



**MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 30th APRIL 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), J Davies, S Clarke, V Davies, V Goddard

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Miss M Pawley, Clerk & RFO of Council, Ward District Cllr D Neill and 7 x Members of the Public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs B Eddolls, A White & M Stracey
Cllrs S Woods & A Wright were noted as absent

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 thanked all Councillors that contributed to the running of the Annual Town meeting and said that some positive feedback was received.

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 MARCH 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 MARCH 2026

Council has received the first instalment of the precept, totalling £181,508.00

Council has received £4,305.85 from the quarter 4 VAT claim.

Council has received a very kind donation of £2,000.00 towards the Stocks restoration project, from the Stow & District Civic Society.

The finance programme end of year financial closure was completed on 17th April 2026, with no issues to report and all transactions balancing.

The Medieval event is coming together well, once everything is confirmed, a list of activities will be sent out to Cllrs.

2 x additional acts have been sourced - a medieval Punch & Judy, which has been offered free of charge and The Bubonic Wind Band, who are medieval street musicians and they will play during the day prior to the evening band – their fee is £250.00, is this acceptable to members?

Members approved.

The Clerk has made several additional contacts regarding the reinstating of the community payback team in Stow; the most recent response is that the manager is on leave and will reply in 2 weeks.

The annual cemetery clean up falls due in May; can Council decide on a date and volunteers to help.

Members agreed on Tuesday 19th May at 10.00am, Cllrs Tighe, Scarsbrook, V Davies, J Davies, Goddard and Stracey have volunteered.

The Clerk has been approached by a fitness instructor who would like to start up a weekly, outdoor circuit class for all levels of ability on either QEII field or King George's Field. What are the Council's thoughts on this.

Members agreed that a fee of £20.00 per session be applied.

There has been some vandalism in King George's Field, firstly, graffiti on the children's playpark, and the new pump track has had the information board forced off the stand and broken in half. This will be reported to the Police.



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, and Cllr Tighe spoke to his report.

9. REPORT FROM WARD DISTRICT CLLR D NEILL

Cllr Neill spoke to her report and thanked those members that have been lobbying for housing in Stow. 37 x homes have been confirmed for the Oddington Road site.

She also said that it was still unclear whether there would be 1 or 2 authorities for Council, moving forward.

10. TO RECEIVE AN INTRODUCTION FROM STOW NEWS ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY INITIATIVE.

A Stow News representative spoke about their newsletter and the idea to include the details for Stow Town Council Medieval event within. It has a controlled distribution of 3000 copies over 39 villages. He stressed that it would not be an advert, more of an informative feature.

Members responded positively.

11. TO DECIDE WHETHER COUNCIL WISHES TO INVESTIGATE THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF THE TOWN TOILETS.

Members agreed that the answer would be 'Yes' in principle, to the investigation, but that more details would need to be forthcoming before considering acquisition.

12. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE TOILET SITUATION FOR MAY'S HORSE FAIR.

Cllr D Neill is following up.

13. TO DECIDE WHETHER THE QEII FIELD BE USED FOR PARKING DURING THE MEDIEVAL EVENT.

RESOLVED to approve and members suggested asking North Cotswolds Rotary to co-ordinate. **Motion carried.**

14. TO APPROVE A QUOTE OF £350.00 FOR URGENT REPAIR WORK TO THE LOWER WELL.

RESOLVED to approve. **Motion carried.**

15. TO DEBRIEF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND CONSIDER ANY CHANGES TO THE FUTURE FORMAT.

There were varied opinions as to whether the Annual Town meeting was the appropriate setting for the Parking Review, but Cllr Tighe reminded members that it was only to make residents aware that it was happening and that no final decisions had yet been made.

Members agreed that next year, free alcohol would be replaced by soft drinks only and that microphones should be made available so that all meeting attendees can hear everything that is being said.

The Clerk will follow this up.

16. TO NOTE THE STOCKS INFORMATION BOARD DESIGN THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR PRODUCTION.

Members noted.

Post meeting note: Draft approved by Cllrs Clarke & Tighe.

17. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

- a) **INFORMATION AVAILABLE UNDER PUBLICATION SCHEME**
- b) **GRANT AWARDING POLICY & APPLICATION FORM**
- c) **FINANCIAL RESERVES POLICY**

RESOLVED to approve **Motion carried.**



18. TO RECEIVE A BRIEF FINANCE REPORT FROM THE CLERK: -

- i) **TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATIONS TO 31st MARCH 2026**
- ii) **TO REPORT BALANCE IN CCLA ACCOUNT AS OF 31st MARCH 2026**
- iii) **TO REPORT BANKED RECEIPTS TO 31st MARCH 2026**
- iv) **TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR APRIL 2026**

RESOLVED to approve **Motion carried.**

19. TO NOTE MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- a) **PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING: 14TH APRIL 2026**
- b) **PARKS & SQUARE: 15TH APRIL 2026** Cllr Clarke offered thanks for the Town Clean Up.
Members noted.

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

- Cllr Tighe: 27/03/26 – Stow Town Council Surgery at the library.
28/03/26 – Stow Baptist Church.
11/04/26 – Edwardstow Easter Fair Community Event.
- Cllr J Davies: 01/04/26 – Social Club meeting.
16/04/26 – Social Club AGM.
- Cllr V Davies: 28/03/26 – Stow Baptist Church.
16/04/26 – Social Club AGM.
- Cllr Tracey: 27/03/26 – Stow Town Council Surgery at the library.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 28th May 2026 at 7.00 pm in Stow Youth Centre.

22. MEETING CLOSED at 8.10pm

Signed Chair of Council Date



BACS PAYMENTS/DIRECT DEBITS FOR APPROVAL UP TO 30/04/2026					
Payment Type	Name	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
BACS	HMRC	M11 PAYE/NI	£1,357.25	£0.00	£1,357.25
BACS	Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP	Church Wall: Legal Services	£295.00	£59.00	£354.00
BACS	Rialtas	Annual Support & Maintenance	£306.00	£61.20	£367.20
BACS	Clark & Kent	Bike Track Balance	£30,000.00	£6,000.00	£36,000.00
BACS	SLCC	Local Council Administration 14th Edition	£148.50	£0.90	£149.40
BACS	ROSPA Playsafety Limited	Annual Playground Inspections	£198.00	£39.60	£237.60
BACS	G. James	Christmas Lights - Electricity	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
BACS	Cottage Garden Services (CGS)	Contract Maintenance (March)	£1,604.60	£315.72	£1,920.32
BACS	SLCC	CiLCA Qualification Fee	£495.00	£0.00	£495.00
BACS	L Salleh	Stow Office Cleaner	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00
BACS	A Tighe	Stocks Green Sundries	£18.40	£4.60	£23.00
BACS	CCLA	Transfer to PSDF	£60,000.00	£0.00	£60,000.00
BACS	HMRC	M12 PAYE/NI	£1,318.74	£0.00	£1,318.74
BACS	Administration	Administration	£3,808.09	£0.00	£3,808.09
BACS	HMJ Harrison	Restoration of The Stocks	£7,796.00	£1,559.20	£9,355.20
DD	NEST	Pension Contributions - April	£254.20	£0.00	£254.20
DD	Grundon	Office Waste Collection	£45.52	£9.10	£54.62
DD	Grundon	Cemetery Waste Collection	£62.26	£12.45	£74.71
DD	ICCM	Annual Membership 2026/27	£110.00	£0.00	£110.00
DD	Castle Water	Pavilion Supply	£5.73	£1.15	£6.88
DD	Propel Finance	Phone Equipment Hire	£38.78	£7.76	£46.54
DD	Lloyds Bank Community Account	Transaction Fees	£5.72	£0.00	£5.72
DD	Sirus Telecom	Phone Charges - March	£102.82	£20.56	£123.38
DD	Eon Next	Pavilion Electricity	£18.07	£0.90	£18.97
		TOTALS	£108,084.68	£8,092.14	£116,176.82
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