



MINUTES OF STOW-ON-THE-WOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S PARKS & SQUARE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2026, AT STOW YOUTH CENTRE, FOSSEWAY, STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL54 1DW AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: S Clarke (Chair), B Eddolls (Vice Chair), J Scarsbrook, J Davies & V Davies.

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

- 1. TO ELECT A CHAIR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL MAY 2027.**
RESOLVED to elect Cllr S Clarke as Chair, to hold office until May 2027. **Motion carried.**
- 2. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL MAY 2027.**
Members voted to defer election of Vice Chair until next meeting to give missing members the opportunity to apply.
- 3. TO NOTE THAT CLLR M STRACEY HAS FILLED THE VACANCY ON THIS COMMITTEE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.**
Members noted.
- 4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllrs A Tighe (Chair of Council) & M Stracey.
Cllr S Woods & Advisor N Surman were noted as absent.
- 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
Members were reminded to declare any interests in items on the agenda as the meeting progressed.
- 6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC***
No members of the public were present.
- 7. MINUTES – TO CONFIRM AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15th APRIL 2026.**
RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a correct record. **Motion carried.**
- 8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Cllr Clarke thanked members for their vote of confidence in re-electing him.
- 9. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15th APRIL 2026.**
The Council has received confirmation that the, now disbanded, festival organisation has donated any remaining funds to their identified charities.
Feedback from the Medieval Event has been very positive including from the acts that took part. Also, many of the stalls needed to restock, during the day, due to high sales.
The seating areas at The Shrubbery are very 'mix & match'. How does Council feel about moving the single wooden one to the vacant spot on Stocks Green, therefore freeing up a space for a potential metal memorial bench, like the ones currently in situ.
Members agreed this is a good idea, so the Clerk will organise.
- 10. TO REVIEW THE CONDITION OF THE PLANTERS ON WRAGGS ROW GREEN.**
RESOLVED that even though there were many conflicting ideas about what should be done with the planters, it was agreed by members to explore the possibility of an 'outside body' volunteering to maintain them. **Motion carried.**

11. TO CONSIDER REPLACING THE WOODEN CIRCULAR SEATING AROUND THE TREE, ON THE SHRUBBERY, FOR A METAL ONE.

Members agreed to defer any decision on this, due to fact that it is a memorial item. The Clerk will attempt to contact the owners for their viewpoint, before altering the appearance.

12. TO CONSIDER THE PLACEMENT OF LARGE, NON-REMOVABLE STONES AROUND THE EDGE OF THE SHRUBBERY TO PREVENT PARKING ON THE GREEN.

RESOLVED that members agree with this idea but said that the stones would need to be around 100kgs each and other supply avenues would be researched first. **Motion carried.**

13. TO REVIEW THE SITUATION WITH SIGNAGE FOR THE PUMP TRACK, SINCE THE PREVIOUS SIGN WAS VANDALISED BEYOND FURTHER USE.

Members agreed not to purchase any more costly signage soon, but a cheaper alternative will be put in place.

14. TO PLACE LARGE, NON-REMOVABLE STONES AROUND STOCKS GREEN TO HELP DETER CONTINUOUS FOOTFALL FROM ALL SIDES.

Most members were not in favour of any form of barrier around the edges of Stocks Green but said that a maintenance programme for the turfed area would need to be implemented. The Clerk has contacted the fire station to ask if they can assist with watering, when required.

15. TO APPROVE QUOTES FOR 2 X METAL PERCH BENCHES AND A LITTER BIN TO BE INSTALLED NEXT TO THE PUMP TRACK.

RESOLVED to approve quotes of £594.00 + VAT & Delivery for 2 x metal perch benches and £181.95 + VAT for a litter bin. **Motion carried.**

Post Meeting Note: The Clerk has ordered the benches.

16. TO NOTE THAT THE TEMPORARY NET FENCING HAS NOW BEEN REMOVED FROM STOCKS GREEN. THE CLERK REQUESTS THAT COUNCILLORS MONITOR THE CONDITION OF THE AREA, SO THAT THE CURRENT, ATTRACTIVE APPEARANCE CAN BE MAINTAINED BEFORE ANY POTENTIAL DAMAGE GOES TOO FAR.

Members noted.

17. TO NOTE THAT THE STOCKS INFORMATION BOARD HAS BEEN INSTALLED BY CLLR EDDOLLS, THANKS TO HIM FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

Members noted and commented how nice it looks.

18. TO NOTE THAT THE FIREWORKS, MEDICS AND PORTALOOS HAVE ALL BEEN BOOKED FOR THE BONFIRE EVENT ON FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026.

Members noted.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 22nd July 2026

20. MEETING CLOSED – 7.40pm

Signed: _____ Chair Dated: _____