



**MINUTES OF STOW-ON-THE-WOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S PARKS & SQUARE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 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), A Tighe (Chair of Council),
J Scarsbrook, J Davies, V Davies & S Woods.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Miss M Pawley, Clerk/RFO of Council, Advisor Mr N. Surman and 3 x Members
of the Public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC*

Members of the Public were given the opportunity to speak as the meeting progressed.

**4. MINUTES – TO CONFIRM AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19th
NOVEMBER 2025**

RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a correct record. There were 2 x abstainers, due to absence.
Motion carried.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

**6. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19th
NOVEMBER 2025.**

Painting of the Pavilion is due to take place in the 1st week of February 2026.

The Clerk has contacted a Parish Council nearby, that have recently had extensive improvement work
carried out on their village green and obtained some very helpful information.

The Stocks refurbishment is progressing, although the work involved has proved more challenging than
at first thought. Some photos will be sent through as soon as there's something significant to see.

7. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO KEEP DUCKS ON STOW ALLOTMENTS.

There was 1 x declaration of interest.

RESOLVED Members felt that, due to the welfare of the ducks, and the extra health risks associated
with their presence, it would not be appropriate to approve keeping ducks on Stow allotments. **Motion
carried.**

**8. TO APPROVE A QUOTE OF £431.15 + VAT FOR REPAIR WORK TO THE SURFACES AROUND
THE BENCHES ON THE SHRUBBERY AND AT THE WELLS.**

RESOLVED to approve the quote as detailed above. **Motion carried.**

**9. TO DISCUSS THE FORMAT AND ORGANISATIONAL PLANNING FOR THE TOWN'S PROPOSED
MIEVEAL EVENT ON 23RD MAY 2026.**

The discussions led to many ideas, but it was remarked that an event of this scale, which could
potentially see the involvement of many organisations, would require a working party and the possible
implementation of an event planner. The Clerk will follow this up.

10. TO DISCUSS IDEAS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STOCKS GREEN.

The development of Stocks Green is a controversial topic, where some of the suggestions lead to other issues that are neither considered nor wanted. It was mentioned that drainage around Stocks Green is minimal, so this would need to be factored into any changes.

In addition, an ongoing reseeding/returfing program, with the attached implications, would prove costly. Members thought that a specialist planner be sought for a professional approach. The Clerk will follow this up.

11. TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FROM CLARK & KENT, OF A BIKE TRACK INSTALLATION ON KING GEORGE'S FIELD, THAT WILL BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL, IF AGREED BY MEMBERS.

RESOLVED Members agreed with the proposal and recommended that it be forwarded to Council for a decision on 29th January 2026. There was 1 x abstainer. **Motion carried.**

12. TO NOTE THAT THE GRASS CUTTING TENDER IS UNDERWAY WITH A CLOSING DATE OF 30TH JANUARY 2026.

Members noted.

There has been a lot of interest, but as yet no applications have been received by Council.

13. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE BONFIRE EVENT SUGGESTED FOR FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026.

RESOLVED Members agreed to the proposed date as above. **Motion carried.**

14. TO REVIEW THE FORMAT AND CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT.

Members agreed to the date of Friday 4th December 2026.

The review of the format received mixed opinions, whilst some members were still keen for the event to be held outside, in the Square, it was agreed that a contingency plan, regarding inclement weather, needs to be in place going forward. A final decision has not yet been determined, but it was commented that an event planner could be used for this event too.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 25th February 2026

16. MEETING CLOSED – 7.50pm

Signed: _____ Chair Dated: _____