



**MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 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, B Eddolls, M Stracey & A Wright.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Miss M Pawley, Clerk & RFO of Council, Ward District Cllr D Neill, County Cllr D Corps & 4 x Members of the Public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs S Woods, A White & V Goddard

**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 informed members that the Emergency WhatsApp group is not the correct forum for general chat, but as some of this content is still valuable, it was suggested that a Council Chat WhatsApp group would be formed in addition to the emergency one. Cllr Stracey will set this up.

Cllr Tighe also reminded members that all Council related matters must be directed through the Council office and not through her, although in emails, she can be copied in.

Cllr J Davies will man the Council Surgery at the library, with Cllr Eddolls on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, as Cllr Goddard is no longer available.

Cllr Tighe agreed that the Toffs & Totties organisers could speak (ref: item 27, May 2026 meeting) regarding their event finale, which will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026. They wanted to personally give their thanks to the Council for supporting them over the years and appreciate everything the Council does. They left the meeting at 7.09pm.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 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 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

Council has received £1000.00 hosting fee and £250.00 parking fee for King George's Field, from the 10k event.

The event organisers said that they were so pleased with how well it was received, that they would be keen to come back again next year and possibly make it an annual event, they have suggested a provisional date of Sunday 20th June 2027.

*It was commented that having the funfair and 10k run back-to-back worked well, as it meant there would be no need for a separate road closure order.*

In line with Digital and data compliance, all Cllrs are required to have a disclaimer after their name in any Council emails they send out. It appears that some of our Cllrs have one and some don't. So, the ones that don't, will be advised how to go about adding this asap.

Following the tree survey in May/June 2025, a number of trees were identified as needing work within 18 months, so a detailed quote has been obtained from Treetech which is very competitive and if approved would be looking to carry out the work from August 2026.

*The Clerk will obtain another quote for comparison by next Council meeting.*



The Clerk has spoken to Mrs Scutt about plans for the Christmas Switch on event. It is proposed that the date be Friday 11th December 2026, and St Edwards Hall has been provisionally booked as a contingency; It is not available on 4th December.

*Members were happy with the revised date, if it's convenient for the school.*

On 25th June 2026, the RRT (Rapid Relief Team) provided their services on Stocks Green by giving away free bottles of iced cold water to members of the public. They came with a supply of 1000 x bottles and the majority were handed out. This was very gratefully received during this excessively hot weather. Many thanks to the RRT for their thoughtful consideration.

#### **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 highlighting a positive move of how buses are now being synced with trains in the area. Regarding housing, it is currently very uncertain what will happen, as the newly appointed Prime Minister may have different ideas from what has already been decided.

Cllr Corps left the meeting at 7.27pm.

#### **9. REPORT FROM WARD DISTRICT CLLR D NEILL**

Cllr Neill spoke to her report and said that the possible acquisition of Stow toilets is still in the discussion phase and nothing concrete has yet been established. She also mentioned that a new person has been appointed regarding the provision of toilets for the Horse Fair.

#### **10. TO RECEIVE A DEBRIEF OF THE INDEPENDENT STOW 10K EVENT AND THE IMPACT FELT BY THE TOWN.**

The event was reported as being a great success and that if they return next year, more businesses should be encouraged to get involved in some way.

Feedback reported that there weren't enough toilets (reduced from the intended 15, down to 10) and that they were positioned in the wrong location.

The Stag assisted by providing access to their toilets and selling beer at £5.00 per pint.

#### **11. TO RECEIVE A DEBRIEF REGARDING HATWELL'S FUNFAIR VISIT.**

The proprietor felt that the fair hadn't been as busy as he'd hoped, but that it was still worthwhile, and he received some interesting feedback from regular visitors for future occasions.

#### **12. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM MUSIC AT STOW REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF BANNERS.**

**RESOLVED** Members agreed that placement should be as per previous years. **Motion carried.**

#### **13. TO CONSIDER 2 X NOMINATIVE TRUSTEES TO JOIN THE ALMSHOUSE CHARITY, REPRESENTING STOW COUNCIL.**

Members did not wish to accept the 2 x nominative trustees without knowing those concerned. It was suggested that they come along to the next Council meeting, in July, in support of their nomination.

The Clerk will follow up.

#### **14. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM WORLD JUNGLE TO USE KING GEORGE'S FIELD TO RUN AN EVENT AS PART OF THE HOLIDAY AND FOOD PROGRAMME ON TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2026. WOULD COUNCIL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEM IN PROMOTING THE EVENT.**

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

#### **15. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION OF £3,000 FROM STOW YOUTH CENTRE FOR EXTRA SESSIONS/ACTIVITIES DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, SO THAT THE CHILDREN CAN BE ENTERTAINED WITHIN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.**

