



Stow-on-the-Wold Town Council

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Clerk & RFO – Marie Pawley

To: Cllrs S Clarke, B Eddolls, J Scarsbrook, J Davies, V Davies, S Woods & M Stracey

You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of the **PARKS & SQUARE COMMITTEE** on **WEDNESDAY 22nd July 2026 at 7.00 pm** for purposes of transacting the following business.

Marie Pawley, Clerk & RFO of the Council

16th July 2026

A G E N D A

1. To elect a Vice Chair to hold office until May 2027.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Declarations of interests in items on the agenda.
4. Questions from members of the public*
5. Minutes – to confirm as a correct record the minutes of meeting held on 3rd June 2026.
6. Chair's announcements.
7. Clerk's report and matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 3rd June 2026.
8. To receive an update on the water situation at the allotments from the Allotment Association Chair.
9. To consider a proposal to increase allotment rent by £1.00, to £36.00 per annum.
10. To approve the change to bonfire dates from October–March to October–April.
11. To approve proposed changes to allotment tenancy agreement.
12. To approve a quote of £2,800 + VAT for a replacement metal memorial tree seat bench on The Shrubby.
13. To approve a quote of £2,064 + VAT for 2 x additional metal benches for the Shrubby.
14. To note that the Clerk has arranged for the reinstatement of the 'Unpaid Work Team' and they will be available from late August, after the supervisors have undergone the required training.
15. To note that the wooden bench removed from The Shrubby will be installed on Stocks Green in the spare space, but due to a slight size difference, the footprint will need to be increased.
16. To agree the Ullswater 90L Classic Heritage Bin, as replacements, when required.

***Public participation** (up to 15 minutes) – If you wish to speak about any concerns you wish to draw to the Council's attention, you may speak for up to 3 minutes, when directed to do so by the Chairman.

Rules dictate that members of the public may not take part in the Town Council Meeting unless invited to do so by the Chairman and that Councillors can only make decisions on items included on the Agenda.

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17. To note that Stow Primary has agreed with the proposed date of 11th December 2026 for the Christmas Lights Switch on Event, with St Edwards Hall booked as a contingency for inclement weather.
18. The Clerk has been made aware of large numbers of cyclists and motorcyclists using the shelter of the trees on Stocks Green to gather on the grass and park their bikes for long periods. Is this acceptable to members?
19. To note that Council's grass cutting contractor has replanted the troughs on Wraggs Row Green.
20. To note that the Clerk has been in contact with the Bell Public House and their Brewery about the peppercorn rent but has received no response. Further investigation has produced the following information:
 - a) A peppercorn rent is a *symbolic* amount of typically, £1.00 per annum. It is a way of forming a legally binding lease contract and creating a legal partnership between landlord and tenant.
 - b) In practice a peppercorn rent does *not* have to be paid, nor can it be collected, due to its small size.
 - c) The fact that a peppercorn rent is not paid does not affect the legality of the actual agreement it covers.
21. Date of next meeting – 9th September 2026
22. Meeting closed.