



**MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2025 AT STOW YOUTH CENTRE, FOSSEWAY,
STOW ON THE WOLD GL54 1DW AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs A Tighe (Chair), J Scarsbrook (Vice Chair), J Davies, V Davies, V Goddard, S Clarke, A White, B Eddolls, S Woods & A Wright

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Miss M Pawley, Clerk & RFO of Council & 5 x members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr M Stracey.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Members were reminded to declare any interests that may arise during the meeting.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Tighe commented that as 2026 is the 550th anniversary of Stow-on-the-Wold and Council will have the restored stocks in place by then too, Council may like to 'think ahead' as to how Stow can celebrate these occasions in the form of a special town event.

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC*

None, as there were no members of the public present.

5. MINUTES - TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 31st JULY 2025

RESOLVED that the Chair should sign the minutes as a true and accurate record. **Motion carried.**

6. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 31st JULY 2025

The Clerk is currently reviewing the Memorial Safety Testing Policy and drafting a procedure based on professional & legal advice received regarding the many factors to be considered when testing headstones. This will be on a future agenda.

The 2nd part of the precept for 2025/26 has been received at a value of £59,375.00

Due to pigeons still nesting in the churchyard wall yew hedge, the trimming has been put back to 18th/19th November 2025.

7. POLICE REPORT

No Police were in attendance, but Cllr Tighe spoke to the report which had been circulated to all members and placed on Council's website under NEWS.

Cllrs asked whether it would be possible to have some clarification as to what 'miscellaneous' refers to in the monthly police report.

8. REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR D CORPS, COTSWOLD DIVISION

Cllr Corps sent his apologies, and Cllr Tighe spoke to his report, which had been circulated to all members and placed on Council's website under NEWS.

9. REPORT FROM WARD DISTRICT CLLR D NEILL

Cllr Neill sent her apologies, and Cllr Tighe spoke to her report, which had been circulated to all members and placed on Council's website under NEWS.

10. TO RECEIVE AN APPROACH FROM J. ROBERTS AT NEWLANDS, ABOUT SPONSORSHIP OF STOW'S CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES.

The CEO/Director of Newlands of Stow attended the meeting and kindly offered to sponsor Stow's Christmas Tree and lights, in the Square.



11. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM 'FUTURE SPORTS EVENTS LTD' FOR A 10K EVENT IN STOW NEXT YEAR.

An organiser for the event attended the meeting and explained that preparations are in the early stages and more details will follow later. The plan so far is for a Sunday event, starting at 9.00am and finishing approximately 10.30am

12. TO NOTE THAT THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS, PKF LITTLEJOHN, HAVE COMPLETED THE ANNUAL AUDIT WITH NO MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REVIEW AND THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED ON THE STOW COUNCIL WEBSITE.

Members noted.

13. TO NOTE THAT THE LIBRARY AT ST EDWARDS HALL IN STOW SQUARE HAS GRANTED A PRELIMINARY 3-MONTH LICENSE FOR THE COUNCIL TO HOLD A 'COUNCILLOR ENGAGEMENT CLINIC' COMMENCING 3RD OCTOBER 2025 UNTIL 3RD JANUARY 2026.

Council has booked 3 slots: 31st October, 28th November and 19th December 2025.

14. TO NOTE THAT FOLLOW UP LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT REGARDING ITEMS PLACED ON PAVEMENTS.

Members noted.

15. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM GREAT WESTERN AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY (GWAAC) FOR £500.00 TOWARDS FUNDING A CRITICAL CARE MISSION.

RESOLVED to approve the aforementioned grant application for the full amount. **Motion carried.**

16. TO REVIEW COUNCIL'S INVESTMENT STRATEGY.

RESOLVED to accept the policy as it currently stands. **Motion carried.**

17. TO REVIEW COUNCIL'S LONE WORKING POLICY.

RESOLVED to accept the policy as it currently stands. **Motion carried.**

18. TO RECEIVE BRIEF REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR OF EACH THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:-

a) BURIAL BOARD

The Clerk reported that the new cemetery signs are now installed.

b) FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

i) TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATIONS TO 31st JULY & 31st AUGUST 2025

ii) TO REPORT BALANCE IN CCLA ACCOUNT AS OF 31st JULY & 31st AUGUST 2025

iii) TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLVED to approve **Motion carried.**

c) PARKS & SQUARE COMMITTEE

Cllr Clarke commented that the bonfire event preparations are almost complete.

2 x picnic tables have been delivered and will be installed at QEII field when contractor is available.

Council wishes to express its thanks to 'Embrace Building Wraps' for providing the posterboard of the Stocks, which will be in place until the Stocks themselves, are returned.

d) PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMITTEE

The parking review by Gloucestershire County Council will take place on Wednesday 29th October 2025.

19. REPORT BY ANY MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD A MEETING OR ATTENDED ANY EVENT ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL

5th August 2025: North Cotswold rotary dinner – Cllr Tighe

14th August 2025: 'Meet the Council' event in Stow Square was well received by the public.

20th August 2025: Community Garden event – The Clerk, Cllrs Tighe, Goddard & J. Davies

29th August 2025: Abbotswood afternoon tea – Cllrs Tighe & Eddolls

11th September 2025: Community Land Trust Meeting – Cllrs Clarke & Tighe



17th September 2025: St Edwards Church Reception – The Clerk, Cllrs V. Davies & J. Davies
24th September 2025: Cotswold District Council Meeting – Cllr Eddolls addressed the Council regarding Stow's toilet situation (I have attached his contribution below).
He will also attend a site visit with Cotswold District Council's asset manager, the Clerk and Cllr Tighe on 9th October 2025.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 30th October 2025 at 7.00 pm in Stow Youth Centre.

