



**MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 30th JULY 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, V Davies, B Eddolls, M Stracey, A Wright, S Woods, A White & V Goddard.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Miss M Pawley, Clerk & RFO of Council & 6 x Members of the Public (1 extra arrived at 7.30pm).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr S Clarke.

Ward District Cllr D Neill & County Cllr D Corps.

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 introduced Clifton to give a brief introduction to The Heritage Project, this is something that is fully supported by S. Ruscoe and members were very much in favour too.

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 25th JUNE 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 25th JUNE 2026

Hatwell's funfair proprietor has been contacted about coinciding the fair with the 10k run in 2027, therefore only needing one road closure. This has been agreed and the fair will operate from the 3rd Thursday of June next year.

A 2-year contract with Stow library has been approved, to enable Council to carry out surgeries when required during that timeframe.

A contract has been set up with the Co-ordinators of the 'Unpaid Work Team' to enable Stow to have that facility back from end August 2026.

The Allotment Association Members have passed on their thanks to Council for the use of the cemetery area, for their Annual BBQ last Saturday.

R&D Walkers have now credited Stow Council with £150.00 from last year's bonfire event and agreed to provide the pig roast for Council's Bonfire Night on 6th November 2026 but have mentioned that the requested £5.00 cost for the pork rolls last year, had significantly reduced the profit margin, and will have even more of an impact this year. Would Council consider a price increase in line with inflation.

It was agreed to charge £7.00 for the pork rolls.

CDC have informed Stow that they are waiting on a delivery of dog poo bins, that should arrive within 2-3 weeks. The corroded bin outside the back of KGF will be replaced as a priority.

The overhanging grass verge that was blocking clear view of the main road, when exiting KGF, was reported to Highways and cleared very quickly.



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, highlighting the potential need for an extra Fosseway, road crossing and funding for food banks.

9. REPORT FROM WARD DISTRICT CLLR D NEILL

Cllr Neill sent her apologies, and Cllr Tighe spoke to her report.

Cllr White commented that the Local Plan ignores all Stow's concerns including the desperate need for more parking and the lack of acceptable toilet facilities.

10. TO RECEIVE AN INTRODUCTION FROM 2 X NOMINATIVE TRUSTEES TO JOIN THE ALMSHOUSE CHARITY, REPRESENTING STOW COUNCIL.

Members were satisfied with the nominative trustees and said that it was good to put a face to a name. 4 x members of the public departed the meeting at 7.40pm.

11. TO NOTE THAT THE CLERK HAS SOURCED A SPECIALIST EARTHWORKS COMPANY TO PROVIDE A QUOTE FOR THE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF STOW'S LISTED WELL AREA. INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.

Members noted.

12. TO APPROVE A QUOTE OF £5,950 + VAT TO CARRY OUT THE 2026 TREE WORK, IDENTIFIED FROM LAST YEAR'S TREE SURVEY OR CONSIDER AN EXPECTED ALTERNATIVE QUOTE. RESOLVED to approve the quote of £5,950 + VAT Motion carried.

13. TO APPROVE A QUOTE OF £1,180 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CCTV SYSTEM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE, WHICH IS FAULTY, OUTDATED AND NO LONGER FIT FOR PURPOSE OR CONSIDER AN EXPECTED ALTERNATIVE QUOTE. Second quote was not forthcoming. RESOLVED to approve the quote of £1,180 Motion carried.

14. TO APPROVE A QUOTE OF £700 (ZERO VAT) TO REPAIR DAMAGED FENCE TO THE FRONT RIGHT OF STOW PAVILION.

RESOLVED to wait out for more quotes before a decision can be reached. **Motion carried.**

15. TO APPROVE A QUOTE OF £180 + VAT PER ANNUM AND A ONE-OFF COST TOTAL OF £779 + VAT FOR THE SETUP, SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF ADDING THE ASSET REGISTER TO COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTING SYSTEM.

RESOLVED to approve the quote as stated. **Motion carried.**

Post meeting note: This has since been installed as described and the Clerk will be populating all the data inc. photographs of the assets.

16. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

- a) **HEALTH & SAFETY ADVICE NOTE FOR USERS OF DISPLAY SCREEN EQUIPMENT (DSE).**

RESOLVED to approve. **Motion carried.**

- b) **HIRE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II (QEII) PLAYING FIELD, LOWER SWELL ROAD, STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL54 1LD FOR PRIVATE EVENTS POLICY.**

RESOLVED to approve. **Motion carried.**

- c) **HIRE OF KING GEORGES PLAYING FIELD, STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL54 1AR FOR PRIVATE EVENTS POLICY.**

RESOLVED to approve. **Motion carried.**



17. TO NOTE THAT A 'DEVOLUTION CONTINGENCY' EARMARKED RESERVE HAS BEEN SET UP WITH A STARTING BALANCE OF £50,000

Members noted.

18. TO NOTE THAT COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED A VAT RECLAIM AMOUNT OF £9,609.71 FOR QUARTER 1 OF 2026/27.

Members noted.

19. TO NOTE THAT COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH UBICO TO MONITOR OVERFLOWING BINS IN STOW, TO ASSESS THE NEED, BEFORE CONSIDERING INSTALLING ANY ADDITIONAL BINS OR ALLOCATING EXTRA COLLECTIONS.

Members noted.

