Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council

F&BP PARISH COUNCIL

	Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 14 May 2025
	Present Cllr Howe (Chair), C Hoad (Clerk) Members of the Public - 20
01	Apologies for Absence: 1.1 Richard Martin, Ed James, Ted Fenton
02	Acceptance of minutes from last Annual Parish Meeting - accepted by meeting
03	Thames Valley Police – called to attend an incident
04	South Central Ambulance – unable to attend- future date to be set
05	Chair's Report: Cllr Howe gave a brief recount of the years activities. Report attached
06	RFO Report The final accounts for 2024/25 are attached to the agenda Income – Income to the Parish Council is very stable – the majority from the precept. Precept remained at£20500. £500 grant received from Cllr Nick Leverton from Community Support Fund for plaque on Sir Stafford Cripps to be sited at the village centre Expenditure- Tracked as to the predicted budget Earmarked reserves for 2025/26 are £13k I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Bohm for agreeing to carry out the Internal Audit again this year.
07	County Councillor – Cllr Ted Fenton sent his apologies
08	District Councillor – Cllr Ed James sent his apologies
09	Speedwatch Group – Lee Avery gave a report and statistics on speeding cars along B4477. In 8 months of 2024 58 sessions were undertake. Out of 9003 cars 1500 were speeding. TVP sent their camera unit twice recently. If anyone wants to join please let Lee know. Sign cleaning will also take place if anyone wants to help. Speedwatch team were thanked for their efforts. Sue Hitchcock has advised she is undergoing her Superuser training to monitor works in the village. She will have a FastTrack way of reporting potholes and hopefully have some success with the granite sets.
10	Highway Issues – Council contacted and met with Inspector Ball TVP concerning speeding motorbikes. TVP asked Speedwatch to do a survey and we have advised them they are not able to monitor roads over 40mph. TVP have advised there is not much they can do as the have no finances and suggested we buy a speed camera for ~£4k. This only looks at one side of the road at a time so overtaking vehicles would not be captured. There is also a problem siting it with clear line of sight. Council decided this is not a good use of residents money – this was agreed by the meeting. TVP will talk to Glos Police
11	Flooding and Bund – grant applied for last May- we are still awaiting OCC to complete their wildlife surveys. One survey undertaken in April 2025 no sign of newts. Awaiting the otter and vole survey which has to be undertaken in July. When the results are issued works can be done. We will need to ask out contractor to re quote and August is a bad tome for works if dry the grass will not take. So September is thought to be the time to go ahead before the field becomes too wet.
12	FRIN – FRIN helps residents with one off costs for emergency etc.. Stephen Evans wants to raise awareness that help is available by contacting Trustees as the website and there is a form and post box in the village shop corridor to post forms.
13	A note from Richard Martin concerning the finger post was read and he was thanked for his work. Resident commented it is very dark and difficult to read – we are hoping this will weather. We now have 2 defibs in the village and were hoping SCAS would come to talk to us – we will re arrange this for August.

Signed: Date:

	Information board at village centre – text being approved by Cripps family. A mock up in Perspex will be made and then the sign produced Vale Wood – why is it called Vale – after Mrs Vale who lived adjacent to wood and donated it to the Woodland Trust – small sign at front gate would be good explaining B4477 at Kencot is nearly a "failed" road with the potholes and the new roundabout on A40 leading to Witney Lakes is being re surfaced! So out of kilter.. Cllr Howe is approaching Ted Fenton to progress. There is an increasing smell of cannabis around the corner of The Gassons. Can the Council intervene. Cottesway has been informed for last 18 months. Why is verge at Crosstree Lane not cut by groundsman – this is not part of Highways verges that we are responsible for. Meeting was closed

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