

AGENDA
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
15TH NOVEMBER 2023

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 October 2023 for approval and signature (copy circulated with Full Council Agenda).
4. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

***GP/104/23 Northway Playing Field > Play Park** – Pigeon spikes have now been installed on the swing frames.*

***GP/118/23 Northway Playing Field > Play Park** – Replacement cradle swing seats have been installed.*

***GP/121/23 Dogs** – Two PSPO dog signs have been installed at entrances to the Play Park.*

***GP/142/23 Newsletter** – Northway Voice issue 32 has been delivered.*

***GP/146/23 Ashchurch Grass Cutting** – A response was sent to Ashchurch Rural Parish Council regarding grass cutting at St Nicholas Church.*

5. **Northway Playing Field**

- i. **Northway Play Park**

- a. To receive inspection reports relating to the play park and approve or ratify any necessary action or repairs.
- b. To receive quotation for replacement panels on the Play Train. To consider or agree action. (Min Ref: GP/137/23 refers).
- c. To ratify purchase of replacement trampoline tool.
- d. To receive update on the roundabout and consider or agree necessary action. (Min Ref: GP/137/23 refers).
- e. To receive update on fencing around the wheelchair swing and consider or agree any necessary action. (Min Ref: GP/137/23 refers).

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5. **Northway Playing Field** (continued)
 - ii. **Northway Skatepark**
 - a. To receive inspection reports relating to the skatepark and approve or ratify any necessary action or repairs.
 - b. To receive update on the skatepark project and anything associated with this. To consider or agree any action.
 - c. To reconsider arranging for a graffiti display/workshop at the new skatepark, this was previously deferred until Autumn (Min Ref: GP/111/22 & GP/104/23 refers).
 - d. To receive update following query regarding holding of a charity car wash at the Playing Field car park. (Min Ref: GP/137/23 refers).
 - iii. **M.U.G.A / Outdoor Gym** – To receive inspection reports relating to the MUGA and outdoor gym equipment and approve any necessary action or repairs.
 - iv. **BMX Humps** – To receive inspection reports relating to the BMX Humps and approve any necessary action or repairs.
 - v. **Other Action** – To consider or agree any other necessary actions relating to Northway Playing Field.
6. **Joan's Field** – To consider or agree any necessary 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. **Other Issues** – To consider and agree any other actions relating to Platinum Park.
8. **Northway Community Hub Grounds (Cats)** – To receive advice (if available) on how to deal with the problem of cat faeces in the Hub grounds. (Min Ref: GP/140/23 refers). To agree action.
9. **Biodiversity** – To acknowledge the Council's statutory duty to consider what it is doing and what it can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity ([information attached](#)). To consider or agree any action.
10. **No Ball Games Sign** – To receive update on the issue of ball games being played in Hawthorn Way (Min Ref: GP/141/23 refers). To consider or agree action.
11. **Trees** – To receive update on possible planting of oak trees on green at the Kingston Road/Oak Drive junction. To agree any action. (Min Ref: GP/143/23 refers)
12. **Bench** – To receive further quotations for repair of bench and consider approval. (Min Ref: GP/144/23 refers).

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13. **Parish Maintenance Contract**

- i. **TBC Grass Cutting** – To receive any updates relating to the grass cutting arrangements for 2023/24 (Min Ref: GP/145/23 refers) .
- ii. **Parish Council Grass Cutting/Maintenance** – To receive update relating to tender of the grass cutting / maintenance contracts and agree any necessary action.
- iii. **The Northway Centre** – To receive an update regarding ongoing maintenance of the grass at the Northway Centre and/or the tree which is causing slabs to become uneven. To agree any necessary action.
- iv. **Other Items** – To consider any other issues relating to maintenance in the parish and agree necessary action.

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.
- iii. **Annual Report** – To receive annual report (what achieved, group training, equipment or lack of, maintaining of watercourses, liaison undertaken with other agencies).

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. **Correspondence for Information**

- i. **Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC)** – Information and guidance on Litter and Waste legislation.
- ii. **Gloucestershire Rural Community Councils (GRCC)** – Flood Wardens update November 2023.
- iii. **Tewkesbury Borough Council** – Details of tree preservation order relating to oak on open space, Hardwick Bank Road.
- iv. **Severn Seating** – Information leaflet.

16. **Correspondence received after 9th November 2023**