



MINUTES OF STOW-ON-THE-WOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S PARKS & SQUARE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH 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), A Tighe (Chair of Council), J Scarsbrook, J Davies, V Davies & S Woods.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

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 25th FEBRUARY 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 25th FEBRUARY 2026.

Cllr Clarke has contacted the clerk with reference to a map of the waste bin locations within the town, to consider the possibility of replacing the coloured plastic bins for the smarter black bins. This was first mentioned several years ago but was not followed through. It is not something that is included in this year's Council Action Plan and neither is there a budget for it, but it could be included in next year's budget, to replace a small amount per year, in areas to be selected by Council, if approved.

Preparations for the Medieval event are going well, with a good selection of stalls, music, games and activities already confirmed.

The past festival organisers have contacted Council to confirm that the committee is now disbanding and would Council like to take on the festival going forward, before any accumulated funds, are donated to charities. The offer was politely rejected, so the donations can go ahead.

The Clerk has received 3 x expressions of thanks from the community, 1 x for a grant application, 1 x for the Pump Track and 1 x for the refurbished Stocks. All appreciation is gratefully received!

7. TO EXPRESS THANKS TO THE RAPID RELIEF TEAM AND EVERYONE ELSE THAT TOOK PART IN THE TOWN CLEAN UP ON 8TH APRIL 2026.

Members agreed.

8. TO DISCUSS ANY REPAIRS, URGENT OR OTHERWISE, REGARDING THE WELLS.

Members agreed that urgent repairs should be addressed immediately and an independent report be sought regarding future maintenance.

Cllrs Eddolls & J Davies have carried out a fix on the small well.

9. **TO NOTE THAT CLARK & KENT, COMPLETED WORK ON THE INSTALLATION OF A BIKE TRACK ON KING GEORGE'S FIELD, AT END MARCH 2026. IT IS NOW IN USE AND FEEDBACK HAS BEEN VERY POSITIVE.**

Members noted.

10. **TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE FUTURE INSTALLATION OF A BENCH AND LITTER BIN SURROUNDING THE BIKE TRACK.**

Members commented that litter may be a problem. The Clerk said that once the track had 'settled', Council will look to install a waste bin and a perch bench.

11. **TO NOTE THAT THE PAVILION KITCHEN INSTALLATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED.**

Members noted.

12. **TO ESTABLISH A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CLEAR AND ORGANISE THE PAVILION IN PREPARATION FOR USE AT THE MOTOR SHOW IN JULY 2026.**

Cllr Tighe said that she knows of some willing volunteers.

13. **TO NOTE THAT THE TURFING (INCLUDING FENCING) ON STOCKS GREEN HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND A DATE FOR THE EXTRA PAVING IS TO BE CONFIRMED.**

Members noted and the Clerk confirmed a date of 5th May 2026 for the extra paving.

14. **TO NOTE THAT THE REFURBISHED STOCKS HAVE BEEN RETURNED & INSTALLED ON THE GREEN.**

Members noted and thanks were given to those involved in the process.

15. **TO DECIDE THE LOCATION OF A STOCKS INFORMATION BOARD.**

Members agreed on the grass verge to the front right of The Stocks, where 'readers' would be on the hardstanding.

16. **TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM STOW YOUTH CENTRE TO HOLD A PLANT SALE IN THE SQUARE ON SATURDAY 30TH MAY 2026.**

Post agenda note: The Youth Centre changed the date to Saturday 6th June 2026.

RESOLVED to approve as requested. **Motion carried.**

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 3rd June 2026

18. **MEETING CLOSED** – 7.27pm

Signed: _____ Chair Dated: _____