

STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Councillor: Donna Bridges

STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL are summoned to attend the
Parish Council Meeting of STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL
to be held in Stowupland **URC Church Hall** on Thursday 6th August 2026 at 7.30pm.

The meeting will consider the items set out below. Any person who may find difficulty in access to the meeting through disability is asked to advise the Clerk (07704 701095 or email parishclerk@stowuplandpc.co.uk) at least 24 hours before the meeting so that every effort may be made to provide access.

All Parish Council Meetings are open to the Public and Press Photographing, recording, and broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is permitted. It is our policy that anyone who wishes to do so must speak with the Clerk prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

1. Councillors to note any apologies for absence
2. Councillors to vote on acceptance of apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Councillors' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests

3. Dispensations

To receive any requests for dispensations

4. Minutes

Councillors to review and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 2nd July 2026

5. Matters of report

To review the matters arising from previous meetings and agree further action

6. Co-Option of Casual Vacancy

To fill one of the Casual Vacancies by co-option

7. Public Forum

The public will be invited to address the Parish Council. Each member of the public will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to address the council with their questions

8. To receive a report from the County Councillor Andrew Stringer

To respond to any questions on reports previously submitted to the Parish Council

9. To receive a report from the District Councillors Janet Pearson and Agnes Watson

To respond to any questions on reports previously submitted to the Parish Council

10. Planning

1. Councillors to review and approve a response to the following planning applications:

DC/26/02408

The Croft Church Road Stowupland Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4BJ

Householder Application - Installation of free-standing post for siting of EV Charger adjacent to Listed Building

DC/26/03063

Land At Stowupland Pumping Station , Church Road , Stowupland , IP14 4BG

Prior Approval application for proposed telecommunications code system operators development under Schedule 2, Part 16, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended) - Installation of ARQIVA Smart Metering 1No. OMNI at 13.45m mean mounted on proposed 12.0m Streetworks pole; Installation of ARQIVA Smart Metering 1No. GPS antenna at 12.0m mounted on proposed streetworks pole; Installation of ARQIVA Smart Metering 1No. 3G OMNI antenna at 19m mean mounted on proposed streetworks pole; Installation of ARQIVA Smart Metering equipment enclosure.

2. Councillors to note the decisions issued by Mid Suffolk District Council:

DC/26/02416

19 Trinity Walk, Stowupland, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 4AS

Discharge of conditions application for DC/26/00903 - Condition 3 (Biodiversity enhancement measures)

Discharge APPROVED (with conditions, see paper)

DC/26/02453

Stowupland Village Hall, Church Road, Stowupland, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4BG

Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/25/05589 - Condition 8 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy), 9 (Wildlife Sensitive Design Scheme) and 10 (Great Crested Newt Method Statement)

Discharge APPROVED (with conditions, see paper)

11. Finance

1. Councillors to note receipts received since the last meeting
2. Councillors to approve the August payments (BACS, DD, and cheque payments)
3. Councillors to receive the Q1 Financial Reports for 2026-27:
 - i. Bank Reconciliation 30.06.2026
 - ii. Budget to Actual
 - iii. Reserves

4. Councillors to note a VAT return has been filed for Q1 of 2026-27, at a value of £2,964.93. This was received on the 17th July 2026
5. Councillors to note the following transfers have been made from the Barclays Premium account:
 - i. £1,000 to Unity Trust Instant Access
 - ii. £85,000 to Unity Trust 90 day account

12. PIIP/CIL

1. Councillors to receive an update on the below CIL application and decide any further action:
 - i. Stowupland Village Hall Bowls Club, for £35,822
2. Councillors to receive information from the Village Hall Committee regarding their earmarked CIL funding and decide any restrictions for the funds

13. Funding Request

1. Councillors to approve/reject a donation request of £100 for the Walkers Cup
2. Councillors to receive the appeal from Street Forge Workshop and consider any support

14. Neighbourhood Plan

1. Councillors to receive cost estimates for the Neighbourhood Plan Review
2. Councillors to decide on plans for a drop-in event on the 8th September

15. Governance

1. Councillors to confirm review of, and re-adopt, the Standing Orders
2. Councillors to confirm review of, and adopt, the Financial Regulations with the following change:
 - i. Section 5.18 – increased from £1,000 to £3,000

16. Play Park

1. Councillors to note the following quotes received and decide action:
 - i. Basket seat replacement: £1098.75 + VAT (including labour)
 - ii. Hip Hop machine repair: £581.66 + VAT (including labour)
 - iii. Dish roundabout replacement: pending

17. Village Green

1. To receive three quotes for the installation of posts along Thorney Green Road:
 - i. £10270 + VAT
 - ii. £16108 + VAT
 - iii. £26850 + VAT (oak)
 - iv. £22535 + VAT (softwood)
2. To receive an update from the Greens Committee meeting on the 20th July
3. To consider replacing the 'Private Track' sign (quotes pending)

18. Tree Survey

1. Councillors to receive the tree survey and recommendations
2. Councillors to decide action/timescales for the following recommendations:
 - i. High priority
 - ii. Medium priority
 - iii. Low priority

19. Gas Works – Thorney Green Road

- i. To receive information from Cadent on planned works, including any information from the drop-in session on the 27th July
- ii. To receive correspondence and decide any action

20. Clerk's Report

Councillors to note the report from the Clerk and make any comments/decide any actions

21. Councillor's Reports

Councillors to report any issues

22. Correspondence

Councillors to note correspondence circulated and consider any actions

23. It was resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

- i. Land transfer(s)
- ii. Legal advice – liability

24. Dates of next meetings

1. Parish Council Meeting Thursday 3rd September 2026 7.30pm at the URC Church Hall



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