



**MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S BURIAL BOARD MEETING HELD AT STOW YOUTH CENTRE, FOSSEWAY, STOW ON THE WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL54 1DW ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10.30 AM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs V Davies (Chair), V Goddard, J Scarsbrook & J Davies.

**Also in attendance:** Miss M Pawley, Clerk/RFO of the Council.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs M Stracey (Vice Chair), A Tighe (Chair of Council) & Advisor Rev Karen Wellman.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Members were reminded to declare any interests in items on the agenda as the meeting progressed.

**3. MINUTES – TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**RESOLVED** for the Chair to sign the minutes as a correct record of the meeting. **Motion carried.**

**4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made.

**5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC\***

None, as no members of the public present.

**6. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

The Clerk has designed and ordered some 'Unstable Memorial Stickers'.

A drystone walling contractor has been contacted for advice regarding the bulging wall around the tree at the Brio boundary with Fosseway.

Another reported area of collapsed Brio wall has since been repaired.

A quote has been received for repainting of the Council container.

*Members expressed that other factors might be considered too, like whether repairing the leaking roof is an economical option, as opposed to replacing the container completely. The Clerk will follow up.*

**7. TO REVIEW CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS (LAST UPDATED MARCH 2025).**

Members agreed with the cemetery rules & regulations, as they currently stand, but recommended that the paragraph about ornaments be highlighted. Ornaments are a hazard for the grass cutters, and they are at risk of being broken.

**8. TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL AS TO WHETHER BURIAL FEES SHOULD INCREASE FROM 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2026.**

Members recommended to Council that burial fees be increased by 3% from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026, in line with inflation and other cemeteries in the area.

**9. TO NOTE RECENT CEMETERY INCOME SPREADSHEET.**

Members noted.

**10. TO NOTE THAT A DISABLED PARKING SPOT HAS BEEN MARKED OUT IN THE CEMETERY CAR PARK.**

Members noted and commented that it had been well used already.

**11. TO NOTE THAT 3 X 'PLEASE CLOSE THE GATE' SIGNS HAVE BEEN AFFIXED TO THE FRONT WALL CEMETERY GATES.**

Members noted.

**12. TO NOTE THAT THE MOSSY CEMETERY PATH, THAT RUNS ADJACENT TO THE BRIO WALL, HAS BEEN CLEANED BY THE COUNCIL'S GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTOR.**

Members noted.

**13. ST EDWARD'S CHURCHYARD**

- i) TO NOTE THAT, LUCION, THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS FOR THE CHURCHYARD WALL REPAIR, HAVE INFORMED COUNCIL THAT "GIVEN THE REMEDIAL WORKS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY A REPUTABLE CONTRACTOR, MONITORING OF THE WALL WOULDN'T NEED TO BE ANY MORE FREQUENT THAN EVERY 2 YEARS, UNLESS ANY SIGNS OF MOVEMENT ARE OBSERVED".

Members noted and expressed their satisfaction.

- ii) ANY OTHER ISSUES THAT MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT.

Members wish to formally thank Rev'd Wellman & Mr R Barnett for being the link between the Council and the Diocese during the Churchyard wall repair.

**14. CEMETERIES**

- i) ANY OTHER ISSUES THAT MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT.

Members will be arranging a clean up of the cemetery in May, so that it falls after Mother's Day.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA.**

**16. MEETING CLOSED – 11.09 am.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair      Dated: \_\_\_\_\_