – Cllr Jones, Robbins, Ford 82.3.1 Parish Transport – Written to Community Speedwatch group asking for a meeting and when surveys will resume. Also highlighting that when Bzn runway is re surfaced it may increase traffic depending on where the aircraft are located. We do still have the camera loaned from Langford. TVP have announced they have set up a road policing unit – they will look at specific areas and have a dedicated team. As it is for high risk areas we could approach about the A361 motorbikes and ask them to monitor. Cllr Ford will approach them. 83.3.2 Clerk reported that the contract for the swimming pool electric has been taken

	over by EDF – as of 01/02. 82.4 Alvescot Parish Council have approached neighbouring parishes concerning a joint letter regarding the state of the highways and pot holes. They have asked if we would put our name to it – agreed. Cllr Ford spoke to highways last week and they confirmed that the bobcat team will repair the road before 28/02 – it will take out strips of tarmac not just fill holes. Clerk also contacted Highways and said he can see 3 jobs have been raised between us Alvescot and Upavon Way. Cllr Ford queried a timeline the section of the B4477 that was not resurfaced when Kencot was done but it is not shown for 2026/27. Cllr Ford will also raise with them that when the runway is re surfaced there will be 450 contractors on site some of who will use B4477 through Filkins & Broughton Poggs.
83/26	**Village Matters** 83.1 Flood Meeting – Looking for a date for one resident, OCC and WODC to decide a date to meet week of 16/03 to see if there is any land that is suitable for a bund. Gordon Kelman has come back and will visit on 23/02 to discuss the outflow from the pond under the drive at Manor Farm into the brook with an outlet facing into the stream. Clerk has contacted Joblings and Pearce concerning the pipe – Mark Pearce has come back and has no objection to us going ahead we could go ahead. We have not heard from Joblings 83.2 Residents of The Gassons have reported people visiting and taking photographs of the houses for scaffolding as they are going to put up solar panels although some residents do not want them. Clerk has contacted Cottsway – no response- and WODC Planning to ask if planning permission is required. It is considered allowed under Town and Planning Act if the panels are on the roof. They are not allowed to be sited on the walls. We would not be against them but it is the aesthetic look of the houses. Residents have now received a letter apologising for contractors visiting. It would have been good if Cottsway had approached us direct. 83.3 Bus shelter roof is in need of repair – Clerk has contacted Andy Clements for a quote 83.4 Grass cutting – Adrian will start cutting on 16/03 83.5 Platinum Garden- A young person who helped with the garden as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award has contacted Cllr Ford and asked to help again with his next award. Cllr Ford has had information on report writing and will meet him next week. It will be a regular visit but he cannot cut grass. Cllr Ford asked if Adrian could look at the beech hedge to see if it needs trimming if he could not do it. 83.6 Roger Chitty is organising a litter pick on 11 April 83.7 We have been approached by an allotment holder at The Gassons to ask if he can erect a small greenhouse at the back of his allotment against the wall. Clerk to ask the size of the greenhouse
84/26	**Finance** 84.1 Payments for February 2026 were agreed and will be authorised after the meeting for Parish Council and Village Centre. 84.2 Information has been sent to accountants for Corporation Tax return 84.3 Assertation 10- Clerk and Cllr Ford have met and worked through policies and paperwork raised by Clerk to be compliant with Assertation 10. All were agreed and signed. New regulation is that the Parish Council must own and have a contract for the website they use. The most efficient way of dealing with this is if the Parish Council have their own domain (Filkinsandbpparishcouncil.gov.uk) and all the village information is also on that website. Clerk has approached St Filica and they are in agreement. Bulldog have been informed and will register the new domain. It may mean we have to change our emails to .gov.uk 84.4 Hayes Palmer Trust – Request for funding has been received and will be sent to Bowls Club. Finance committee will look at charges from Dixon Ward and ask about the surplus to be distributed.
85/26	**WODC Unitary Council Consultation** 85.1 Consultation has been released – article will be put in newsletter.

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76/26	**Village Shop – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM** 76.1 Discussion took place re Village Shop arrangements and new lease
77/26	Ernest Cook Trust – Have asked to attend Annual Parish Meeting in May to talk to village which was agreed
78/26	Next meetings 17/03, APRIL MEETING CANCELLED, CHANGE OF DATE 05/05 APM & Annual Parish Meeting, 16/06

Signed as a true and correct record by Cllr Richard Howe at meeting on 17 February 2026

Signed: Date: