



MINUTES OF STOW-ON-THE-WOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S PARKS & SQUARE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2026, AT STOW YOUTH CENTRE, FOSSEWAY, STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL54 1DW AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: S Clarke (Chair), B Eddolls (Vice Chair), J Scarsbrook, J Davies, V Davies & S Woods.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Miss M Pawley, Clerk/RFO of Council.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A Tighe (Chair of Council).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC*

No members of the public were present.

4. MINUTES – TO CONFIRM AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2026.

RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a correct record. **Motion carried.**

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

6. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2026.

BT have notified Council of their intention to remove the payphone from Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, due to lack of use.

Members expressed an interest to use the emptied phone box to house a defibrillator.

The grass cutting contractor has been removing/replacing the benches on Stocks Green and The Shrubbery, in turn, for maintenance and cleaning.

7. TO NOTE THAT CLARK & KENT, PLAN TO BEGIN WORK ON THE INSTALLATION OF A BIKE TRACK ON KING GEORGE'S FIELD, IN MARCH 2026, ACTUAL DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.

The Clerk confirmed that the planned date for installation begins 16th March 2026. Members noted.

8. TO NOTE THAT THE PAINTING IS COMPLETED IN THE PAVILION AND THE KITCHEN INSTALLATION WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS CAN BE ARRANGED.

The Clerk confirmed that installation of the kitchen begins 2nd March 2026. Members noted.

9. TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT REGARDING THE MEDIEVAL EVENT.

The Clerk informed members of preparations to date. There has been a lot of interest regarding independent stalls, so a working party will be required to co-ordinate this and ensure that criteria is being met. Cllrs Clarke & Woods volunteered to be the start of that group.

It was also suggested that the event continue later than 8.00pm.

10. TO NOTE THAT THE CLERK IS ARRANGING QUOTES FOR RETURNING (WILL BE FENCED) AND PAVING ENHANCEMENTS ON STOCKS GREEN, WITH A VIEW TO GETTING THESE COMPLETED BEFORE THE MAY EVENT.

Quotes received will be discussed at the full Council meeting 26th February 2026. Members noted.

11. THE CLERK HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE STOCKS RESTORER, AND IT'S CONFIRMED THAT THEY ARE STILL SCHEDULED TO BE RETURNED BY EASTER. PROGRESS PHOTOS WILL FOLLOW.

Members noted.

Post meeting note: Photos have since been received.

12. COUNCIL HAS HAD NUMEROUS APPROACHES ABOUT TAKING PART IN 'NO MOW MAY' OVER THE YEARS, AND WHILST IT IS NOT PRACTICAL FOR STOW TO EMBRACE THIS FULLY, A PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE TO APPLY A 12' HEADLAND AROUND THE EDGES OF THE QEII FIELD AND KING GEORGE'S FIELD AND TO PERHAPS CONSIDER EXTENDING IT PAST MAY, IF WELL RECEIVED. THE GATES AND FRONT OF PAVILION WOULD BE EXEMPT.

Members were not in favour of this proposal and instead suggested that an area at the bottom of QEII field be 'No Mow' with the intention of giving a wild garden impression.

13. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ALLOTMENT RENEWALS.

The Clerk informed members of the current figures regarding the allotment plot renewals and mentioned that they're almost finalised.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15th April 2026

15. MEETING CLOSED – 7.40pm

Signed: _____ Chair Dated: _____