MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT STOW YOUTH CENTRE, FOSSEWAY, STOW ON THE WOLD ON TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: J Scarsbrook (Chairman), A Tighe (Chairman of Council), S Clarke, V Davies, Cllrs V Goddard & M Stracey

Also in attendance: Advisor Mr C Ayers, Ward District Cllr D Neill, Ms E Sajewicz (Deputy Clerk of Council) and 1 member of the public

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
   Cllr A White.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
   Members were reminded to declare any interests in items on the Agenda as the meeting progressed.

3. **MINUTES – TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026**
   RESOLVED that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. **Motion carried**.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   None.

5. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**
   Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak at the appropriate time.

6. **TO CONSIDER THE CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

   Council has formally requested a speed limit reduction on Lower Swell Road as decided at the last meeting.

   Faded double yellow lines at the bottom of Lower Park Street have been reported to GCC Highways.

   A metal bollard knocked over onto the pavement on the Fosseway opposite the BP garage was reported to GCC Highways and appears to have been repaired.

   Highways officers visited Stow last week and reviewed Council's outstanding highway issues. A report has been circulated to members. The main outcomes were
   - Council's double yellow line requests, which they were unable to expedite, and
   - Council's speed limit reduction requests, which they hope to be able to progress. Their aim is to include all of them in the same TRO as for the speed limit reduction outside the Oddington Road development.

7. **TO CONSIDER & COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

   a) **26/02391/FUL –26/02551/FUL – Little Hunsdon, Well Lane** – Erection of part two storey part single storey rear extension and annex. Demolition of conservatory, garage and garden store
   RESOLVED that Council objects because
   1) it considers the proposal would result in overdevelopment in terms of the annexe being too large for the site and too high for an annexe; and

2) the proposal would have an overbearing effect and reduce light for the neighbouring property. **Motion carried.**

b) **26/02504/FUL – Ivy Cottage, Camp Gardens** – Single-storey extension to kitchen, and replacement art studio building
RESOLVED that Council objects to the art studio building because the proposed materials and design are not appropriate for the location due to its visibility from the Monarchs Way public footpath, and proximity to the iron age hill fort site adjacent. **Motion carried.**

c) **26/02631/FUL – 12 Griffin Close –** Replace conservatory with single storey extension
RESOLVED that Council has no objection. **Motion carried.**

8. DECISION NOTICES
There were no new decisions to report.

9. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CLLR NEILL ABOUT LUCY'S TEAROOM AND A POSSIBLE VISIT BY OFFICERS
Cllr Neill said she understood officers had visited and spoken to the owners of Lucy's Tearoom. Signs on listed buildings were Planning and tables/chairs on pavements were Licensing. Cllr Neill offered to walk around the town with Cllr Scarsbrook to identify concerns.

10. ABBEYFIELD HOUSE – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CLLR NEILL ABOUT THE HMO LICENCE PROCESS
Cllr Neill said she was trying to find more information and would keep pursuing it, and would try to ask the owner. It was unlikely that HMOs in small towns would be used to house immigrants. Cllr Neill said there would be notification of any other HMO licence applications. To be confirmed in writing as CDC website states that planning applications are notified but not licensing applications.

10A Cllr Neill said the government has introduced new delegation rules that mean she will no longer be able to refer smaller planning applications to committee, which she considered appalling, saying the current system allows discussion and gives the public confidence in the planning system. From 31st October, only applications for more than 10 dwellings or listed buildings will be eligible to be taken to committee.

11. CDC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN – TO NOTE THE CONSULTATION PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL 13TH NOVEMBER WITH NEW MATERIAL PUBLISHED. COUNCIL'S RESPONSE IS BEING DRAFTED AND WILL BE ON THE AGENDA AT THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING
Members noted.

12. BACK WALLS – GIVEN THAT COUNCIL'S REQUESTED DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ARE SUBJECT TO A DELAY, TO CONSIDER AN OFFER BY GCC HIGHWAYS TO PUT IN WHITE "H" MARKINGS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE
RESOLVED that white H markings should be implemented. **Motion carried.**

13. TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING ROAD CLOSURE:
Union Street will be closed on 23/11/2026 to 25/11/2026 to allow for installation work by Openreach. Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained. Members noted.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 7.00 pm at Stow Youth Centre.

15. MEETING CLOSED: At 8.01 pm

Signed: _____Chairman Dated: _____