	Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council on 21 October 2025
	Present Cllr Jones, Cllr Robbins, Cllr Ford, Cllr Evans, Cllr Howe, Cllr McIntyre Members of the Public – none
40/26	**Apologies for Absence** None
41/26	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 41.1 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 Clerks Wages below 41.2 Agreed
42/26	**Open Forum** 42.1 County Councillor – no report 42.2 District Councillor – no report 42.3 Members of Public – none present
43/26	**To Accept Minutes of Last Meetings** 43.1 Minutes for Council meeting on 19 August 2025 have been circulated to Councillors. Accepted and signed by council. 43.2 None
44/26	**Monthly Working Party Updates** 44.1 **OALC Monthly Meeting** 44.1.1 Only 6 attendees at the last meeting. Local Plans are now being disregarded so WODC will need to be re write due to Government changes now being pushed through. It is not possible for them to hit their target they are suggesting. Clerk's pension – Councils having difficulty gaining clarification from HMRC that declarations have been made for no contributions. Carterton and surrounding areas – cycle and walking routes being installed. New Crossings stretching out to Alvescot. Cycle way to Shilton down the dip. When changing speed limits 40-30mph then PC's are responsible for grass cutting. 44.2 **Planning** – Cllr Howe, Robbins, Jones 44.2.1 25/01925/LBC Cross Trees – awaiting decision 44.2.2 25/0237/PN26 Oxleaze Farm – change of use to residential 44.2.3 Licence Application – Bar in a Box – Broughton Poggs Business Park 44.3 **Property, Cemetery, Highways** – Cllr Jones, Robbins, Ford 44.3.1 No Parish Transport meeting report – next 11/12 November – proposed railway and community buses. Awaiting a date for a Speedwatch meeting to hand over the camera from Langford 44.3.2 Teleraam re connected. 44.4 **Project List 2025** 44.4.1 Vale Wood – Clerk to contact Mark Dowell for quote for Vale Wood 44.4.2 Flood Report – received a date for repairs to bund 3/11. List of vehicles has been given so will be sent to Richard Martin for permission to access over car park. Flood report – seems to be a re hash of 2007/8 report but we could not progress until it had been completed. Cllr Ford asked at OALC meeting if anyone who had had success –

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	Brize Norton has but only as RAF hangers were flooded. They are having a meeting with EA and OCC. It is a review rather than what we are going to do which we will need to go back on. There should be more funding so Cllr Ford has contacted them concerning left over funds at the end of the year. There was a consultation in 2024 on flood mitigation across Oxfordshire which does give us the ammunition to go back to OCC. Report has been gone through item by item – and sent link to those flooded and posted on website. We will now go back to WODC and OCC and formulate who is responsible and a time frame for works to be undertaken. When we have an answer we will go back to those flooded and we need to decide whether we employ a hydrologist to find what items would make the most impact. We may form a working party for flooding to deal with issues. We would need to ensure any hydrologist is independent. Stage 1 would be to talk to OCC and WODC. When we get large puddles on the B4477 we need to report to Fix My Street so it is logged with Highways – especially on Filkins part of the road where there is no drainage. We will also speak to Cllr Fenton to raise direct with OCC and see if he can help push for a timetable – no responsibility on OCC or WODC to carry out the tasks raised. Will they disregard our hydrologist if they contradict their own? Also ask Cllr Fenton to advise the way forward. Cllr Howe and Ford will form working party and co opt 2 representatives from those who have flooded. 44.5 **Village Centre** 44.5.1 Information Board – I Grey is trying to finalise waiting for R Martin. Cllr McIntyre will chase. Would like to hold an even to launch it. 44.5.2 New tariff has been suggested by Unity with EDF which will be cheaper Feb/2026 44.5.3 Swimming pool has been repainted and pump controls replaced. Started filling up and will be put to bed on 03/11
45/26	**Village Matters** 45.1 SCAS contacted Clerk today to say they would not be available tonight – those who had expressed an interest were contacted.
46/26	**Finance** 46.1 Payments or September/October 2025 were agreed and will be authorised after the meeting 46.2 Assertation 10- Website quote has been received – it is easier to rebuild it and make it more modern than refurbish. Quote is £672 – this was agreed. Clerk will contact Debbie Law, Annika Hansen and St Filica as to what features they want added/changed if any. 46.3 1st draft of budget. Finance working party met and reviewed the budget the RFO put forward. Some revisions were made and the draft was presented to the full council. Correction as made to flood prevention and Scribe software. New contract for street lighting reduces the cost by £1k. RFO suggested we reduce the precept down to £22k from £24k. Are there any other projects in the village which needed to be added. This was agreed 46.4 External Audit – RFO has received the external auditors report. Box 9 was missed – this was corrected. The wrong answer was given by Internal auditor to the question re petty cash. In future as we do not hold petty cash it needs to be answered not covered and an explanation given. Also for exemption status. Box H was also missed – Box 2 the precept for 2024/25 was £20,500 and a grant for election fees was also given of 1420. RFO did explain this to external auditor but they insist that this should show £21,920 as the precept which is incorrect. RFO has contacted Moore and re stated this with a copy of the original precept sheet. Awaiting a reply.
47/26	**Village Shop** 47.1 Clerk has sent invoice to shop with a rent increase of £96 per annum but they have refused to pay this. Rent will be reviewed through an assessor and advice from 2 organisations. Village Shop will be approached before their AGM. Quote from Moore Allen received for rent review but quote is not acceptable. Other sources will be found. Then meeting will be held with shop committee. Village Centre costs are increasing every

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	year and they need to contribute a little more. New lease will be drawn up with a regular rent review and include kitchen area.
48/26	**Clerks Wages – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM** 48.1 New NALC pay scales received and accepted
49/26	Next meetings 18/11, 16/12

Signed as a true and correct record by Cllr Richard Howe at meeting on 18 November 2025

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