



**MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 28th MARCH 2024 AT STOW YOUTH CENTRE, FOSSEWAY,
STOW ON THE WOLD GL54 1DW AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs B Eddolls (Chairman), J Scarsbrook (Vice Chairman), A Tighe, A White, J Piper, J Davies, V Davies, Cllrs S Winter, S Clarke, V Goddard & M Stracey

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Evans, Clerk/RFO of Council, District Councillor Dilys Neill, Ward County Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, & 2 members of public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. TO CONFIRM THAT CLLR V GODDARD HAS SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

Clerk confirmed that the acceptance had been signed.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Chairmans announcements

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Members were reminded to declare any interests that may arise during the meeting.

5. MINUTES – TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29th FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the minutes as a true and accurate record. **Motion carried.**

6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Both members of public reserved right to comment on specific items and was given the opportunity to speak at the appropriate time.

7. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29th FEBRUARY 2024

The clerk reported that flowers on the QEII field had bloomed and were adding a splash of colour. The patio of the pavilion will be being fixed on the 17th June 2024 with the help of the Tesco's stronger start grant which has now finished. Council has received a donation of £2200.00 from the estate of a resident interred at the garden of remembrance.

8. POLICE REPORT

No police report provided.

9. REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR MARK MACKENZIE-CHARRINGTON, COTSWOLD DIVISION

Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington's report had been circulated to all members and placed on Council's website under NEWS. Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington did not attend the meeting so could not elaborate.

10. REPORT FROM WARD DISTRICT CLLR DILYS NEILL

Cllr Neill's report had been circulated to all members and placed on Council's website under NEWS. Cllr Neill expanded on how social housing was allocated following a previous question from Council.



- 11. TO AGREE THE COST OF £25.00 FOR BEING A BETTER COUNCILLOR TRAINING AND £14.00 FOR THE E-LEARNING PACKAGE TO BE BOOKED AT A TIME SUITABLE TO CLLR GODDARD. RESOLVED** that training could be booked at a suitable time. **Motion carried.**
- 12. TO AGREE TO RENEW THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION AT A COST OF £50.00. RESOLVED** to renew membership **Motion carried.**
- 13. THE CONSIDER THE GRANT APPLICATION FROM STOW MOTOR SHOW FOR £2000.00 TO COVER THE COST OF PROVIDING THE EVENT.**
Both Cllr Eddolls and Cllr Tighe declared an interest on this item and left the room. Cllr J Scarsbrook lead the discussion. Council agreed that the event was a community event that should be supported. **RESOLVED** to award the motor show £2000.00 towards the cost of the event. **Motion carried.**
- 14. TO CONSIDER ARRANGING A COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY- A VOLUNTEER EVENT TO CLEAN THE TOWN.**
Cllr J Davies championed a clean up event for the town. a request was made for volunteers to clean the town signs and other areas that get routinely dirty.
RESOLVED to meet on the 24th April 2024 at 6pm for an hour and a half. **Motion carried.**
- 15. TO APPROVE THE USAGE OF KING GEORGES FIELD FOR WORLD JUNGLE ON 13TH JULY 2024**
RESOLVED to allow the event to take place. **Motion carried.**
- 16. TO NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HAS BEEN BOOKED FOR THE 22ND MAY 2024 AT 7PM AT THE SOCIAL CLUB**
Cllrs noted the date of the annual town meeting.
- 17. THE SQUARE PUBLIC TOILETS.**
- a) **TO NOTE THE TENDERS FOR CLEANING AND MAINTAINING THE BUILDING AND RUNNING OF THE TOILETS**
To note that the Clerk had requested quotes from 3 different companies. 2 companies declined to quote as the contract would be too small. The existing company quoted £15,000.00 per annum to continue with the contract. Utilities of approximately £5,000.00 per annum would be on top of the contract resulting in the costs for the toilets being £20,000.00 per annum.
- b) **TO DISCUSS THE SURVEY RESULTS**
There were over 170 responses to the survey, most residents would like the toilets to remain open and serviceable however they do not wish to receive a increase in council tax to pay for this.
- c) **TO DECIDE ON HOW COUNCIL WISHES TO RESPOND TO COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S APPROACH, DEADLINE 31ST MARCH 2024**
Council discussed the pros and cons of having the toilets under their control. The expense of the contract was equal to grass cutting however members felt that other public conveniences would be too far out of town. The storage in the empty proportion of the town would be helpful for events. Members were concerned by the lack of income generated from the toilets and discussed potential turn styles being fitted.
RESOLVED that in order to provide funding for the toilets, Council would like to own the building out right. If they were able to do this, they would take on the contract for a year. **Motion carried.**



18. TO AGREE THE RESPONSE TO COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON THE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE AS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE. DEADLINE 7TH APRIL 2024.

