



MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT STOW YOUTH CENTRE, FOSSEWAY, STOW ON THE WOLD ON TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: J Scarsbrook (Chairman), S Clarke (Vice Chairman) A Tighe (Chairman of Council), V Davies, V Goddard, M Stracey & A White

Also in attendance: Advisor Mr C Ayers, Ms E Sajewicz (Deputy Clerk of Council) and four members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Advisor Mr J Baggott absent.

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. MINUTES – TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20TH JANUARY 2026

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. **Motion carried.**

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public present were given the opportunity to speak as the meeting progressed.

6. TO CONSIDER THE CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20TH JANUARY 2026

Water flowing across the road on the A429 Stow Hill was reported to GCC. Highways advised that the water has nowhere to go because the ditch is not being maintained, and Highways are pursuing this with the landowner whose responsibility it is. Members questioned this, saying that the grips along the western side of the road are visibly blocked and this is causing the problem. This was relayed to Highways who advise that the grip programme is currently under way, and our area is still to be completed, but the grips are due to be cut in this financial year.

The state of the overgrown verge on the Fosseway from Bretton House southwards was reported to GCC, however GCC Highways would only maintain the area if there was a safety issue concerning the highway itself. This would also apply to the benches. The Town Council's contractor has now tidied up the verges around the benches so they are accessible.

Bins being left long-term outside the old Tayler & Fletcher building in the Square were reported to GCC Highways. It transpired that the area is not part of the highway, however GCC may be able to help if it continues to be a problem.

Various potholes in Stow have been reported to GCC Highways.

Road closure: A429 Stow Road, Moreton in Marsh will be closed for resurfacing, for approximately 7 nights from Friday 20th March until Monday 30th March between the hours of 8pm and 7am and excluding weekends. Details have been posted on Council's website and social media.

Council is being asked for its view on possible street lighting for the Oddington Road development. Depending on the deadline it is hoped this will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. TO CONSIDER & COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) **26/00152/FUL – Lyndhurst, Sheep Street** – Change of use from vacant shop (Use Class E) to a take-away shop (Sui Generis) with installation of an internal extraction system
Cllr Scarsbrook declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion or voting.
Cllr Clarke chaired the meeting for the duration of this item.

RESOLVED that Council objects for the following reasons:

Noise, disturbance and littering that would be caused by a takeaway of this nature in a residential area where many of the residents are elderly. Council is concerned that these problems would be worse than with Stow's existing takeaways, because this type of takeaway is more likely to be eaten "on the street" rather than taken home. This is not suitable for a residential area.

Odours and noise would affect neighbouring residential properties.

Inadequate parking availability on a very constricted A-road would add to existing congestion and traffic problems.

Council shares the Environmental Health Officer's concerns about the adequacy of the extraction system.

Motion carried.

- b) **26/00329/TCONR – Stuart House, Digbeth Street** – T1 Eucalyptus fell and grind to clear access and escape route

Deputy Clerk reported on Council's request for a Tree Preservation Order for this tree submitted in August. CDC's Tree Officer had advised that at the time it was considered the tree was sufficiently protected by being in the Conservation Area. However CDC is now reconsidering the application for a TPO, and has recorded Council's strong opposition to its removal.

RESOLVED to maintain Council's objection for the reasons given in the TPO application.

Motion carried.

- c) **26/00251/TPO – Fosswold, Fosse Way** – •T1(480) Common Ash Fell to ground level. Comment: Small Ash infected with Ash dieback. Fell to ground level. •T2 (481) Common Ash Fell to ground level Comment: Tree is one sided and suppressed by neighbouring tree that has been recommended for removal. Specified to fell as the tree will have very little amenity value when neighbour is removed. •T3 Common Ash Fell to ground level. Comment: Tree has signs of ash dieback and poor vitality. Large lateral over standing traffic. •T4 Common Ash Fell to ground level Comment: Early stages of Ash dieback more apparent in western canopy. Consider removal with neighbouring trees due to logistics of tree removal in this area. •T5 Common Ash Reduce lateral limbs Comment: Tree has low vitality with dieback concentrated with top of main leader. Lateral limbs appearing more dominant but unwanted growth habit. Reduce lateral limbs by 2 metres where possible to encourage more inner canopy growth. Remove major deadwood and reinspect 6 months to check vitality in full leaf.
RESOLVED that Council has no objection but asks that the ash trees be replaced with suitable new trees. **Motion carried.**

8. TO RETROSPECTIVELY NOTE COMMENTS SUBMITTED BETWEEN MEETINGS DUE TO SHORT COMMENTS PERIOD:

- a) **26/00140/TPO – Camp Cottage, Camp Gardens** – Works to multiple trees with TPOs: No objection. Members noted.
- b) **26/00151/TCONR – Camp Cottage, Camp Gardens** – Works to multiple trees in Conservation Area: No objection. Members noted.

9. DECISION NOTICES

Reference	Location	Description	STC's Comments	CDC Decision
25/03653/FUL	Ross House, The Square	Shopfront repair & refurbishment, new signage	No objection	Permit
25/03654/ADV	Ross House, The Square	1 fascia sign & 1 projecting sign	No objection	Permit
25/03741/FUL	10 Glebe Close	Erection of single storey rear and side extension and front porch with loft conversion and dormers with associated works. Demolition of conservatory.	No objection	Permit
25/01529/FUL - New documents	The Elms, The Square	Reversion to residential use of the existing showroom to form a single residential planning unit with the existing dwelling at The Elms	No objection	Permit
25/03533/FUL	Merry Dew, Sheep Street	Replacement of two windows to front elevation, one window to rear elevation and removal of external rear staircase	No objection, but comments about design of front window	Permit

10. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT GCC'S REVIEW OF ON-STREET PARKING IN STOW

GCC has formulated draft proposals and will provide Council with large scale plans for feedback and refinement this month. This will be followed by informal public consultation, including a presentation by GCC at the Annual Town Meeting on Wed 22nd April 2026.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7.00 pm at Stow Youth Centre.

12. MEETING CLOSED: At 7.44 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman Dated: _____