



**MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 30th OCTOBER 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, A White, B Eddolls, S Woods, A Wright & M Stracey (present from 7.10pm)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Miss M Pawley, Clerk & RFO of Council, Ward District Cllr D Neill, County Cllr D Corps (present from 7.30pm) & 6 x members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr S Clarke.

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 emphasised the need for willing volunteers for the Stow Bonfire Event on Friday 7th November 2025.

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC*

Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak at the appropriate time during the course of the meeting.

5. MINUTES - TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th SEPTEMBER 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 25th SEPTEMBER 2025

Council has received £13,355.68 from the most recent VAT claim.

Council has received £120.00 for hosting ITV filming in the Square.

Council has received £192.46 from North Cotswold Rotary as a 25% cut from the King George's Field parking during the October 2025 Gypsy Fair.

There will be a review of the Action Plan for 2025/26 before the next budget, but a separate meeting date will be disseminated.

The Social Club is currently being run by new managers. The Clerk has been in contact with them, and they are working towards more interaction with the local community, being able to hire out the facility to business events for an agreed fee and charity events free of charge. They welcome any expressions of interest.

Newlands of Stow have kindly sponsored the Christmas Tree for the Square; this will be delivered mid-November.

Stow Council's long awaited parking review was held on 29th October 2025 with the GCC parking team. A progressive plan is expected to follow.

The hardstanding for the picnic benches in the QEII field has been completed and benches will be secured next week.

Concrete levelling has taken place at the Fosseway entrance to the QEII field in time for the bonfire event.

The Cotswold District Council Chief Executive will be attending a lunch meeting at the Stow Town Council Office on Thursday 4th December 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.



8. REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR D CORPS, COTSWOLD DIVISION

Cllr Corps spoke to his report. He highlighted that the requested dropped kerbs have been given the go ahead.

9. REPORT FROM WARD DISTRICT CLLR D NEILL

Cllr Neill spoke to her report. She mentioned that the planned deep clean for Stow Square public toilets would be taking place within the next 3 months and that she would push for this to happen. Cllr Neill left the meeting at 7.40pm.

10. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK REGARDING THE BINS ON STOCKS GREEN AND TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 2 X EXTRA UNITS AT A COST OF £225.00 EACH + VAT.

RESOLVED to approve the purchase at the cost specified. **Motion carried.**

11. TO NOTE APPLICATION FROM HATWELL BROTHERS' FUNFAIR TO RETURN TO STOW FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS AND FOR COUNCIL TO DECIDE HOW THEY WISH TO PROCEED.

Members noted and decided that the funfair can return for a further 3 consecutive years.

12. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION OF £1000.00 FROM STOW-ON-THE-WOLD MOTOR CLUB.

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

13. TO RECEIVE AN APPROACH FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF HEADSPACE TO REQUEST A GRANT APPLICATION OF £900.00.

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

14. TO CONSIDER A DONATION OF £40.00 TO RBL POPPY APPEAL.

Cllr White suggested that as it was the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII this year, then a donation of £80.00 could be an appropriate amount.

RESOLVED to approve Cllr White's idea of an £80.00 donation. **Motion carried.**

15. TO NOTE THE INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT FOLLOWING HER VISIT ON 14TH OCTOBER 2025.

Members noted.

16. TO CONFIRM A DATE AND CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS FOR A COMMUNITY EVENT TO MARK THE RETURN OF THE STOCKS AND STOW'S 550TH ANNIVERSARY.

Members agreed on the date of Saturday 23rd May 2026.

The Clerk has booked the band 'Monkey Jam'.

17. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF A STOW COUNCIL INSTAGRAM PAGE.

Members agreed that it would be a business page, for advertising only and the comments facility would be turned off. Request that Cllr Clarke set up the page.

18. TO NOTE THAT THE RESURFACING OF KING GEORGE'S FIELD & SPRING GARDENS PLAYPARKS HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

Members noted and commented that both playparks look much improved.

19. TO REVIEW COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS.

RESOLVED to approve the proposed changes. **Motion carried.**

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

a) BURIAL BOARD

Nothing to report, as meeting scheduled for 29th October 2025, was cancelled.



b) FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

i) TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATIONS TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

ii) TO REPORT BALANCE IN CCLA ACCOUNT AS OF 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

iii) TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR OCTOBER 2025

A Finance meeting is scheduled in for 17th December 2025.

RESOLVED to approve **Motion carried.**

c) PARKS & SQUARE COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

d) PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMITTEE

A member of the public commented that the lines in Stow Square look good.

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

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 - Bromford Open Day was attended by Cllrs Tighe, Goddard & V. Davies. Cllrs commented that it was very interesting, but not well supported, despite plenty of advertising.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 27th November 2025 at 7.00 pm in Stow Youth Centre.

23. MEETING CLOSED at 8.00pm

Signed Chair of Council Date



BACS PAYMENTS/DIRECT DEBITS FOR APPROVAL UP TO 30/10/2025					
Payment Type	Name	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
BACS	B&W Hire Limited	Bonfire Night Toilets	£310.00	£62.00	£372.00
BACS	Stow Youth Club - Centre 67	STC Office Accommodation Hire	£3,276.91	£0.00	£3,276.91
BACS	SLCC	Annual Membership Fee	£298.00	£0.00	£298.00
BACS	Acorn Creative	Cemetery Signs x 2	£110.00	£22.00	£132.00
BACS	David Ogilvie Engineering	2 x Metal Picnic Tables	£2,224.00	£444.80	£2,668.80
BACS	Cottage Garden Services (CGS)	Contract Maintenance (September)	£3,245.00	£649.00	£3,894.00
BACS	HMRC	M6 PAYE/NI	£1,322.53	£0.00	£1,322.53
BACS	Alison Tighe	Chair Funds: Black Coat	£154.19	£0.00	£154.19
BACS	TechTonic.IT	IT Monitoring and Maintenance	£110.30	£22.06	£132.36
BACS	Playgrounds Unlimited	Spring Gardens Playpark Resurfacing	£10,000.00	£2,000.00	£12,000.00
BACS	Administration	Administration	£3,762.90	£0.00	£3,762.90
BACS	Mr M Clarke	Decorating QEII Pavilion	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
BACS	Post Office Counter	Bonfire Float	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
BACS	Glos. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils	Course Fees - INV.1173	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00
BACS	Parish Council Websites	Playground Insp. form set up	£56.00	£11.20	£67.20
BACS	B&W Hire Limited	Bonfire Night Toilets	£95.00	£19.00	£114.00
BACS	Loreen Sallah	Office Cleaner (October)	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00
DD	NEST	October Pension Contributions	£243.00	£0.00	£243.00
DD	Richard Cogan Ltd	Printer Rental & Printing	£86.10	£17.23	£103.33
DD	Castle Water	QEII Pavilion	£5.55	£1.11	£6.66
DD	Sirus Telecom	Phone Charges - September	£82.98	£16.60	£99.58
DD	Grundon	Office Waste Collection	£43.26	£8.65	£51.91
DD	Grundon	Cemetery Waste Collection	£59.24	£11.85	£71.09
DD	PWLB Lending Facility	Loan	£1,701.78	£0.00	£1,701.78
DD	Lloyds Bank Community Account	Transaction Fees	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25
DD	Propel Finance	Phone Equipment Rent	£38.78	£7.76	£46.54
DD	Eon Next	Pavilion Electricity	£15.13	£0.76	£15.89
		TOTALS	£28,145.90	£3,294.02	£31,439.92
			Check	£31,439.92	