Members were provided with a response to the local plan following several members having visited the forums provided by Cotswold District Council and the recommendations of the planning traffic and parking committee.

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation. **Motion carried.**

19. TO AGREE THE BURIAL FEES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25, FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BURIAL BOARD NOT TO INCREASE THEM.

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation of the burial board. **Motion carried.**

20. TO RECEIVE BRIEF REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES: -

d) PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMITTEE

Due to member of public wishing to speak on this item, the item was moved ahead of the remain agenda.

Member of public wished to comment on the land at Oddington road being granted planning permission. He felt that this was wrong as the land was farmland and there had been a number of serious accidents on the access road.

Members informed the member of public that the council had objected to the application and unfortunately the application had been permitted at a planning committee by Cotswold District Council as a rural exception site.

Cllr Scarsbrook informed members that the application for Newlands had been discussed at the last meeting.

a) BURIAL BOARD

Cllr Tighe informed members about the updates to the two faculty applications. She also informed members that a decision had been taken to not allow dogs off the lead in the cemetery and that dogs would be banned from cemetery meadow.

b) FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

i) TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATIONS TO 29th FEBRUARY 2024

Resolved approved an amount of £33,677.29 when all outstanding cheques had been drawn. **Motion Carried.**

ii) TO REPORT BALANCE IN CCLA ACCOUNT AS OF 29th FEBRUARY 2024

Clerk reported that there was £266,182.17 in the account.

iii) TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR MARCH 2024

RESOLVED expenditure approved for a gross amount of £14,728.58 For details see Appendix 1 on page 445. **Motion carried.**

c) PARKS & SQUARE COMMITTEE

Members were informed about the beacon lighting plans. The event will take place on 6th June 2024 on the QEII field. the beacon will be lit at 9.15 as part of the 80th celebration of the D-Day landings. It is also national fish and chip day so bring a picnic.



d) PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMITTEE

Item moved to higher on the agenda.

e) NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

Cllr A white informed members that a draft report had been received for the purpose of fact checking. The full report will be imminent.

Thanks was given to everyone who worked on the document especially Maggie Deacon and Peter Day who put considerable time into the project.

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

Cllr B Eddolls attended the funeral of a local resident.

Cllr J Davies attended the social club monthly meeting.

Cllr S Clarke attended the community land trust meeting.

Cllrs B Eddolls, A White, J Scarsbrook, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, along with several members of the community attended a meeting with GCC highways to discuss the parking review. Full details will be given at the annual town meeting.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 25th April 2024 at 7.00 pm in Stow Youth Centre.

23. MEETING CLOSED – 8.16 pm

Signed
Chairman of Council

Date

APPENDIX 1

Name	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
Friends of Swell School	Grant to fund music lessons for 11 pupils who reside in Stow	£411.46	£0.00	£411.46
The rotary club of north Cotswolds	Grant for the drama lessons of Year 6 for Stow primary School	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00
Stow on the Wold & District Rugby football Club	Grant to partially fund repairs to the club house roof	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
Stow News	Displaying agendas whilst notice board out of action	£27.00	£0.00	£27.00
Greenfields	carousel repairs in King Georges field play park	£1,170.00	£234.00	£1,404.00
E Sajewicz	Sundry expenses	£11.40	£0.00	£11.40
Techtonic it solutions ltd	April remote monitoring and Microsoft subscription	£110.30	£22.06	£132.36



Gloucestershire playing fields association	March 2024-25 annual membership	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
Claire Evans	office expenses	£18.30	£0.00	£18.30
Claire Evans	travel expenses 2 meetings and Cilca mentoring	£60.30	£0.00	£60.30
cancelled	cancelled	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Administration		£4,244.80	£0.00	£4,244.80
Cancelled	Cancelled	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Mr M Clarke	Deposit for Marquee Bench	£1,100.00	£0.00	£1,100.00
Blachere illuminations UK ltd	new Xmas light string & 200 Bulbs	£633.18	£126.64	£759.82
Rob Lewis	fireworks display deposit	£350.00	£0.00	£350.00
Eon	cricket pavilion	£15.02	£0.75	£15.77
HMRC	Q4 PAYE & NI	£3,265.07	£0.00	£3,265.07
Nest	march pension contributions	£302.54	£0.00	£302.54
Richard Coglan	copier charges	£77.67	£15.54	£93.21
Business Charge Card	Blue & ivory paper, milk, damp catchers			
Grundon	Office Bin collection	£41.14	£8.23	£49.37
Grundon	Cemetery Bin Collection	£77.49	£15.50	£92.99
Sirus	Call charges for February	£75.16	£15.03	£90.19
TOTALS		£14,290.83	£437.75	£14,728.58