	Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council on 21 July 2026
	Present Cllr Howe, Cllr Robbins, Cllr Ford, Cllr Jones Members of the Public – 2
24/27	Apologies for Absence 24.1 Cllr McIntyre and Cllr Evans – work commitments and illness– accepted. Cllr Fenton – work commitments
25/27	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 25.1 None 25.2 **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 and Email received - Agreed
26/27	Open Forum 26.1 County Councillor – no report 26.2 District Councillor – none 26.3 Members of Public – 2 members of public came to observe
27/27	To Accept Minutes of Last Meetings 27.1 Minutes for Council meeting on 16 June 2026 have been circulated to Councillors. Accepted and signed by council. 27.2 Broadwell instigated Clerks & Councillors WhatsApp group is working. Clerk has contacted Jenny King re ivy we have cut back opposite the Gassons and Adrian will also cut back the foliage on B4477 where the wall has collapsed and covered the footpath.
28/27	**OALC Monthly Meeting** 28.1 No report
29/27	**Monthly Working Party Updates** 29.1 **Planning** – Cllr Howe, Robbins, Jones 29.1.1 26/00852/FUL - Furzey Hall Farm – Conversion of barn to separate live/work unit – awaiting decision 29.1.2 26/01422/FUL - Land (N) 422588 (E) 204083 Filkins – development of single dwelling house – awaiting decision 29.2 **Property/Cemetery/Highways** 29.2.1 Cllr Ford reported - B4477 repairs response from Highways but no feedback. Inspection done in June – Chris Grain North Oxfordshire Highways lead has been contacted and asked for update but still waiting. Cllr Fenton has been copied in 29.2.2 Parish Transport rep meeting – large part dedicated to Quiet Lanes Consultation We have been invited to suggest any roads for consultation – there would be a cost to us but only roads we have that are suitable are Kings Lane/Clock Round. Must go to consultation – newsletter article will be written if anyone wants to comment and presentation will be on website. Push by OCC to reduce speed limits on major roads – A40 down to 40mph. Could be a greater justification to push for reduction in speed limit between Kencot and Filkins. Caveat is that OCC will not exist after 2027. Rapid transit also being discussed. Botley Road – to open in August 2026. OCC looking into bus funding – one ticket policy may not continue.

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30/27	**Village Matters** 30.1 Flood Alleviation – Grant application received for the piggy back pipe from the pond to Broadwell Brook. Grant application signed. Tom Wilson will be contacted for time scale and S23 form will need to be completed Gordon Kelman has completed the survey by Broughton Poggs Mill bridge – the problem he has is there is not enough depth in the road for the pipe but he is having to model it to ensure it will work if he moves the pipe further up towards the bridge. He will also contact Bridges so as not to undermine the bridge. Gordon Kelman will be contacted and asked if the depth is not large enough for one 900mm could he put two smaller pipes. We will also speak to Marc Cheveau about the grip off the B4477 where his wall has collapsed. Natural bunds further up the river- natural bunds have been agreed by OCC and spec has been sent, Andrew Cripps and ECT have agreed for part of a wooded area to be flooded when/if the bunds come into use, Marc Cheveau has offered help to build them and use of wood that he has on his side. Date for hopefully – last meeting 31 July. Lewis Purbrick is away but we will go ahead for final positionings. We will also check the culverts are clear. 30.2 Platinum Garden – lock box for key will be installed by the door for volunteers to access the mowers. 30.3 Allotment shed and skip hire- will be ordered and we can clear out. Richard Howe and Roland Jones offered to help with moving 30.4 Allotment fenceline – Tony Colledge has sent the quote for replacing the posts. £520. Agreed to go ahead. This will go ahead as soon as the ground is not so hard. September/October. 30.5 Swimming Pool – We are having problems with children/young adults accessing the toilets in the evening with vandalism and drug taking. Cleaner said she will lock and open This was agreed and keys will be cut. Power has been turned off for some while. TVP has been informed. Note will be put in Newsletter and reason why they are being locked. 30.6 Groundsman has asked if any other jobs need doing around the village as there is not much grass to cut due to the weather. Clerk has asked him to strim ivy on Clarks field wall (which is done) strim the tall grass around the orchard trees (now done) 30.7 Drain outside paddock – on 28 day order – Artur has inspected and thinks sewage is in The pipe but can't remove any blockage as it will leak into the stream. Was overflowing down the road again and will now move up the list. 30.8 Allotment Lease at the Gassons was signed. Lease runs to 2047.
31/27	**Finance** 31.1 Payments or June/July 2026 were agreed and will be authorised after the meeting. Bank balance reported £14458.74. Payment sheet was signed 31.2 Village Centre payments were also reported. EDF account will be checked as have sent large credit note. 31.3 E Mails – Cllr Ford, McIntyre and Evans are all connected to new emails. Cllr Jones awaiting anew router- Cllr Robbins and Howe Clerk will visit to connect. 31.4 Pool Committee are intending to spend money on improving the pool this year. They have purchased 2 new benches (approx. £1k), a channel will be dug along the grass border and covered with a grill to stop the mud patches and they are looking for quotes for an automatic chlorine feeder to enable a steady flow of chlorine. With the hot summers it is getting more crucial to keep the chlorine at the right level to prevent the water going cloudy. It was agreed that any improvements will be supported.
32/27	Confidential Item 32.1 Filkins Village Shop lease – discussion took place 32.2 Email received was discussed
33/27	Next meetings 15/09, 20/10, 17/11, 15/12,19/01, 16/02, 16/03

Signed as a true and correct record by Cllr Richard Howe at meeting on 15 September 2026

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