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GP/166/22 **Northway Playing Field** (continued)

- b. **Bird Spikes** – The Clerk’s Assistant had contacted a local pest control firm for advice on alternatives to bird spikes (Min Ref: GP/128/22 refers). They had suggested provision of antibacterial wipes via a dispenser or disposable covers for the swing seats. As an afterthought, they had suggested using some loose drainpipe over the top bar of the swing frame to stop birds from landing on it. Cllr Mackenzie PROPOSED that the drainpipe suggestion was progressed. Cllr MacTiernan SECONDED.

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Cllrs Mackenzie and Ward offered to do the work.

- c. **Wheelchair Swing** – It was confirmed that a stronger cabinet had been ordered and delivery was being awaited. It was hoped that Blueberry would agree to supply a new label for the cabinet.

ii. **Northway Skatepark**

- a. **Inspection Reports** – Weekly inspection reports relating to the skatepark had been received, no new issues were raised.
- b. **Skatepark Project** – It was noted that the skatepark planning application was still awaiting consideration.

- iii. **M.U.G.A / Outdoor Gym** – Weekly inspection reports relating to the MUGA and Outdoor Gym had been received. No new issues were raised.

- iv. **BMX Humps** – Weekly inspection reports relating to the BMX Humps had been received. No new issues were raised. It was noted that the grass was churned in some areas around the BMX Humps due to motorbikes roaming on the field (Min Ref: C262/22 refers).

- v. **Risk Assessment** – Members considered review of the Covid-19 risk assessment relating to play equipment and the outdoor gym. Cllr MacTiernan PROPOSED that, since lockdowns had ended and Covid-19 figures had reduced, the risk assessment was out-of-date and no longer required, however, it should be kept on file for future reference. Cllr Beadle SECONDED.

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- vi. **Other Issues** – A contractor had installed one replacement brake pad on the Aerial Rope Slide although two would have, ideally, been required (the contractor managed to reuse one of the old pads to some extent). Cllr Roberts PROPOSED that spares should be ordered ready for when the pads again required replacement. Cllr MacTiernan SECONDED.

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It was confirmed that, although the Council had previously agreed to maintain overgrowth at the entrance of the Playing Field (Min Ref: GP/152/22 refers), the issue had been passed onto GCC who were responsible.

It was noted that the employed gatekeeper for Northway Playing Field would be away for a number of days over the Christmas holidays. Cllr Ward PROPOSED that the gate should remain locked on these days.

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### GP/166/22 **Northway Playing Field** (continued)

Members were reminded of the damaged concrete cover at Northway Playing Field which was believed to be the responsibility of Severn Trent (Min Ref: GP/127/22 refers). Severn Trent had attended the site but could find no damage to any of their assets in the area. They noticed the large concrete cover but said it was not a Severn Trent asset, therefore, the job had been closed down.

A contractor had been asked to repair the cover. Cllr McTiernan PROPOSED that, once an invoice had been received, it should be forwarded to Severn Trent. Cllr Terry SECONDED.

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### GP/167/22 **Joan's Field**

- i. **Bridge/Access** – Members noted that the bridge/footpath work had commenced and was close to completion. Cllr Ward suggested that a post, with photographs, was shared on social media once the bridge was open for use.
- ii. **Other Issues** – No other issues were raised.

### GP/168/22 **Platinum Park**

- i. **Teenage Shelter** – Inspection reports relating to the Teenage Shelter had been received. No new issues were raised.
- ii. **Wild Area** – A quotation of £220 had been received for flailing of the wild area on Platinum Park (Min Ref: GP/130/22 refers). Cllr Roberts PROPOSED acceptance. Cllr MacTiernan SECONDED.

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- iii. **Overgrowth** – A quotation of £118.09 had been received for cutting back 2m along the south edge of Platinum Park (up to the teenage shelter). Cllr MacTiernan PROPOSED acceptance. Cllr Mackenzie SECONDED.

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- iv. **New Trees** – It was confirmed that the new trees were due to be delivered in January. A local tree surgeon had agreed to plant the trees and wooden guards were being investigated.

Members considered holding a site visit to assess where the trees should be planted. Cllrs MacTiernan, Roberts, Mackenzie and Ward expressed an interest in meeting at Platinum Park on 7<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon. The Clerk's Assistant was asked to email a reminder of what trees were being delivered ahead of the meeting.

- iv. **Other Issues** – No other issues were raised.

### GP/169/22 **Parish Maintenance Contract**

- i. **Flower Barrels** – Cllr Shelton had suggested that the Council considered placing more flower barrels or planters around the parish. It was felt that regular watering of flowers at various locations might be an issue. Cllr Shelton had the idea of asking local residents to take on looking after the barrels, although concerns were raised that people were often not reliable.

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It was AGREED that this idea should be mentioned in the next issue of Northway Voice and any residents wanting to suggest locations and/or commit to look after planters/barrels should be encouraged to get in touch. The Parish Council would then need to seek permission from the landowner, if necessary.

- ii. **Other Issues** – No other issues were raised.

GP/170/22 **Tree Maintenance Schedule**

Cllr Shelton had assessed trees on Joan's Field, Platinum Park and along the back of Kestrel Way. It was AGREED that a map of tree locations should be forwarded to Members so that they could inspect them as/when passing.

GP/171/22 **Drainage and Flooding**

- i. **Reports** – Flooding on the road by Apple Tree Court had been reported again.
- ii. **Flood Warden** – Cllr Mackenzie mentioned that there were a lot of drains getting clogged due to the normal winter debris, otherwise there was nothing new to report.

The Clerk mentioned that she had spoken to contractors jetting the drains, they had confirmed that this would be done for every drain in Northway.

GP/172/22 **'Report It'**

The Clerk's Assistant listed issues that had been reported to local authorities over the past month. This included: faulty street lights, M5 overbridge bollards, a running water leak in Fairway/Lee Road, Steward Road sign out, flooding by Apple Tree Court and overgrown tree blocking a street light.

GP/173/22 **Correspondence for Action**

- i. **Dog Fouling** – An email had been received from Northway Infant School's Caretaker regarding the amount of dog mess, specifically along the alleyway between Spruce Close and Virginia Road, a route taken by many parents travelling to the school.

The Clerk confirmed that she had responded to the email and suggested that the school encouraged parents to report dog fouling incidents to Tewkesbury Borough Council. If all parents did this it would highlight the issue and possibly result in further action being taken by the Borough.

Cllr Mackenzie felt that the path was overgrown and with too many leaves on the ground. If cleared it might encourage dog owners to be more responsible about picking up their mess. It was noted that the alleyway was the responsibility of Bromford Housing, therefore, Cllr MacTiernan PROPOSED that the Council should raise the issue with them and encourage the school to do this also. Cllr Terry SECONDED.

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GP/174/22 **Correspondence for Information**

- i. **Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association** – AGM Minutes and Agenda.

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GP/175/22 **Correspondence received after 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

- i. **Christmas** – Cllr Ward confirmed that a total of £842 had been raised from the Christmas event and the Santa sleigh. He thanked everyone who had helped and asked that a letter of thanks was sent to Mr J Williams, Mr Ricketts and the Boys Brigade.

There being no further business, the meeting 7.47pm