

NORTHWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 19th November 2025 in the Ray Shill Room at Northway Community Hub, Lee Walk, Northway, commencing at 7.05 p.m.

Present:	Cllr J Roberts (Chairman)	Cllr J Beadle (Committee Vice Chair)
	Cllr M Barnes	Cllr P Godwin
	Cllr O Kareem	Cllr J Llewellyn
	Cllr E Phennah	Cllr K Poole
	Cllr G Shelton	Cllr S Terry
	Cllr S Ward	

In attendance: Mrs C Woodward, Clerk of the Council
Mrs L Stewart, Clerk's Assistant

GP/157/25 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Godwin.

GP/158/25 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made as required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 12th April 2023 (Min Ref C/85/23).

GP/159/25 **Previous Minutes**

Cllr Terry PROPOSED that the minutes of the meeting that took place on 15th October should be approved as a true and accurate record. Cllr P Godwin SECONDED.

FOR:	Cllr Terry	Cllr P Godwin
	Cllr Barnes	Cllr Beadle
	Cllr Kareem	Cllr Llewellyn
	Cllr Ward	

ABSTENTIONS:	Cllr Phennah	Cllr Poole
	Cllr Shelton	Cllr Roberts

GP/160/25 **Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**

GP/93/25 Platinum Park > Memorial Tree Application – A horse chestnut tree had been planted on Platinum Park by a resident.

GP/107/25 Northway Playing Field > Northway Skatepark – The end of year 1 monitoring report was due to be submitted to The National Lottery in relation to the skatepark and the grant which was awarded from the Community Fund. This was in the process of being put together.

GP/143/24 Northway Playing Field > BMX Humps – The PCSO's had spoken to a local factory about not leaving pallets accessible for children and young people.

GP/145/25 Platinum Park > The Teenage Shelter – Cllr Fancourt had trimmed around the teenage shelter.

GP/150/25 Newsletter – The latest issue of Northway Voice had been delivered to residential properties in Northway.

GP/151/25 Parish Maintenance > Back of Changing Rooms – Maintenance had already been undertaken to overgrowth at the back of the Changing Rooms so it had not been possible to defer.

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GP/160/25 **Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes** (continued)

GP/151/25 Parish Maintenance > Bulb Planting – Bulbs had been planted around the community (primarily around the Village Gateways). SmartCut had been informed of the locations.

GP/146/25 Swap Box – The offer of a swap box was accepted.

GP/147/25 Bird Boxes – The offer of bird boxes and a hedgehog house had been accepted. Animals Only pet shop had donated straw for the hedgehog house, which was already situated within the Community Hub grounds.

GP/161/25 **Walkabout**

Members who had attended the walkabout with Mr Tom Shepperd of Newland Homes reported on what had been discussed. They had visited the Playing Field to look at possible improvements to the Village Hall and as well as upgrading the BMX Humps to a Pump Track, then they had visited Joan's Field to discuss options for improvements there.

It was noted that Mr Shepperd had felt that the Council would be better demolishing the Village Hall and rebuilding over extending.

GP/162/25 **Northway Playing Field**

i. **Northway Play Park**

- a. **Inspection Reports** – Members received the inspection reports relating to the play park. No new issues were raised.

It was noted that the Play Inspector had filled the cracks in the Play Park with soil, she had also applied tape to the rough edges of the Play Train.

- b. **Play Equipment for Teenagers** – It had previously been AGREED that this matter should be deferred until the January Committee meeting (Min Ref: GP143/25 refers).

ii. **Northway Skatepark**

- a. **Inspection Reports** – Members received the inspection reports relating to the skatepark. No new issues were raised. It was noted that the Play Inspector had filled the hole in the embankment with soil.

- b. **Graffiti Mural/Workshops** – Cllr Barnes confirmed that there was no update from Tewkesbury Academy (Min Ref: GP/143/25 refers).

- c. **Benches** – Quotations were still awaited for slabbing or laying of grass matting (or similar) around the picnic tables (Min Ref: GP/143/25 refers). It was AGREED to defer this item to the next meeting.

- d. **Other Action** – No other issues were raised.

- iii. **MUGA/Outdoor Gym** – The weekly inspection reports had been received. It was noted that the Air Walker step needed a touch up of paint. The Clerk's Assistant advised that Caloo would soon be undertaking their annual inspection and would likely address this.

- iv. **BMX Humps** – The weekly inspection reports had been received. No new issues were raised.

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GP/162/25 **Northway Playing Field** (continued)

- v. **Table Tennis Table** – A quotation for removal of mud from the grass matting had not yet been received. It was AGREED to defer this item to the next meeting.
- ix. **Other Issues** – No other issues were raised.

GP/163/25 **Joan's Field**

No matters relating to Joan's Field were raised.

GP/164/25 **Platinum Park**

- i. **Teenage Shelter** – The weekly inspection reports relating to the Teenage Shelter had been received. It was noted that the ground was cracked under the yellow bench on the field. Cllr Roberts PROPOSED that this situation was monitored.

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- ii. **Other Issues** – No other issues were raised.

GP/165/25 **Self Defence Class for Girls**

It was confirmed that the classes (booked for 31st January 2026) were being advertised (Min Ref: GP/128/25 refers). It was AGREED that the poster should be shared the local PCSO's, youth clubs and secondary school.

GP/166/25 **Active Communities Grant**

It was confirmed that the Council had been successful in securing a grant of £2,500 towards a week-long programme of active workshops (GP/116/25 refers). Members felt that this should be organised for the 2026 Easter holidays, when the weather would be getting better. Cllr Roberts suggested it could also tie in with the community event that the Council hoped to fund with money raised from the Christmas event and sleigh run (Min Ref: C/224/25 refers).

Cllr Kareem PROPOSED approval of the grant terms and signing of the grant agreement. Cllr Beadle SECONDED.

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It was AGREED that a meeting of the Community Events Working Party should be called to discuss further.

GP/168/25 **Hawthorn Way**

A quotation for repair of the wall in Hawthorn Way was still awaited. It was AGREED that this matter should be deferred (Min Ref: GP/149/25 refers).

GP/169/25 **Parish Maintenance Contract**

No issues relating to parish maintenance were raised.

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GP/170/25 **Tree Maintenance Schedule**

Cllrs Ward, Barnes, Roberts and Llewellyn offered to undertake tree maintenance checks in the parish.

GP/171/25 **Drainage and Flooding**

- i. **Reports** – Cllr Ward reported that there had been significant flooding on both sides of the road by Apple Tree Court, Northway Lane, following heavy rainfall. This had been reported several times on 'Fix My Street', it was suggested that it should also be reported by the Parish Council in the hope that something was done.
- ii. **Flood Warden** – Cllr Beadle confirmed that the Carrant had remained within its banks throughout Storm Claudia.

GP/172/25 **'Report It'**

The Clerk's Assistant listed issues that had been reported to various authorities over the past month, this included an overflowing dog bin, lump of meat with white powder on it in Steward Road and two streetlights out in Woodward Close.

GP/173/25 **Correspondence for Information**

- i. **CPRE Gloucestershire** – Update on 'Our Hedgerow Heroes' project.
- ii. **Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association** – Invitation to Annual General Meeting on 18th November 2025.
- iii. **Glasdon** – Product information.
- iv. **War Memorials Trust** – Bulletin 106; November 2025.

GP/174/25 **Correspondence Received After 13th November 2025**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm.