

# AGENDA



To: Cllr J Roberts (Chairman)  
Cllr M Barnes  
Cllr P Godwin  
Cllr O Kareem  
Cllr E Phennah  
Cllr S Terry

Cllr J Beadle (Vice Chair)  
Cllr G Fancourt  
Cllr R Godwin  
Cllr J Llewellyn  
Cllr K Poole  
Cllr S Ward

CC: Laura Stewart, Clerk's Assistant

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to a meeting of the General Purposes Committee that will take place on **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025**, 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 –**

- i. **General Purposes Committee** – Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (copy circulated to Members) for approval and signature.
- ii. **GP Projects Working Party** – Notes of the GP Projects Working Party on 3<sup>rd</sup> September (copy circulated to Members). To approve.

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

***GP/79/25 Parish Maintenance Contract*** – A tree in the Hub grounds was reduced in height after complaints were received from a neighbouring property.

***GP/107/25 Northway Playing Field > Northway Play Park*** – Wire fencing protruding through the palisade had been located and removed by Cllr Ward.

***GP/107/25 Northway Playing Field > Northway Skatepark*** – The dates had been confirmed with Team Rubicon for two full days of skateboard and scooter coaching plus an event at the skatepark.

5. **Swap Boxes** – To receive further information on the Swap Box scheme from Councillor Cate Cody, Lead Member for Climate & Ecology at TBC. To consider or agree any action.

6. **Newland Homes** – To consider or agree any action required following informal discussions with Newland Homes prior to the meeting.

7. **Northway Playing Field**

i. **Northway Play Park**

- a. **Inspection Reports** – To receive inspection reports relating to the Play Park. To agree any necessary action.

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

- b. **Self-Closing Gate** – To receive update following fitting of new mechanism for the self-closing gate, (Min Ref: GP/90/25 & G/106/25 refer), to consider or agree action.
- c. **Play Equipment for Teenagers** – To consider passing on recommendation to Full Council regarding installation of play equipment for teenagers, as discussed by the GP Projects Working Party (Min Ref: GPP/16/25 (i) refers).

ii. **Northway Skatepark**

- a. **Inspection Reports** – To receive inspection reports relating to the skatepark. To agree any necessary action.
  - b. **Graffiti Mural/Workshops** – To receive any further information relating to organisation of a graffiti workshop/mural painting at the skatepark (Min Ref: GP/107/25 refers). To agree any action.
  - c. **Installation of Lighting & CCTV** –
    - i. To receive an update on acceptance of quotations for installation of lighting and CCTV at the Skatepark (Min Ref: GP/107/25 & FIN/45/25 refer) and agree any action.
    - ii. To receive any update on funding, including from Sport England, towards the lighting.
    - iii. To receive confirmation that the Council's policy relating to CCTV has been updated. To approve.
  - d. **Dog Bin** – To reconsider installation of a dog bin by the skatepark (Min Ref: GP/107/25 refers) To agree any action.
  - e. **Consultation** – To receive results of the skatepark survey and agree any action (copy circulated to Members).
  - f. **Skatepark Embankment** – To receive report of holes which have been dug in the embankment around the skatepark. To agree any action.
  - g. **Other Action** – To consider or agree any other action relating to the skatepark.
- iii. **MUGA/Outdoor Gym** – To receive inspection reports relating to the MUGA and outdoor gym equipment. To agree any necessary action.
- iv. **BMX Humps** – To receive inspection reports relating to the BMX Humps and approve any necessary action or repairs.
- v. **Footpath/Surfacing** – To review cracks in the footpath following payment of invoice and further work undertaken by Cllr Ward. To consider any action required.

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7. **Northway Playing Field** (continued)
- vi. **Clay Shrinkage Cracks** – To receive concerns regarding cracks in the playing field and updates regarding action undertaken. To agree any action, including approval of risk assessment relating to the cracks.
  - vii. **Social Seating (Make Space for Girls)** – To ratify purchase and installation of two benches from Baileys Street Furniture, recommended by the GP Projects Working Party (Min Ref: GP/107/25 & GPP/16/25 refer).
  - viii. **Seeding** – To consider grass seeding any areas of the Playing Field (Min Ref: GP/73/25 & GP/106/25 refers). To agree any action.
  - ix. **Funding Application** – To ratify submission of an application to the Active Communities Grant for funding towards World Jungle/Team Rubicon activities (GP/116/25 & GPP/19/25 refer).
  - x. **Other Action** – To consider or agree any other necessary actions relating to Northway Playing Field.
8. **Joan's Field** – To consider or agree any actions relating to Joan's Field.
9. **Platinum Park**
- i. **Teenage Shelter** – To receive inspection reports relating to the Teenage Shelter and agree necessary action(s).
  - ii. **Tree Watering** – Cllr R Godwin has watered trees on Platinum Park several times over the summer months. To review the condition of the trees on Platinum Park (Min Ref: GP/93/25 refers) and agree action. To consider or agree any action.
  - iii. **Other Issues** – To consider and agree any other actions relating to Platinum Park.
10. **Notice Board** – To receive update on relocating the notice board along Hardwick Bank Road (by the Spine) (Min Ref: GP/94/25 refers). To agree any action.
11. **SafeAvon** – To receive update on water testing taking place and agree any action.
12. **Self Defence Class for Girls** – To receive recommendation from the GP Projects Working Party and consider or agree action (Min Ref: GP/91/25 & GPP/16/25 refers).
13. **Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association** – To consider/agree renewal of membership to this organisation.
14. **Hawthorn Way** – To receive report of damage to wall in Hawthorn Way. To consider or agree action.
15. **Planters** – To receive request for permission for placement of planters at bus stop(s) (dependent on funding being available). To consider or agree any action.

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16. **Newsletter** – To consider items for inclusion in the November issue of Northway Voice and agree any action required.
17. **Parish Maintenance Contract**
  - i. **TBC Grass Cutting** – To receive an update on arrangements for grass cutting areas in the parish belonging Tewkesbury Borough Council. To consider or agree any action.
  - ii. **Maintenance Contracts** – To consider going out to tender on any of the Council's maintenance contracts.
  - iii. **Other Issues** – To consider any other issues relating to maintenance in the parish and agree necessary action.
18. **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).
19. **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. To also receive any correspondence from GRCC relating to this role and agree any action.
20. **'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.
21. **Correspondence for Information**
  - i. **SafeAvon** – Research on CSO's and ST future investment (copied to Members).
  - ii. **GRCC** – Flood Warden Correspondence.
  - iii. **Grass Cutting Actions** – Correspondence from Graham Bocking.
  - iv. **Tewkesbury Borough Council** – Tree Preservation Order (No.438).
22. **Correspondence received after 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025**