



**MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 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 and A Wright

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Ward District Cllr D Neill, County Cllr D Corps, Ms E Sajewicz, deputy clerk and 9 x members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs S Clarke, V Goddard, A White, S Woods and Clerk & RFO of Council, Marie Pawley.

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 said she had attended the Stow Motor Club's presentation of cheques to charities following the Motor Show. She said this year's show was a great success, and the Club is an asset to the town. Cllr Tighe welcomed Clifton and thanked him for his work on the Stow Heritage Fund Project. Council members expressed support for proceeding with the next steps as proposed.

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 APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30th JULY 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 30th JULY 2026

Lloyds Bank has notified Council our "Community" account is changing to a "Business" account. It won't affect the way the account operates, but the monthly fee will rise from £4.25 to £10.00.

Headspace has forwarded a report to council to highlight how the £900 grant, that was awarded last year, has been used. The summary thanking the Council was read out at the meeting.

North Cotswold Rotary have contacted Council about a proposal to light St Edward's Hall for a week in October as part of a campaign to end polio. Council members expressed support for the proposal.

A proposal for a survey of the public conveniences, to identify refurbishment and maintenance requirements and costs, has been received and circulated to councillors.

7. POLICE REPORT

No Police were in attendance, but Cllr Tighe summarised the report. Councillors hoped someone from the Police would be able to attend a meeting soon.

8. REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR D CORPS, COTSWOLD DIVISION

Cllr Corps's report had been circulated and published on the Council's website. He spoke to highlight the following points/updates:

The pause to Local Government Reorganisation.



Road safety and speeding – he had raised at a full GCC meeting the lack of provision for speed limit reductions in the North Cotswolds until at least 2028 but had been rebuffed. However, the Oddington Road development would have a speed limit change as a by-product of new street lighting. Highways would also be looking at reconfiguring the entrance to the development. Roadworks on the Bourton on the Hill Road in Moreton have resulted in a road closure, which could last a number of weeks depending on what is found.

9. REPORT FROM WARD DISTRICT CLLR D NEILL

Cllr Neill's report had been circulated and published on Council's website. Cllr Neill spoke to make the following points/updates:

Local Plan consultation – Cllr Neill presented a response expressing concern about lack of infrastructure, and that she would have liked to have seen more about Stow in terms of parking and employment.

Cllr Neill has spoken to Tony Dale who has the parking, toilets and leisure portfolio at CDC about the possibility of a museum in Stow Library.

Stow Fair – Cllr Neill said there would be a Safety Advisory Group meeting next week. The fair date would be 15th October this year. The organisers intend to hold future fairs on the third Thursday. Cllr Neill said she would pass on a request that the dates be made known well in advance, preferably after each fair for the next fair date.

New government scheme of delegation for planning – from October, small planning applications will be decided by planning officers, with no ability to take them to committee if there is disagreement. Applications for more than 10 dwellings or listed buildings will not be affected.

Public toilets – Cllr Neill said the town council needs to say what it wants to do. CDC officers are in favour of passing on the asset.

10. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A MANAGER AT DANFO REGARDING THE CLEANING ROUTINE OF STOW SQUARE TOILETS.

A representative from Danfo gave a report saying that perceptions of cleanliness differed, but the toilets were tired and heavily used. Certain cleaning products are not allowed to be used in public toilets because they may irritate users. He said the usage had increased and he has suggested the number of cleaning visits be increased from 3 per day to 4. He was thanked for attending the meeting.

11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT THE DATE OF STOW HORSE FAIR.

Covered under item 9 above.

12. TO CONSIDER A QUOTE OF £10,199 + VAT FOR THE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF STOW'S LISTED WELL AREA.

The proposal is to catch water as it comes out of the well and pipe it. The proposal relates to drainage not the stone structure.

Councillors requested a report be obtained from a heritage expert or surveyor and given the work wouldn't be done until spring they would like additional quotations before deciding.

13. TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE ALLOTMENT TENANCY AGREEMENT TO COVER DRIP IRRIGATIONS SYSTEMS.

Cllr J Davies declared an interest as an allotment tenant and left the room during this item.

The Chairman of Spring Gardens Allotments Association gave a report saying there were 97 allotment plots on the site and a ½ inch water supply equivalent to a kitchen tap, so it was necessary to manage water use as well as possible. Four plots have installed irrigation systems with his guidance. Thames Water rules allow irrigation systems to be used during hosepipe bans. Since they were installed, no complaints had been received about water shortages. They are run from water butts but can be run from mains if controlled by restrictors and timers. Ballcocks have been fitted. Operating them for one hour, twice a day would benefit everybody particularly if they were run at night.

RESOLVED to amend the policy on a trial basis and review after a year, subject to spot checks on timers and review of the water bills/usage. **Motion carried.**

There was a suggestion that Council investigate providing large tanks for collecting rainwater.



14. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION BY NORTH COTSWOLD ROTARY OF £250 FOR A YEAR 6 TRANSITION DRAMA WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS AT STOW PRIMARY SCHOOL
RESOLVED to approve the full amount requested. **Motion carried.**

15. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FOR £4000 FROM STOW RUGBY CLUB FOR A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS A DEDICATED LADIES' & GIRLS' CHANGING FACILITY PROJECT

Cllr Eddolls declared an interest as a member of the club and left the room during this item.

Stow Rugby Club president, Neil Piercy, spoke about the increasing number of female players, and described the project, saying the club had already raised £18,000 itself and had applied for some funding from CDC.

RESOLVED to approve the full amount requested. **Motion carried.**

Neil Piercy expressed his thanks and invited everyone to come down to the club especially on a Sunday when the children play.

16. LOCAL PLAN REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION – TO CONSIDER COUNCIL'S RESPONSE

Item deferred until the next meeting because the consultation period has been extended to 3rd November.

17. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR THE COUNCIL TO PRESENT AWARDS FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

RESOLVED to approve the proposal but noted that decisions are needed on a venue and whether to have a stand-alone event or combine with the Annual Town Meeting. **Motion carried.**

18. TO CONSIDER A DONATION TO RBL POPPY APPEAL AND DECIDE ON AMOUNT.

RESOLVED to make a donation of £100. **Motion carried.**

19. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM STOW FIRE STATION TO CARRY OUT A CHARITY CAR WASH ON A SATURDAY, POTENTIALLY BETWEEN 9AM – 2PM AND TO DECIDE ON THE BEST LOCATION.

RESOLVED that the area in front of Stow Lodge be used as it is relatively easy to close off. **Motion carried.**

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

i) **TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATIONS TO 31st JULY & 31st AUGUST 2026**

ii) **TO REPORT BALANCE IN CCLA ACCOUNT AS OF 31st JULY & 31st AUGUST 2026**

iii) **TO REPORT BANK RECEIPTS TO 31st JULY 2026 (ZERO FOR AUGUST)**

iv) **TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026**

RESOLVED to approve. **Motion carried.**

Members would like to know the status of CGS expenditure to date against budget.

21. TO RECEIVE A BRIEF REPORT FROM THE CHAIRS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS SINCE 30th JULY 2026:

a) **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES: 19th AUGUST 2026 – CLLR TRACEY**

b) **PLANNING TRAFFIC & PARKING: 8th SEPTEMBER 2026 – CLLR SCARBROOK**

c) **PARKS & SQUARE: 16th SEPTEMBER 2026 – CLLR CLARKE**

Cllr Tracey had nothing to report.

Cllr Scarsbrook said she and the deputy clerk had a walk-around with GCC Highways officers last week to review outstanding highway issues.

Cllr Clarke was not at the meeting.