20. TO NOTE THAT GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE STRESSED THAT ALL HIGHWAYS ISSUES ARE NOT BEING ACCEPTED DIRECTLY AND MUST BE REPORTED VIA 'FIX MY STREET'.

Members noted.

21. TO CONSIDER A SUGGESTION BY CLLR SCARSBROOK TO HAVE ONE DESIGNATED COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING EVENT NOTICES FROM THE TOWN, AFTER THE EVENT HAS PASSED.

RESOLVED that Cllr J Davies volunteered. **Motion carried.**

22. TO NOTE THAT SIGNAGE AROUND THE TOWN MUST NOT BE REMOVED (WITHOUT AGREEMENT) FROM NON-COUNCIL OWNED AREAS.

Members noted.

23. TO NOTE HOW THE COUNCIL GRANT ALLOCATIONS ARE REWARDED, AS OVER THE PAST 3 X YEARS, FROM AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF £10,000, THERE HAS BEEN £5,639, £2,187 & £1,579 RESPECTIVELY, REMAINING AT THE END OF EACH YEAR. THIS DOES NOT CARRY OVER, SO MEMBERS SHOULD MINDFULLY CONSIDER USING IT FOR ITS INTENTION. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO 'KEEP FUNDS RESERVED' FOR AN APPLICATION THAT HASN'T YET BEEN RECEIVED. IF THE AVAILABLE FUNDS RUN OUT BEFORE THE YEAR END, THE APPLICANT CAN BE ADVISED TO APPLY AGAIN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THIS WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO FUNDS NOT BEING GRANTED AT ALL.

Members noted.

24. TO RECEIVE A BRIEF REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:

- i) TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATIONS TO 30th JUNE 2026
- ii) TO REVIEW DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE AGAINST BUDGET, FOR 1ST QUARTER 2026/27.
- iii) TO REPORT BALANCE IN CCLA ACCOUNT AS OF 30th JUNE 2026
- iv) TO REPORT BANK RECEIPTS TO 30th JUNE 2026
- v) TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR JULY 2026

RESOLVED to approve. **Motion carried.**

25. TO RECEIVE A BRIEF REPORT FROM THE CHAIRS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS SINCE 25th JUNE 2026:

- a) PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING: 7th JULY 2026 – CLLR CLARKE
- b) PARKS & SQUARE: 22nd JULY 2026 – CLLR CLARKE
- c) PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING: 28th JULY 2026 – CLLR SCARSBROOK

Cllr Scarsbrook had nothing to report, and Cllr Clarke was not at the meeting.



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

Cllr Tighe: 29/06/26 – Stanway House 100 Years Playground Anniversary
11/07/26 – Edwardstow Court
13/07/26 – Almshouses Event
17/07/26 – Mary Beston's Fundraiser
21/07/26 – Go Wild Event
23/07/26 – Edwardstow Court/Cotswold Friends Event
30/07/26 – Cotswold Friends Promoting
Cllr J Davies: 01/07/26 – Social Club meeting
21/07/26 – Go Wild Event

Cllr Eddolls expressed his thanks for funds and the use of QEII field for The Stow Motor Show.

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 24th September 2026 at 7.00 pm in Stow Youth Centre.

28. MEETING CLOSED at 8.09pm

Signed Chair of Council Date



Payment Type	Name	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
BACS	HMRC	M3 PAYE/NI	£1,582.40	£0.00	£1,582.40
BACS	Cottage Garden Services (CGS)	Contract Maintenance (June)	£3,431.75	£686.35	£4,118.10
BACS	L Salleh	Stow Office Cleaner	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00
BACS	Administration	Administration	£3,816.14	£0.00	£3,816.14
BACS	TechTonic IT Solutions Ltd	IT Maintenance & Support (June)	£110.30	£22.06	£132.36
BACS	Rialtas Business Solutions	Yearend 2026 Alpha	£980.00	£196.00	£1,176.00
BACS	David Ogilvie	2 x Perch Benches for Pump Track	£814.00	£162.80	£976.80
BACS	Blachere Illumination UK Ltd	Xmas Lights Hire Contract	£591.60	£118.32	£709.92
BACS	Centre 67 (SYC)	Office Hire & % of Bills	£3,528.65	£0.00	£3,528.65
BACS	Future Sports Events Ltd	KGF Hire - Deposit Refund	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
BACS	Roadware	Waste Bin for Pump Track	£200.95	£40.19	£241.14
DD	Richard Cogan Ltd	Photocopier Monthly Plan	£66.42	£13.29	£79.71
DD	Eon Next	Pavilion Electricity	£20.57	£1.03	£21.60
DD	Grundon	Office Waste Collection	£45.25	£9.05	£54.30
DD	Grundon	Cemetery Waste Collection	£61.99	£12.40	£74.39
DD	Lloyds Bank Chargecard	M&S and Amazon	£22.89	£0.00	£22.89
DD	Sirus Telecom	Phone Charges - June	£102.62	£20.52	£123.14
DD	NEST	Pension Contributions - July	£255.03	£0.00	£255.03
DD	Castle Water	Pavilion Supply	£31.52	£6.30	£37.82
DD	Castle Water	Allotment Supply	£212.65	£0.00	£212.65
DD	Propel Finance	Phone Equipment Hire	£38.78	£7.76	£46.54
DD	Lloyds Bank Community Account	Transaction Fees	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25
		TOTALS	£16,973.76	£1,296.07	£18,269.83
			Check	£18,269.83	