



**MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 AT STOW YOUTH CENTRE, FOSSEWAY,  
STOW ON THE WOLD GL54 1DW AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A Tighe (Chair), J Scarsbrook (Vice Chair), B Eddolls, J Davies, S Woods, S Clarke, M Stracey, V Davies & V Goddard.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Miss M Pawley, Clerk & RFO of Council, Ward District Cllr D Neill, County Cllr D Corps & 4 x Members of the Public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs A White & A Wright.

**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**

None

**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 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 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 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

Council would like to express sincere thanks to the Rapid Relief Team for their help in topping up the grit bins recently, despite terrible weather conditions.

Kendall & Davies Solicitors have arranged for a structural engineer to examine the barn adjacent to the youth club building on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026, to ensure its safety.

The Clerk is looking to purchase some donation buckets, with slotted lids, for security reasons and so the money collected doesn't get wet when it rains. Can Council decide on the number required.

*Members agreed that 6 x buckets would be sufficient.*

Council has been informed that the public phone box by the fountain will be retained. This is a great result from the appeal, as many 1000's of others across the country have been removed and only a few retained. It is likely that removal will be considered again in the future, so, to help stop that happening, please ensure that you encourage people to use the phone occasionally.

The Clerk has contacted the library with regards to the continuation of the Council Surgeries, that started at the end of last year. The requested dates are the last Friday of every 3<sup>rd</sup> month, starting March 2026. December's date will be 18<sup>th</sup>, as the last Friday is Christmas Day. The Library Estates Manager has responded that the decision is currently with the legal team.

M. Clarke has quoted £2000.00 to fit the, already purchased, pavilion kitchen, do Council accept.

*Members accepted the quote (1 x abstainer).*

The pavilion is in the process of being painted, this week.

A suggestion has been made to swap the day of Council meetings with Parks & Square committee meetings, so that Council meetings will be on a Wednesday evening and P&S will be on a Thursday.

This is to give more time left in the week to follow up on important decisions made at Full Council.

Currently, some items are unable to be dealt with until the following week. What are Council's thoughts on this.

*Members preferred to keep the days as they currently stand and accept that this may mean a delay in addressing some decisions made at the meeting.*



**7. POLICE REPORT**

No Police were in attendance, but Cllr Tighe spoke to their report.

**8. REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR D CORPS, COTSWOLD DIVISION**

Cllr Corps spoke to his report, and mentioned 3 x planned major investment road repairs, where work will take place overnight, all night, but not at weekends.

He has also reported 30 x potholes in recent weeks, 8 being emergencies. He recognises the poor state of some roads and urges residents to use 'Fix My Street' as an alert stop for any road hazards they may notice.

**9. REPORT FROM WARD DISTRICT CLLR D NEILL**

Cllr Neill spoke to her report and reminded members of the planned visit by J Portman, CEO of Cotswold District Council on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026. A further visit by M Evemy, Leader of Council, may follow, possibly during March 2026.

**10. TO AGREE A DATE AND FORMAT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.**

Members agreed on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026, at Stow Social Club. This year, as well as the Chair of Council and Clerks, some Town Councillors will also be included on the panel.

**11. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM REVD KAREN WELLMAN FOR £3,760.00 TOWARDS ST EDWARD'S CHURCH CLOCK FACE REFURBISHMENT.**

**RESOLVED** that Council approve a slightly lesser offer of £3,000.00 **Motion carried.**

**12. TO APPROVE A QUOTE OF £40,000 + VAT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BIKE TRACK ON KING GEORGE'S FIELD.**

**RESOLVED** to approve the quote of £40,000 + VAT **Motion carried.**

**13. TO NOTE THAT STOW TOWN COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED A £500.00 DONATION FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH COTSWOLDS TOWARDS THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE STOCKS.**

Members noted, and thanks have been forwarded.

**14. TO NOTE THAT STOW TOWN COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED £1465.00 (@ £5.00 PER PITCH) IN FARMERS MARKET FEES FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 2025 – DECEMBER 2025.**

Members noted.

**15. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:**

a) **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY.**

b) **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY.**

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposed changes for both policies. **Motion carried.**

**16. SAVE THE DATE POSTER FOR SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026 AND DECIDE A 'PUNCHY' NAME FOR THE EVENT.**

A decision on the date could not be reached, so, after the meeting, in order to resolve, and move forward with the planning, all Councillors were canvassed and a majority supported 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026, as recommended by the Clerk. The event will be named 'Clock, Stocks & a Few Beer Barrels'!

**17. TO PROPOSE UPDATING STOW COUNCIL'S SOCIAL MEDIA SITES I.E. FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM, TO BECOME A DIGITAL VERSION OF THE TOWN'S NOTICEBOARD, ADDING 'STOW TOWN COUNCIL' INTO THE NAME HEADER AND TURNING OFF THE COMMENTS FACILITY. SUGGEST THAT CLLRS TIGHE & CLARKE BE ADMINISTRATORS, WITH PRIOR COORDINATION FROM THE STOW TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, AND TO NOTE ANY ALTERATIONS WOULD MEAN A POLICY DOCUMENT AMENDMENT.**

**RESOLVED** Members agreed with the proposed changes. **Motion carried.**



**18. TO AGREE THE DONATION TO BE REQUESTED FROM 'FUTURE SPORTS EVENTS' FOR THE TOWN HOSTING OF STOW 10K.**

**RESOLVED** Members agreed that £1000 would be acceptable. **Motion carried.**

**19. TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE FUTURE HOSTING OF 'TWEEDY'S MASSIVE CIRCUS' ON KING GEORGE'S FIELD.**

**RESOLVED** Members approved the idea in principle. **Motion carried.**

**20. TO DISCUSS & APPROVE DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2027 AND TO SET THE PRECEPT.**

**RESOLVED** to approve. **Motion carried.**

**21. TO RECEIVE A BRIEF REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR: -**

**i) TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATIONS TO 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**ii) TO REPORT BALANCE IN CCLA ACCOUNT AS OF 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**iii) TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR JANUARY 2026**

**RESOLVED** to approve **Motion carried.**

**22. TO NOTE MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**a) FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE: WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2025**

**b) PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING: TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2025**

**c) PARKS & SQUARE: WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2026**

**d) PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING: TUESDAY 20th JANUARY 2026**

**e) FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE: WEDNESDAY 21st JANUARY 2026**

Members noted.

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

Cllr Tighe: 12/12/25 – Kate's Home Nursing – Carol Service.

21/12/25 – Baptist Church – Carol Service.

13/01/26 – Alms Houses quarterly meeting (all houses occupied).

16/01/26 – Baptist Church – Soup Lunches.

19/01/26 – Stow Primary School – Governor's meeting.

21/01/26 – Cotswold District Council monthly meeting. Attended and spoke.

Cllr Clarke: 27/01/26 – Stow Community Land Trust meeting.

Cllr J Davies: 07/01/26 – Social Club meeting.

21/01/26 – St Edwards Hall Trustees.

Barclays Bank are pulling out, so revenue is lost.

**24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.00 pm in Stow Youth Centre.

**25. MEETING CLOSED** at 8.14pm

Signed ..... Chair of Council Date .....



<b>BACS PAYMENTS/DIRECT DEBITS FOR APPROVAL UP TO 29/01/2026</b>					
<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
BACS	HMRC	M8 PAYE/NI	£1,345.54	£0.00	£1,345.54
BACS	rCOH Ltd (N. Homer)	Local Plan Report (Pt2)	£1,275.00	£255.00	£1,530.00
BACS	BWP Creative Limited	Parish Council Websites	£348.00	£69.60	£417.60
BACS	Spring Gardens Allotments Assoc.	Plot Holder Error	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00
BACS	Stow Youth Club - Centre 67	STC Office Accommodation Hire	£3,467.11	£0.00	£3,467.11
BACS	TechTonic.IT	IT Monitoring and Maintenance	£110.30	£22.06	£132.36
BACS	HMRC	M9 PAYE/NI	£2,013.31	£0.00	£2,013.31
BACS	Howdens (Via Oxforce Building)	Pavilion Kitchen	£2,142.71	£428.54	£2,571.25
BACS	Cotswold Electrical	Christmas Lights Removal	£235.00	£0.00	£235.00
BACS	MDH Forestry Services Ltd	Stow Christmas Tree Removal	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
BACS	G-Force Fireworks (Rob Lewis)	Fireworks Deposit - 2026	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00
BACS	Cottage Garden Services (CGS)	Contract Maintenance (December)	£719.95	£143.99	£863.94
BACS	Administration	Administration	£3,819.20	£0.00	£3,819.20
DD	Business Charge Card	Ermin, Tesco, Amazon & P.O.	£713.11	£93.30	£806.41
DD	NEST	January Pension Contributions	£255.31	£0.00	£255.31
DD	Richard Coglean Ltd	Printer Rental & Printing	£68.75	£13.76	£82.51
DD	Sirus Telecom	Phone Charges - December	£96.80	£19.36	£116.16
DD	Castle Water	Pavilion Supply	£5.73	£1.15	£6.88
DD	Eon Next	Pavilion Electricity	£15.35	£0.77	£16.12
DD	Propel Finance	Phone Equipment Rent	£38.78	£7.76	£46.54
DD	Lloyds Bank Community Account	Transaction Fees	£14.21	£0.00	£14.21
DD	Grundon	Office Waste Collection	£58.36	£11.67	£70.03
DD	Grundon	Cemetery Waste Collection	£90.51	£18.10	£108.61
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£17,299.03</b>	<b>£1,097.06</b>	<b>£18,396.09</b>
			Check	£18,396.09	