

AGENDA



To: Cllr S Ward (Chairman)
Cllr M Barnes
Cllr P Godwin
Cllr E MacTiernan
Cllr G Shelton

Cllr S Terry (Vice Chair)
Cllr C Blackmore
Cllr P Mackenzie
Cllr J Roberts
Cllr T Treacy

Date 14th October 2021

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to a meeting of the General Purposes Committee that will take place on **Wednesday, 20th October 2021**, commencing at approximately 7.10pm, 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, in line with its policy, Members should do what they can to reduce the Council's carbon footprint, 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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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
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1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Pursuant to the adoption by the Council on 11th July 2012, of the Northway Parish Council Code of Conduct, Minute Reference C/159/12 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 15th September 2021 for approval and signature (copy circulated to Members with Full Council Agenda).

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (FOR INFORMATION, AS READ)**

GP/128/21 Northway Playing Field > Fete – *A letter of thanks was sent to the fete organiser.*

GP/128/21 Northway Playing Field > Northway Play Park – *Replacement parts have been ordered for the see saw.*

GP/131/21 Trees > Pruning – *Pruning of plum/cherry trees on Joan's Field and The Park has been undertaken.*

GP/132/21 Bins – *Liners have been bolted into bins.*

GP/137/21 Parish Maintenance > Alleyways – *Overgrowth along the Fairway/Northway Lane alleyway had been reported to Bromford Housing and Lee Walk was also mentioned.*

5. **GP Projects Working Party**

i. **Outdoor Gym Area/Fit Zone** – To receive any updates and agree any necessary action.

ii. **Joan's Field Access** – To receive any updates and agree any necessary action.

iii. **Wheelchair Swing** – To receive any updates and agree any necessary action.

iv. **Skate Park Project** – To receive any updates and agree any necessary action.

v. **Other Projects** – To receive any updates relating to any other projects and/or available funding. To agree any necessary action.

vi. **Online Sessions** – To receive reports following attendance at online sessions (if available) and consider attendance at any other upcoming sessions.

vii. **Next Meeting** – No future Working Party Meeting's are currently scheduled.

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6. **Northway Playing Field**

- i. **Northway Play Park** – To receive inspection reports relating to the Play Park and consider or agree any necessary action.
- ii. **Northway Skate Park** – To receive inspection reports relating to the Skate Park and approve or ratify any necessary action or repairs.
- 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. **Fete** – To consider purchasing a gazebo for the Council to use at future fetes (Min Ref: GP/128/21 refers).
- vi. **Other Issues** – To consider or agree any other necessary action(s) relating to Northway Playing Field.

7. **Joan's Field** – To consider or agree any action(s) relating to Joan's Field.

8. **The Park Amenity Land**

- i. **Inspection Reports** - To receive inspection reports relating to The Park and agree necessary action(s).
- ii. **Other Issues** – To consider or agree any other necessary actions relating to The Park.

9. **Trees**

To consider or agree any action relating to trees in the parish, including:

- i. **GCC – Open Call for Land** – Correspondence from GCC asking landowners to offer land to plant trees ([information attached to agenda](#)).
- ii. **Saplings at Entrance to the Playing Field** – To reconsider moving some/all of these saplings onto The Park (Min Ref: GP/131/21).
- iii. **English Oak Trees** – The offer of two English Oak trees has been accepted from The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire (Min Ref: GP/131/21). To consider location and agree any further action.
- iv. **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – To consider planting further trees in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as well as any necessary action.

10. **Bins** – To receive notice that a bin in Steward Road requires a new liner. To approve replacement and bolting in.

11. **Newsletter** – To review articles for inclusion in the next issue of Northway Voice (issue 26, due Nov 2021) and agree any additions/actions.

12. **Circus** – To receive an update on the circus event due to take place in Northway next year. To consider or agree any necessary action.

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13. **Bus Shelter Sign** – To consider/agree removing/replacing outdated Ashchurch Parish Council sign on The Park bus shelter.
14. **Budget for the Financial Year 2022/2023** – To discuss and agree the financial requirements of the Committee to be incorporated as part of the Council’s Budget and Precept (to be tabled at the meeting).
15. **Parish Maintenance Contract**
 - i. **Grass Cutting** – To review grass cutting and consider whether the Council wants to continue with existing arrangements. If so, to consider any necessary actions. To determine and agree any necessary actions.
 - ii. **Ongoing Contracts** – To consider reviewing or tendering of any parish maintenance contracts.
 - iii. **Emergency Contractors** – To approve current emergency contractors.
 - iv. **Other Issues** – To consider any other issues relating to maintenance in the parish and agree necessary action.
16. **Winter Maintenance** – To consider action that the Council may wish to take regarding winter maintenance and parish resilience in adverse weather (i.e. grit, grit bins, snow wardens, hand spreaders, etc).
17. **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. *Note: Cllr Treacy has volunteered to act as stand in Flood Warden whilst Cllr Mackenzie is away.*
18. **‘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.
19. **Correspondence for Information**
 - i. **Woodland Trust** – Newsletter.
20. **Correspondence received after 14th October 2021**