

AGENDA



To: Cllr M Barnes (Chairman) Cllr J Beadle (Vice Chair)
Cllr G Fancourt Cllr P Godwin
Cllr R Godwin Cllr J Llewellyn
Cllr P Mackenzie Cllr E MacTiernan
Cllr M Midwinter Cllr K Poole
Cllr J Roberts Cllr G Shelton
Cllr S Terry

CC: Laura Stewart, Clerk's Assistant

Date: 9th January 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to a meeting of the General Purposes Committee that will take place on **Wednesday, 15th January 2025**, commencing at approximately 7.05pm, in the Ray Shill Room, following a meeting of the Planning Committee.

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of its functions; Equal Opportunity (age, race, gender, sexual orientation, faith, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder (Section 17), Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Consideration should be given to the impact of Council decisions on climate change and biodiversity, in line with its policies. Members should do what they can to reduce the Council's carbon footprint and environmental impact, where reasonably possible.

Members are also reminded that **photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is now permitted under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.**

The records of these meetings are available to view, by written request to the Clerk.

The meeting Agenda follows for your information.

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Clerk of the Council

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1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Pursuant to the adoption by the Council, on 12th April 2023, of the Northway Parish Council Code of Conduct, Minute Reference C/85/23 including paragraph 12(2), Members are invited to declare any interest they may have in the business set on the Agenda to which the approved Code of Practice applies.

Members are reminded that they should, at all times, observe the Code in carrying out their duties and that they signed such an undertaking in their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

In addition, Members are reminded to declare any new Interests or notify the Monitoring Officer of any changes to their existing Register of Interests.

3. **Previous Minutes** – Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 18th December 2024 for approval and signature (copies tabled at Full Council meeting on 8th January 2025).

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

GP/47/24 Joan's Field > Other Issue – Hedgerow whips have been planted along the fence line in Joan's Field.

5. **Northway Playing Field**

i. **Northway Play Park** – Inspection Reports – To receive inspection reports relating to the play park. To agree any necessary action.

ii. **Northway Skatepark**

a. Inspection Reports – To receive inspection reports relating to the skatepark, including update on recent damage to the surface. To agree any necessary action.

To note that RoSPA have sent an amended report relating to the Skatepark after an error was noted in the original.

b. Lessons – To note that skateboard/scooter workshops in April are now due to take place on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th (Min Ref: GP/149/24 refers). To receive information relating to advertising / booking and agree any action.

c. The National Lottery (TNL) Community Fund – Contingency:

1. To agree how much of the contingency the Council wants to put towards 'ongoing activity and reporting', and what form this should take (i.e. workshops or event(s)).

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5. **Northway Playing Field** (continued)
2. To receive an update on the contingency fund being used towards the following (Min Ref: GP/163/24 refers), and agree any action:
- Solicitor's Fee's – It is believed that all legal costs have already been covered by TNL.
 - The 3rd Party Contribution of £5,000 relating to Enover's grant.
 - Picnic Table – To receive quotation.
3. Lighting – A quotation for lighting to be installed at the Skatepark was received at the previous General Purposes Committee meeting (Min Ref: GP/163/24 refers). To consider:
- Requesting that the remainder of the TNL contingency fund be put towards this.
 - Recommending to Full Council that the Parish Council covers the remainder of this cost
 - Any other options.
- d. Other Action – To consider or agree any other action relating to the skatepark.
- iii. **M.U.G.A / Outdoor Gym** – Inspection Reports – To receive inspection reports relating to the MUGA and outdoor gym equipment. To agree any necessary action. (Caloo's annual maintenance inspection has been delayed due to bad weather).
- iv. **BMX Humps** – To receive inspection reports relating to the BMX Humps and approve any necessary action or repairs.
- v. **Drainage** – To receive update, if available, following the Parish Council's request for drains to be assessed by the County Council (Min Ref GP/130/24 & GP/163/24 refer) and agree any action.
- vi. **Parking On Grass Outside Northway Village Hall** – To consider whether anything can be done to stop vehicles parking on the grass outside Northway Village Hall and agree any action.
- vii. **Other Action** – To consider or agree any other necessary actions relating to Northway Playing Field.
6. **Joan's Field** – To consider or agree any actions relating to Joan's Field.
7. **Platinum Park**
- i. **Teenage Shelter** – To receive inspection reports relating to the Teenage Shelter and agree necessary action(s).
- ii. **Dead Trees** – To receive update on delivery and planting of replacement trees on South end of Platinum Park (Min Ref: GP/165/24 refers). To ratify any expenditure and agree necessary action.

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7. **Platinum Park** (continued)
 - iii. **Other Issues** – To consider and agree any other actions relating to Platinum Park.
8. **Notice Board Responsibilities** – To consider whether any councillor(s) are able to take on responsibility for the notice boards on The Park and Hardwick Bank Road.
9. **Defibrillator** – To consider whether any councillor(s) are able to undertake weekly and monthly checks of the defibrillators at The Northway Centre and Hardwick Bank Road Phonebox.
10. **SafeAvon** – To receive update on water testing at the Carrant Brook and an offer from a local resident. To agree any necessary action.
11. **Parish Maintenance Contract**
 - i. **GCC Grass Cutting** – To receive details of changes to Gloucestershire County Council's grass cutting. To note impact this may have on the Council's contract with Tewkesbury Borough Council relating to grass cutting within Northway and agree any necessary action.
 - ii. **Problem Tree** – To receive update, if available, regarding maintenance of the tree between Northway Community Hub and Styles Close. To agree action, if necessary.
 - iii. **Other Issues** – To consider any other issues relating to maintenance in the parish and agree necessary action.
12. **Newsletter** – To consider what should be included in the next issue of Northway Voice and consider or agree any associated action. To include request for inclusion of an article relating to increase in dog fouling on pavements.
13. **Drainage and Flooding**
 - i. **Reports** – To receive any reports from Members on flooding and agree any action.
 - ii. **Flood Warden** – To receive report from Flood Warden on any flooding issues in the parish and consider or agree any action.
14. **'Report It'** - To receive list of issues reported to authorities (including TBC, GCC or Glos Constabulary) over the past month. To consider any action that may be required.
15. **GP Projects** – To note that a General Purposes Projects Working Party Meeting has been scheduled for 5th February 2025.
16. **Correspondence for Information**
 - i. **Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association (GPFA)** – Annual report.
17. **Correspondence received after 9th January 2025.**