**RESOLVED** that Council approves a partial amount of £1,500 **Motion carried.**



- 16. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION OF £500 FROM GREAT WESTERN AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY (GWAAC) TO FUND A CRITICAL CARE MISSION.**  
**RESOLVED** that Council approves the full amount of £500 **Motion carried.**
- 17. TO APPROVE A QUOTE FOR THE REPAIR OF SEVERAL HOLES THAT HAVE APPEARED IN THE DRYSTONE WALL, ADJACENT TO THE PAVILION, ON THE EDGE OF QEII FIELD.**  
**RESOLVED** to approve the quote of £3,175.00 **Motion carried.**
- 18. TO CONSIDER A SUGGESTION, BY THE INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDITOR, THAT COUNCIL MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SETTING UP A 'DEVOLUTION CONTINGENCY EMR', WHEREBY A PERCENTAGE OF COUNCIL FUNDS CAN BE PUT ASIDE AS AN EARMARKED RESERVE, SPECIFICALLY FOR WHEN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IS INTRODUCED. CAN COUNCIL AGREE ON AN AMOUNT TO BE RETAINED.**  
**RESOLVED** that Members retain £50,000 to start a Devolution Contingency EMR. **Motion carried.**
- 19. TO NOTE THAT THERE ARE FURTHER WALKING CRICKET SESSIONS PLANNED FOR THE NEXT 7 X MONDAYS 4-6PM. EACH EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE. 6 X PEOPLE ATTENDED ON 15TH JUNE 2026.**  
Members noted.  
Cllr Tighe said that there had also been 6 x people attend on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and that it was very enjoyable.
- 20. TO NOTE THAT THE CLERK WILL BE OBTAINING ADVICE FROM A SPECIALIST CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER REGARDING THE RECENT EVENTS IN KING GEORGE'S FIELD.**  
Members noted.  
*Post meeting note: The Clerk met with a Harm Reduction Advisor (corrected title) and has since received some useful suggestions regarding the protection of the most vulnerable areas of Stow.*
- 21. TO NOTE THAT THE STOW SQUARE TOILETS ARE OPEN EXTENDED HOURS TO 8.00PM DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. THE CLERK HAS SPOKEN TO THE MANAGER AT DANFO TO REQUEST INCREASED CLEANING DUE TO THE EXTRA USAGE. THEY ARE CURRENTLY CLEANED 3-4 TIMES PER DAY. DANFO HAVE ALSO AGREED TO INSTALL AN INDUSTRIAL FLY ZAPPER AND IMPROVED LIGHTING.**  
**THE CLERK HAS CONTACTED COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL TO ASK WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES ARE REGARDING A POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF STOW SQUARE TOILETS AND THE MAUGERSBURY ROAD TOILETS GOING FORWARD.**  
Members noted.
- 22. TO RECEIVE A BRIEF REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:**  
i) **TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATIONS TO 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2026**  
ii) **TO REPORT BALANCE IN CCLA ACCOUNT AS OF 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2026**  
iii) **TO REPORT BANK RECEIPTS TO 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2026**  
iv) **TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR JUNE 2026**  
**RESOLVED** to approve. **Motion carried.**
- 23. TO RECEIVE A BRIEF REPORT FROM THE CHAIRS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS SINCE 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026:**  
a) **PARKS & SQUARE: 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2026 – CLLR CLARKE**  
b) **BURIAL BOARD: 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026 – CLLR GODDARD**  
c) **PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING: 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026 – CLLR SCARSBROOK**  
Cllr Clarke spoke of the improvement work planned for The Shrubbery.  
Cllr Scarsbrook had nothing to report & Cllr Goddard was not at the meeting.



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

Cllr Tighe: 02/06/26 – Cotswold Friends (& Clifton)  
05/06/26 – Dementia Friendly Café  
17/06/26 – Bromford Housing (& Cllr D Neill)  
Cllr J Davies: 16/06/26 – Social Club meeting  
Cllr V Davies: 20/06/26 – Dementia Event at Social Club  
Cllr Scarsbrook: 20/06/26 – Dementia Event at Social Club

**25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7.00 pm in Stow Youth Centre.

**26. MEETING CLOSED** at 8.17pm

Signed ..... Chair of Council Date .....

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<b>BACS PAYMENTS/DIRECT DEBITS FOR APPROVAL UP TO 25/06/2026</b>					
<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
BACS	HMRC	M2 PAYE/NI	£1,323.81	£0.00	£1,323.81
BACS	Cottage Garden Services (CGS)	Contract Maintenance (May)	£2,537.50	£507.50	£3,045.00
BACS	L Salleh	Stow Office Cleaner	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00
BACS	Administration	Administration	£4,278.80	£0.00	£4,278.80
BACS	CG Thornton	Monkey Jam - Event Band	£700.00	£0.00	£700.00
BACS	Jason Goss	Bubonic Wind Band	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00
BACS	DHB Live Event Production	Stocks Information Board	£680.00	£136.00	£816.00
BACS	B&W	Bonfire Night Portaloos Deposit	£101.25	£20.25	£121.50
BACS	TechTonic IT Solutions Ltd	IT Maintenance & Support (June)	£110.30	£22.06	£132.36
BACS	UK Life Medical	Ambulance Provision for Event	£530.80	£106.16	£636.96
BACS	W Lockey	Drystone Wall repairs in KGF	£475.00	£0.00	£475.00
DD	Eon Next	Pavilion Electricity	£17.72	£0.89	£18.61
DD	Grundon	Office Waste Collection	£45.52	£9.10	£54.62
DD	Grundon	Cemetery Waste Collection	£62.26	£12.45	£74.71
DD	Lloyds Bank Chargecard	Amazon, Crock, Co-Op, Sains, B&Q	£196.68	£0.00	£196.68
DD	Sirus Telecom	Phone Charges - May	£103.10	£20.62	£123.72
DD	NEST	Pension Contributions - June	£302.10	£0.00	£302.10
DD	Castle Water	Pavilion Supply	£8.82	£1.76	£10.58
DD	Castle Water	Allotment Supply	£230.36	£0.00	£230.36
DD	Propel Finance	Phone Equipment Hire	£38.78	£7.76	£46.54
DD	Lloyds Bank Community Account	Transaction Fees	£5.19	£0.00	£5.19
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£12,053.99</b>	<b>£844.55</b>	<b>£12,898.54</b>
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