

# AGENDA



To: Cllr M Barnes (Chairman)  
Cllr J Beadle  
Cllr P Godwin  
Cllr E MacTiernan  
Cllr J Roberts  
Cllr S Terry

Cllr C Blackmore (Vice Chair)  
Cllr G Fancourt  
Cllr P Mackenzie  
Cllr E Phennah  
Cllr G Shelton

CC: Cllr K Poole

Date 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to a meeting of the General Purposes Committee that will take place on **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024**, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 for approval and signature (copy circulated with Full Council Agenda).

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

***GP/145/23 Parish Maintenance Contract > Bus Shelter/Phone Box Cleaning*** – Prices are being sought for cleaning of bus shelters and phone box throughout 2024/25.

***GP/147/23 Iron Bridge*** – Mr Tonge (Tewkesbury Borough Council) has advised that funding awarded towards the clean-up and re-painting of the iron bridge has been returned to the Police & Crime Commissioner as the project was no longer viable within the budget envelope.

***GP/180/23 Parish Maintenance Contract > TBC Grass Cutting*** – The Parish Council has confirmed to Mr Tonge (Tewkesbury Borough Council) that it is agreeable to next year's grass cutting arrangements being on the same terms as the current year.

***GP/180/23 Parish Maintenance Contract > Parish Council Grass Cutting/Maintenance*** – Smart Cut's quotation for grass cutting/maintenance 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.
- 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.

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5. **Northway Playing Field** (continued)
  - b. To receive update on the skatepark project and anything associated with this. To consider or agree any action.
  - 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. **Trees** – To receive feedback following Cllr Mackenzie’s inspection of the young trees on Platinum Park (Min Ref: GP/176/23) and agree any necessary action.
  - iii. **Other Issues** – To consider and agree any other actions relating to Platinum Park.
8. **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.
9. **Biodiversity Policy** – To receive the amended biodiversity policy (Min Ref: GP/161/23 refers) ([Copy attached to Members’ Agenda](#)). To consider or agree any necessary action.
10. **Parish Maintenance Contract**
  - i. **Other Items** – To consider any other issues relating to maintenance in the parish and agree necessary action.
11. **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.
12. **‘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.
13. **Next Meeting** – To note that the next General Purposes Committee Meeting has been re-scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

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14. **Correspondence for Information**

- i. **Gloucestershire Rural Community Council** – Flood Wardens update (including details of Flood Warden meeting on 22 February (Cllr Mackenzie has confirmed he will attend)).
- ii. **Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association** – Annual Report.
- iii. **Tewkesbury Borough Council** – Correspondence relating to bin emptying and treecycle.
- iv. **Tewkesbury Borough Council** – TPO relating to Open Space, Hardwick Bank Road.

15. **Correspondence received after 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024**