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



Cllr J Davies 05/08/26 & 02/09/26 – Social Club meetings
 AGM of St Edward's Hall
 Cllr V Davies 7/8/2026 – Edwardstow event
 Cllr Tighe: 13/08/26 – visited shops with Cotswold Friends representative re age/dementia friendly Cotswolds
 13/08/26 – Edwardstow Court to discuss age-friendly Cotswolds
 19/08/26 – CDC forum on LGR and Local Plan
 16/09/26 – Foodbank
 17/09/26 – CLT AGM
 19/09/26 – Close Knit
 22/09/26 – Stow Motor Club Presentation

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 29th October 2026 at 7.00 pm in Stow Youth Centre.

24. MEETING CLOSED at 8.20pm

Signed Chair of Council Date

BACS PAYMENTS/DIRECT DEBITS FOR APPROVAL UP TO 31/08/2026

Payment Type	Name	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
BACS	HMRC	M4 PAYE/NI	£1,075.16	£0.00	£1,075.16
BACS	Cottage Garden Services (CGS)	Contract Maintenance (July)	£3,737.50	£747.50	£4,485.00
BACS	L Salleh	Stow Office Cleaner	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00
BACS	Administration	Administration	£3,952.36	£0.00	£3,952.36
BACS	TechTonic IT Solutions Ltd	IT Maintenance & Support (July)	£110.30	£22.06	£132.36
BACS	Rialtas Business Solutions	Assets Inventory Software Set Up	£869.00	£173.80	£1,042.80
BACS	David Ogilvie Engineering	2 x KC Seats for The Shrubbery	£2,384.00	£476.80	£2,860.80
DD	Eon Next	Pavilion Electricity	£23.04	£1.15	£24.19
DD	Grundon	Office Waste Collection	£61.07	£12.21	£73.28
DD	Grundon	Cemetery Waste Collection	£86.18	£17.24	£103.42
DD	Lloyds Bank Chargecard	Tesco, Amazon & Annual Fee	£59.29	£0.00	£59.29
DD	Sirus Telecom	Phone Charges - July	£102.62	£20.52	£123.14
DD	NEST	Pension Contributions - August	£268.87	£0.00	£268.87
DD	Castle Water	Allotment Supply	£856.49	£0.00	£856.49
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 **£13,684.91** **£1,479.04** **£15,163.95**

Check £15,163.95



BACS PAYMENTS/DIRECT DEBITS FOR APPROVAL UP TO 30/09/2026

Payment Type	Name	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
BACS	HMRC	M5 PAYE/NI	£1,605.64	£0.00	£1,605.64
BACS	Cottage Garden Services (CGS)	Contract Maintenance (August)	£4,852.50	£970.50	£5,823.00
BACS	L Salleh	Stow Office Cleaner	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00
BACS	Administration	Administration	£4,538.75	£0.00	£4,538.75
BACS	TechTonic IT Solutions Ltd	IT Maintenance & Support (August)	£120.00	£12.36	£132.36
BACS	Oxforce Building	Steel Roof on Council Container	£3,107.00	£621.40	£3,728.40
BACS	B&W Hire Ltd	Bonfire Night Toilets - Balance	£303.75	£60.75	£364.50
BACS	G-Force Fireworks	Fireworks Display	£2,600.00	£0.00	£2,600.00
BACS	Stephanie Urquhart: Croc n Roll	Remembrance Day Trumpet	£80.00	£0.00	£80.00
DD	Richard Cogan Ltd	Photocopier Monthly Plan	£76.88	£15.38	£92.26
DD	Eon Next	Pavilion Electricity	£17.70	£0.88	£18.58
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, Tesco & Post Office	£125.15	£0.00	£125.15
DD	Sirus Telecom	Phone Charges - August	£102.62	£20.52	£123.14
DD	NEST	Pension Contributions - September	£328.55	£0.00	£328.55
DD	Propel Finance	Phone Equipment Hire	£38.78	£7.76	£46.54
DD	Lloyds Bank Community Account	Transaction Fees	£4.67	£0.00	£4.67

TOTALS

£18,065.77

£1,731.10

£19,796.87

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