21. MEETING CLOSED at 7.59pm

Signed Chair of Council Date

Hello, I'm Ben Eddolls, a Councillor from Stow-on-the-Wold and the self-appointed toilet Czar, to get our point across in one minute is difficult, so I hope this works:

Stow-on-the-Wold is a tourist hot spot,
However, we're dismayed with the toilets that we've got,
The odour they exude and their often, filthy state,
Are making many visitors quite irate.
Letters and emails are coming to our Clerk,
That when they have finally found a space to park,
The toilets are deplorable, the worst they've ever seen,
40p to use them is really quite obscene.
What can be done to help our little town,
We're embarrassed to be caught with our trousers down,
Please CDC, can we together make a plan,
To have a better place for our toilet pan,
Ones that are clean, and working all the time,
Without that smell, and the filth and grime



BACS PAYMENTS/DIRECT DEBITS FOR APPROVAL UP TO 31/08/2025					
Payment Type	Name	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
BACS	Cottage Garden Services (CGS)	Contract Maintenance (July)	£2,952.00	£590.40	£3,542.40
BACS	David Ogilvie Engineering	2 x Metal Benches	£2,269.00	£453.80	£2,722.80
BACS	F. Clements	QEII Parking - Deposit Refund	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
BACS	Loreen Sallah	Cleaner (August)	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00
BACS	HMRC	M4 PAYE/NI	£1,960.65	£0.00	£1,960.65
BACS	Mikeschoenphotography	Official Council Photo	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
BACS	TechTonic.IT	IT Monitoring and Maintenance	£110.30	£22.06	£132.36
BACS	Expense Claim - Dunelm	2 x Office Roller Blinds	£54.40	£13.60	£68.00
BACS	Administration	Administration	£3,961.60	£0.00	£3,961.60
DD	Propel Finance	Phone Equipment Rent	£38.78	£7.76	£46.54
DD	NEST	August Pension Contributions	£272.24	£0.00	£272.24
DD	Sirus Telecom	Phone Charges - July	£83.59	£16.72	£100.31
DD	Castle Water	Cricket Club	£6.88	£0.00	£6.88
DD	Business Charge Card	Co-op, Tesco, Sains, LR, Amazon	£153.55	£0.00	£153.55
DD	Grundon	Office Waste Collection	£58.36	£11.67	£70.03
DD	Grundon	Cemetery Waste Collection	£82.33	£16.47	£98.80
DD	Castle Water	Allotment Water - July	£717.84	£0.00	£717.84
DD	Eon Next	Pavilion Electricity	£15.70	£0.79	£16.49
		TOTALS	£13,818.22	£1,133.27	£14,951.49
			Check	£14,951.49	



BACS PAYMENTS/DIRECT DEBITS FOR APPROVAL UP TO 25/09/2025					
Payment Type	Name	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
BACS	Blachere Illumination UK Ltd	Hire & Storage of Christmas Lights	£691.60	£138.32	£829.92
BACS	Event Branding UK	Council Logo Feathers/Sails	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
BACS	PKF Littlejohn LLP	AGAR External Annual Audit	£630.00	£126.00	£756.00
BACS	Cottage Garden Services (CGS)	Contract Maintenance (August)	£2,608.00	£521.60	£3,129.60
BACS	Loreen Sallah	Office Cleaner (September)	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00
BACS	Cllr Alison Tighe	Expense Claim - Pavilion Painting	£37.26	£7.45	£44.71
BACS	Oxforce Building	2 x Bench Installation	£750.00	£150.00	£900.00
BACS	Cllr Ben Eddolls	Mileage Claim - Chair Course	£11.25	£0.00	£11.25
BACS	Playgrounds Unlimited	KGF Playpark Resurfacing	£10,000.00	£2,000.00	£12,000.00
BACS	G-Force Fireworks (Rob Lewis)	Fireworks Balance	£2,600.00	£0.00	£2,600.00
BACS	Glos. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils	Course Fees - INV.1123	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00
BACS	TechTonic.IT	IT Monitoring and Maintenance	£110.30	£22.06	£132.36
BACS	Stephanie Urquhart (Croc n Roll)	Remembrance Sunday Trumpeter	£70.00	£0.00	£70.00
BACS	Administration	Administration	£3,793.15	£0.00	£3,793.15
BACS	HMRC	M5 PAYE/NI	£1,426.34	£0.00	£1,426.34
DD	NEST	September Pension Contributions	£255.08	£0.00	£255.08
DD	Sirus Telecom	Phone Charges - August	£82.98	£16.60	£99.58
DD	Richard Coglan Ltd	Printer Rental & Printing	£66.04	£13.21	£79.25
DD	Lloyds Bank Community Account	Transaction Fees	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25
DD	Business Charge Card	The Crock Shop, Tesco & Co-op	£77.14	£0.00	£77.14
DD	Grundon	Office Waste Collection	£43.52	£8.70	£52.22
DD	Grundon	Cemetery Waste Collection	£59.50	£11.90	£71.40
DD	Propel Finance	Phone Equipment Rent	£38.78	£7.76	£46.54
DD	Castle Water	Allotment Water - August	£619.44	£0.00	£619.44
DD	Castle Water	Cricket Club	£8.32	£1.67	£9.99
DD	Richard Coglan Ltd	Printer Rental & Printing	£71.89	£14.38	£86.27
DD	Eon Next	Pavilion Electricity	£16.91	£0.85	£17.76
		TOTALS	£24,472.75	£3,100.50	£27,573.25
			Check	£27,573.25	