

To: Cllr M Barnes (Chairman)

Cllr J Beadle
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Cllr C Blackmore (Vice Chair)

Cllr G Fancourt Cllr P Mackenzie Cllr E Phennah Cllr G Shelton

Date 14th December 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to a meeting of the General Purposes Committee that will take place on **Wednesday**, **20**th **December 2023**, 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, 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.

Clerk of the Council

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 20TH DECEMBER 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 15th November 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 – The pigeon spikes have now been pulled off of the swing seats.

GP/118/23 Northway Playing Field > Play Park – Following receipt of a faulty cradle swing seat, a replacement has been provided.

GP/165/23 Parish Maintenance Contract > TBC Grass Cutting – The signed contract has now been returned for the Parish Council to retain.

GP/157/23 Northway Playing Field > Roundabout – An order has been placed for a replacement roundabout bearing.

GP/157/23 Northway Playing Field > MUGA/Outdoor Gym – Annual maintenance of the gym equipment has been undertaken by Caloo.

GP/157/23 Northway Playing Field > Northway Skatepark > Charity Car Wash – A local resident has been informed that he can run a charity car wash (with conditions).

GP/160/23 Northway Community Hub Grounds – A cat deterrent device has been ordered.

GP/163/23 Bench – The quotation from a local contactor for refurbishment of the NHS rainbow bench has been accepted.

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.

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5. **Northway Playing Field** (continued)

b. To receive update on fencing around the wheelchair swing, if available, and consider or agree any necessary action. (Min Ref: GP/137/23 refers).

ii. Northway Skatepark

- a. To receive inspection reports relating to the skatepark and approve or ratify any necessary action or repairs.
- To receive update on the skatepark project and anything associated with this. To consider or agree any action, including approval of acceptance of a grant from GPFA.
- 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. **Newsletter** To consider whether the Council would be willing to include A5 or larger size adverts in the newsletter and, if so, agree price for this.
- 9. **The Northway Centre** To receive an update regarding uneven slabs at the Northway Centre. To agree any necessary action.
- 10. **Bus Shelters** To receive report that two bus shelters have been graffitied. The Litter picker has painted over/removed. To agree any further action, if required.

11. Parish Maintenance Contract

- i. **TBC Grass Cutting** To receive response from Tewkesbury Borough Council regarding its contribution towards ongoing grass cutting arrangements for 2023/24 (Min Ref: GP/165/23 refers).
- ii. **Parish Council Grass Cutting/Maintenance** To receive information from Countrywide and SmartCut on biodiversity (Min Ref: GP/165/23 refers) and consider or agree acceptance of a quotation for grass cutting / maintenance.

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- 11. Parish Maintenance Contract (continued)
 - iii. **Other Items** To consider any other issues relating to maintenance in the parish and agree necessary action.
- 12. 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.
- 13. **'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.
- 14. Correspondence for Information
 - i. **Glasdon** Booklet.
 - ii. **Parish Online** Newsletter.
 - iii. **Snowball** Details of community disability app.
- 15. Correspondence received after 14th December 2023