

NORTHWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 17th December 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 G Fancourt (from: GP/179/25) Cllr P Godwin
Cllr J Llewellyn 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/175/25 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Poole, Phennah and Barnes. Cllr Fancourt had advised that he would be late.

GP/176/25 **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/177/25 **Previous Minutes**

Cllr Terry PROPOSED that the minutes of the meeting that took place on 19th November 2025 should be approved as a true and accurate record. Cllr P Godwin SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

GP/178/25 **Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**

GP/107/25 Northway Skatepark – *The end of year 1 monitoring report had been submitted to The National Lottery in relation to the skatepark and the grant which was awarded from the Community Fund. The Clerk's Assistant was thanked for her work on this.*

Maverick undertook snagging and regalvanised weld joints. They had also invoiced for the final retention release following the end of the Defects Liability Period.

GP/143/25 Northway Playing Field > Benches – *Benches had been installed outside Northway Village Hall.*

GP/143/25 Northway Playing Field > Dog Bin – *A dog bin had been installed by the skatepark.*

GP/179/25 **Northway Playing Field**

7.10pm – Cllr Fancourt joined the meeting.

i. **Northway Play Park**

- a. **Inspection Reports** – Members received the inspection reports relating to the play park. No new issues were raised. Cllr Roberts PROPOSED that the ongoing issues continued to be monitored. Cllr P Godwin SECONDED.

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GP/179/25 **Northway Playing Field**

- b. **Tiger Mulch** – Members reconsidered a quotation for repair of tiger mulch in the Play Park (Min Ref: GP/90/25 refers). Cllr Ward PROPOSED that this was deferred until February 2026. Cllr P Godwin SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

ii. **Northway Skatepark**

- a. **Inspection Reports** – Members received the inspection reports relating to the skatepark. No new issues were raised.
- b. **Graffiti Mural/Workshops** – No updates were available regarding proposed mural painting at the skatepark.
- c. **Benches** – Quotations had been received for concreting around the benches with a path to the skatepark (£3,152) and, as alternative options, laying of grass grids (£3,462), and laying topsoil and grass matting (£895.70) (Min Ref: GP/143/25 refers).

Members felt that concrete would be the best option. It was AGREED that more quotations should be sought for concreting.

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

iii. **MUGA/Outdoor Gym** – The weekly inspection reports had been received. Cracks in the wetpour were noted as well as the need for paint touch-up on the Air Walker.

Caloo had undertaken the annual maintenance inspection of the Outdoor Gym but the report had only just been received, and the Play Inspector had not been on site to assess what had been done. It was AGREED that this should be put to the January General Purposes Committee meeting.

- iv. **BMX Humps** – The weekly inspection reports had been received. No new issues were raised.
- v. **Table Tennis Table** – A quotation of £65 had been received for removal of mud from the grass matting. Cllr Roberts PROPOSED acceptance of this price. Cllr P Godwin SECONDED.

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- vi. **Other Issues** – Cllr Ward asked about the car park light and whether it was on a timer system. He also felt it would be good to have it replaced with an LED light. Cllr Ward PROPOSED that Highlights Lighting should be asked to provide a quotation for installation of an LED light overlooking the car park (towards the Play Park). Cllr Terry SECONDED.

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Cllr Fancourt asked whether the Council was going to reconsider seeding at the Playing Field and around the skatepark. Members were reminded that this was being put on an agenda ahead of Spring. Cllr Ward pointed out that the grass was starting to grow back around the skatepark.

GP/180/25 **Joan's Field**

No matters relating to Joan's Field were raised.

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GP/181/25 **Platinum Park**

- i. **Teenage Shelter** – The weekly inspection reports relating to the Teenage Shelter had been received. No new issues were raised.
- ii. **Other Issues** – No other issues were raised.

GP/182/25 **Hawthorn Way**

A quotation for repair to the wall in Hawthorn Way had not yet been received (Min Ref: GP/168/25 refers). Cllr Terry PROPOSED that a quotation for removal of the wall should also be sought to compare options. Cllr Llewellyn SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

GP/183/25 **Bin Request**

Tewkesbury Borough had passed on a request for a bin to be installed in Spruce Close, following removal of an old damaged one that had been there previously.

It was noted that Bromford had installed the previous bin. Cllr Llewellyn PROPOSED that the Council write to Bromford and asked them to replace the bin, in the first instance. Cllr Terry SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

GP/184/25 **Parish Maintenance Contract**

Tewkesbury Borough Council had passed on residents' complaints of overgrowth in Cromers Close. Ubico had since cleared the area, and Smart Cut had been asked to treat it as grass open space and mow in the growing season, going forward.

GP/185/25 **Tree Maintenance Schedule**

Cllr Ward had reported that trees in Ash Road and Sycamore Road were restricting phone wires (reported to the County Council).

Cllr Roberts confirmed that there were no issues with trees he had inspected, Cllrs P Godwin and Llewellyn had not yet completed their inspections.

GP/186/25 **Drainage and Flooding**

- i. **Reports** – Cllr Ward reported, again, the issue of flooding on both sides of the road by Apple Tree Court, Northway Lane. He had spoken to County Cllr Dr K Usmar about this at her recent surgery and she had emailed Max Kelly who explained that they would look into an issue with the gully outlet discharge into the river.
- ii. **Flood Warden** – Cllr Beadle reported that the Carrant had risen following recent rainfall but there had been no problems.

GP/187/25 **'Report It'**

The Clerk's Assistant listed issues that had been reported to various authorities over the past

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GP/187/25 **'Report It'** (continued)

month, this included pot holes along The Park, flooding by Apple Tree Court, trees in Ash Road and Sycamore Road (wires), damage to footpath by builders (Northway Lane), pothole at Lee Road/Fairway junction and mess on Stanford Road due to utility work.

GP/188/25 **Correspondence for Action**

- i. **DEFRA** – Details of Coronation Living Heritage Fund development and maintenance funding. It was AGREED that the Council should look at the possibility of a community juicer/apple press ahead of the next meeting.

GP/189/25 **Correspondence for Information**

- i. **GRCC** – November update.
- ii. **Parliament** – Copy of Flood Resilience Report (forwarded by Office of Cameron Thomas).
- iii. **Wicked Signs** – Company information.
- iv. **Dirt Factory** – Details of pop-up pump tracks.
- v. **SafeAvon** – Correspondence on storm overflow activity.

GP/190/25 **Correspondence Received After 11th December 2025**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.43pm.