



**MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 26th MARCH 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, S Woods & A Wright.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Miss M Pawley, Clerk & RFO of Council, Ward District Cllr D Neill, County Cllr D Corps and 1 x Member of the Public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs A White & M Stracey

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 reminded members to adhere to the agenda when attending these meetings, as non-agenda items will not be minuted.

She expressed that Council would like to acknowledge Benji, & Mike at The Beeches, for their efforts in watering Stocks Green following the returfing.

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 26th FEBRUARY 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 26th FEBRUARY 2026

The Clerk is on annual leave from 27th March until 7th April.

The Clerk has received an email from the Brio Manager following an infestation of fruit flies in their properties, that had been identified as coming from the allotments. This will be followed up.

The Council Inhouse Auditor has suggested that bank receipts are included in the finance report at each monthly Council meeting. The Clerk will add these to the report.

She also recommended that an EMR for 'Devolution Contingency' be implemented in the new financial year.

An information board for The Stocks is in the process of being drafted and during compilation we discovered the family of the photographer, who took many of the old photos of the Stocks, they were delighted for us to use them.

The band for the Medieval event has agreed to play until 9.00pm if required. They are flexible with their timings throughout the day and asked that Council confirm what they'd prefer.

3 x projects have been completed this month:

- The fitting of the kitchen / flooring in the pavilion.
- The returfing on Stocks Green, with protective fencing in place (thanks to Cllr J Davies & M Schoen).
- The installation of the Bike Track on King George's Field.

The maps relating to the Parking Review have been received. These will be laid out on tables in the Youth Centre on Wednesday 1st April & Thursday 2nd April between 10.00am – 3.00pm. Cllrs are invited to drop by and view them and note any comments they'd like to make regarding the contents. A meeting will be held during the w/c 6th April, so that those comments can be collated and returned to GCC and they can make any refinements before presenting at the Town Meeting on 22nd April.



The Rapid Relief Team have volunteered themselves to assist with the Town Clean Up.
The Police have informed Council that the Horse Fair is expected to be on 14th May 2026.

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 stressed the need to continue to report potholes on 'Fix My Street'.
He left the meeting at 7.30pm.

9. REPORT FROM WARD DISTRICT CLLR D NEILL

Cllr Neill spoke to her report and asked members for any suggestions for the 'Unsung Heroes Report'.
She also reminded members of the planned visit to Stow, by M Evey, Leader of Council, on 22nd April 2026, to discuss lack of housing and the population decline.

10. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE CEMETERY FEES FOR 2026/27 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BURIAL BOARD.

RESOLVED to approve cemetery fees as proposed. **Motion carried.**

**11. TO CONSIDER WHETHER COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FORMAL REPRESENTATION TOWARDS A PAVEMENT LICENCE APPLICATION FOR MASSIMO WINE BAR, ST EDWARDS CAFÉ, THE SQUARE, STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.
THE CLOSING DATE IS 2ND APRIL 2026.**

Members would like to inquire about making a formal representation.

12. PROPOSED REMOVAL OF PAYPHONE IN PARK STREET:

- a) **DOES COUNCIL WANT TO TRY TO SAVE THE PAYPHONE IN PARK STREET FROM BEING CLOSED.**

RESOLVED Members do not object to closure but want it to remain in situ. **Motion carried.**

- b) **IF CLOSURE GOES AHEAD, DOES COUNCIL WANT TO ADOPT THE KIOSK?**

RESOLVED that Council does not wish to adopt the kiosk. **Motion carried.**

13. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

- a) **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) POLICY**
b) **MEMORIAL SAFETY TESTING PROCEDURE**

RESOLVED to approve changes for both documents. **Motion carried.**

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

- i) **TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATIONS TO 28th FEBRUARY 2026**
ii) **TO REPORT BALANCE IN CCLA ACCOUNT AS OF 28th FEBRUARY 2026**
iii) **TO REPORT BANKED RECEIPTS TO 28th FEBRUARY 2026**
iv) **TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR MARCH 2026**

RESOLVED to approve **Motion carried.**

15. TO NOTE THAT THE COUNCIL SURGERIES AT THE LIBRARY ARE RESTARTING, WITH THE FIRST BEING FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026.

Cllrs Tighe & Stracey will host this date.

Members noted.

16. TO NOTE MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- a) **PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING: 3rd MARCH 2026**
b) **STAFFING COMMITTEE: 18th MARCH 2026**
c) **PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING: 24th MARCH 2026**

Members noted.



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

Cllr Tighe: 13/03/26 – Battlefield Trustees at Stow Primary School.
21/03/26 – Battle of Stow Anniversary Event.
25/03/26 – CDC Monthly meeting.
27/03/26 – Edwardstow meeting.

Cllr J Davies: 04/03/26 – Social Club meeting.
19/03/26 – St Edwards Hall meeting.
Cllr Eddolls: 23/03/26 – School Governors meeting.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 30th April 2026 at 7.00 pm in Stow Youth Centre.

19. MEETING CLOSED at 7.50pm

Signed Chair of Council Date

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BACS PAYMENTS/DIRECT DEBITS FOR APPROVAL UP TO 26/03/2026					
Payment Type	Name	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
BACS	HMRC	M10 PAYE/NI	£1,300.33	£0.00	£1,300.33
BACS	Cottage Garden Services (CGS)	Contract Maintenance (February)	£746.84	£149.36	£896.20
BACS	Community Land Trust (CLT)	Grant Award	£650.00	£0.00	£650.00
BACS	Friends of Swell School (FOSS)	Grant Award	£371.00	£0.00	£371.00
BACS	Stow Almshouses	Grant Award	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
BACS	TechTonic.IT	IT Monitoring and Maintenance (February)	£110.30	£22.06	£132.36
BACS	Blachere Illumination UK Ltd	Product Hire & Storage - Xmas	£691.60	£138.32	£829.92
BACS	Kopyrite Printers	Headstone Caution Stickers	£225.00	£45.00	£270.00
BACS	N&D Elsdale (Deposit)	Extra Paving to front edge of Stocks Green	£3,920.00	£0.00	£3,920.00
BACS	TechTonic.IT	IT Monitoring and Maintenance (March)	£110.30	£22.06	£132.36
BACS	M. Clarke	Installation of Pavilion Kitchen (Balance)	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,200.00
BACS	L. Salleh	Stow Office Cleaner	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00
BACS	Cottage Garden Services (CGS)	Returfing of Stocks Green	£2,339.40	£467.88	£2,807.28
BACS	J. Eustace	Internal Audit 2025/26	£320.00	£0.00	£320.00
BACS	Administration	Administration	£3,849.09	£0.00	£3,849.09
BACS	Staff Expenses	Mileage & Kettle for Pavilion	£39.42	£0.00	£39.42
DD	NEST	March Pension Contributions	£258.35	£0.00	£258.35
DD	Richard Coglan Ltd	Printer Rental & Printing (March)	£96.15	£19.24	£115.39
DD	Lloyds Bank Community Account	Transaction Fees	£10.55	£0.00	£10.55
DD	Business Charge Card	Tesco, B&Q, Amazon, Co-op & Crock	£126.31	£0.00	£126.31
DD	Sirus Telecom	Phone Charges - February	£96.54	£19.31	£115.85
DD	Propel Finance	Phone Equipment Rental + Annual Fee	£78.78	£15.76	£94.54
DD	Castle Water	Pavilion Supply	£5.18	£1.04	£6.22
DD	Grundon	Office Waste Collection	£44.71	£8.94	£53.65
DD	Grundon	Cemetery Waste Collection	£61.45	£12.29	£73.74
DD	Eon Next	Pavilion Electricity	£32.92	£1.65	£34.57
DD	Richard Coglan Ltd	Printer Rental & Printing (February)	£80.49	£16.10	£96.59
DD	Castle Water	Cemetery Supply (February)	£18.68	£0.00	£18.68
DD	Castle Water	Cemetery Supply (March)	£20.72	£0.00	£20.72
		TOTALS	£18,860.11	£939.01	£19,799.12
			Check	£19,799.12	