



**MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY 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 Clarke, V Davies & V Goddard.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs A White, M Stracey, S Woods, A Wright & County Cllr D Corps.

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 encouraged members to support the celebration of the 380th Anniversary of the Battle of Stow, organised by The Stow & District Civic Society, on Saturday 21st March 2026. Email will follow.

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 29th JANUARY 2026

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 29th JANUARY 2026

There were no matters to report.

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 sent his apologies, but Cllr Tighe spoke to his report.

9. REPORT FROM WARD DISTRICT CLLR D NEILL

Cllr Neill spoke to her report and reminded members of the planned visit to Stow, by M Evey, Leader of Council, on 25th March 2026.

10. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF SWELL SCHOOL (FOSS) FOR £371.00 TOWARDS THE COST OF ANNUAL MUSIC TUITION.

RESOLVED that Council approve the full amount of £371.00 **Motion carried.**

11. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM STOW-ON-THE-WOLD COMMUNITY LAND TRUST FOR £650.00 FOR THE ANNUAL RUNNING COSTS, AND PUBLICITY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT.

RESOLVED that Council approve the full amount of £650.00 **Motion carried.**

12. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM STOW-ON-THE-WOLD ALMSHOUSE CHARITY FOR £6915.52 TO REPLACE THE BACK DOORS OF 6 X PROPERTIES.

RESOLVED that Council approve a reduced amount of £2000.00 **Motion carried.**



- 13. TO RECEIVE INTRODUCTIONS FROM J BRADBURY (SERVICE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER), J HAMMOND (CEO OF COTSWOLD FRIENDS) AND C JOBLING (COMMUNITY WELLBEING MANAGER WITH COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL), REGARDING 'WHAT MATTERS TO STOW'**
A comprehensive presentation was given by the above attendees, addressing the physical & mental health of the community and how Integrated Locality Partnerships (IPL's) are a successful source of assistance with many aspects of daily living.
There will be a stand at the Stow Motor Show on 11th July 2026. *Presenters left at 7.33pm.
- 14. TO CONSIDER A QUOTE FOR £2339.40 + VAT TO RETURN STOCKS GREEN PRIOR TO THE MEDIEVAL EVENT.**
RESOLVED to approve the quote as stated above. **Motion carried.**
- 15. TO CONSIDER A QUOTE FOR £9957.50 + VAT TO PAVE THE FRONT EDGE OF STOCKS GREEN IN KEEPING WITH THE CURRENT PATH.**
RESOLVED Members said that 2 x further quotes should be obtained as a comparison, before a decision could be reached, even if it means that the work may not be completed in time for the medieval event. **Motion carried.**
- 16. TO CONSIDER GRASS CUTTING TENDERS FOR NEW SEASON COMMENCING MARCH 2026 TO OCTOBER 2028 AND TO APPOINT A CONTRACTOR.**
RESOLVED that Cottage Garden Services be appointed as Council's grass cutting contractor for the period stated and expenditure approved for £16,363 + VAT for 2026/27 season. **Motion carried.**
- 17. TO AGREE A DATE AND IDENTIFY COUNCILLOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE TOWN CLEAN UP, SUGGESTED TO BE SOMETIME IN MAY, BEFORE THE MEDIEVAL EVENT.**
RESOLVED that the 'clean up' takes place on Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 6.00pm **Motion carried.**
Cllrs Tighe, Clarke, Eddolls, Scarsbrook, V Davies, J Davies have already volunteered.
- 18. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:**
a) **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.**
b) **CODE OF CONDUCT.**
RESOLVED to approve the proposed changes for both documents. **Motion carried.**
- 19. TO RECEIVE A BRIEF REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR: -**
i) **TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATIONS TO 31st JANUARY 2026**
ii) **TO REPORT BALANCE IN CCLA ACCOUNT AS OF 31st JANUARY 2026**
iii) **TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR FEBRUARY 2026**
RESOLVED to approve **Motion carried.**
- 20. TO NOTE MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**
a) **PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING: TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2026**
b) **BURIAL BOARD: WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2026**
c) **PARKS & SQUARE: WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2026**
Members noted.
- 21. REPORT BY ANY MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD A MEETING OR ATTENDED ANY EVENT ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL.**
Cllr Tighe: 13/02/26 – Dementia Café.
17/02/26 – Edwardstow Chinese New Year.
Cllr J Davies: 04/02/26 – Social Club meeting.

**Members requested that the Snow Warden remove the salt bags from The Square and tidy salt pallet on King George's Field. The Clerk will follow up.*



22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 26th March 2026 at 7.00 pm in Stow Youth Centre.

23. MEETING CLOSED at 8.11pm

Signed Chair of Council Date

BACS PAYMENTS/DIRECT DEBITS FOR APPROVAL UP TO 26/02/2026					
Payment Type	Name	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
BACS	St Edwards Church	Grant Award - Clock Face	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
BACS	Cottage Garden Services (CGS)	Contract Maintenance (January)	£1,374.00	£274.80	£1,648.80
BACS	Spring Gardens Allotments Assoc.	Plot Holder Error	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00
BACS	D'Ambrosi Fine Foods	Christmas Lights - Electricity	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
BACS	A. Court-Ricour	Christmas Lights - Electricity	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
BACS	T. Hedges	Painting of the Pavilion	£1,102.00	£0.00	£1,102.00
BACS	Clark & Kent Contractors	Installation of Bike Track - Deposit	£10,000.00	£2,000.00	£12,000.00
BACS	Administration	Administration	£3,911.54	£0.00	£3,911.54
BACS	M. Clarke	Installation of Pavilion Kitchen	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
BACS	L. Salleh	Stow Office Cleaner	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00
DD	NEST	February Pension Contributions	£264.72	£0.00	£264.72
DD	Business Charge Card	Tesco, B&Q & Amazon	£104.76	£0.00	£104.76
DD	Sirus Telecom	Phone Charges - January	£96.54	£19.31	£115.85
DD	Castle Water	Pavilion Supply	£5.73	£1.15	£6.88
DD	Grundon	Office Waste Collection	£45.52	£9.10	£54.62
DD	Grundon	Cemetery Waste Collection	£62.26	£12.45	£74.71
DD	Propel Finance	Phone Equipment Rent	£38.78	£7.76	£46.54
DD	Lloyds Bank Community Account	Transaction Fees	£6.92	£0.00	£6.92
DD	Eon Next	Pavilion Electricity	£15.90	£0.79	£16.69
		TOTALS	£21,170.67	£2,325.36	£23,496.03
			Check	£23,496.03	