

NORTHWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 18th March 2026 in the Ray Shill Room at Northway Community Hub, Lee Walk, Northway, commencing at 7.05 p.m.

Present: Cllr J Roberts (Chairman) Cllr M Barnes
Cllr G Fancourt Cllr P Godwin
Cllr R Godwin Cllr O Kareem
Cllr J Llewellyn Cllr G Shelton
Cllr S Terry Cllr S Ward

In attendance: Mrs C Woodward, Clerk of the Council
Mrs L Stewart, Clerk's Assistant

GP/39/26 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Beadle and Poole.

GP/40/26 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made as required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 12th April 2023 (Min Ref C/85/23).

GP/41/26 **Previous Minutes**

Cllr P Godwin PROPOSED that the minutes of the meeting that took place on 25th February 2026 should be approved as a true and accurate record. Cllr Barnes SECONDED.

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GP/42/26 **Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**

GP/31/26 Northway Community Hub Grounds – Cllr Fancourt replaced dead bushes in the Hub grounds.

GP/29/26 Newsletter – The latest issue of Northway Voice had been printed and delivered. The office staff were thanked for their efforts in putting this together.

GP/34/26 Tree Maintenance Schedule – Tree checks had been undertaken. Members were thanked for confirming.

GP/43/26 **Northway Playing Field**

i. **Northway Play Park**

a. **Inspection Reports** - Members received the inspection reports relating to the play park. No new issues were raised.

b. **Self-Closing Gate** – It was confirmed that a new self-closing gate had been installed, the contractor installing the gate had needed to create a section of fence to fit in the gap which had incurred some additional cost. Cllr Roberts PROPOSED that the extra expenditure was ratified. Cllr Terry SECONDED.

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Northway Playing Field (continued)

ii. **Northway Skatepark**

- a. **Inspection Reports** – Members received the inspection reports relating to the skatepark. No new issues were raised.
- b. **Skatepark Jam** – A quotation of £148.50 had been received from St John’s Ambulance for first aid cover at the event. Cllr Ward PROPOSED acceptance. Cllr Terry SECONDED.

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The Clerk had contacted a couple of firms about provision of an ice cream van/stall at the event but had not yet received a response.

An article advertising the event had been submitted to Tewkesbury Direct for inclusion in the next issue.

- c. **Graffiti Mural/Workshop** – Cllr Barnes provided an update following correspondence with Tewkesbury Academy (Min Ref: GP/24/26 refers). It had been confirmed that Northway students would be prioritised to be on this project and up to eighteen could take part.

Members discussed the project further and agreed that they did not want to create too many boundaries or orchestrate what should be included in the design. It was suggested that a ‘Northway’ theme - either incorporating the word itself or reflecting ‘what Northway means to you’, would be nice – but Members did not want this to hinder the design in any way.

It was agreed that the design should not include anything political, controversial, or offensive. They also wondered whether it might be possible to see the design prior to it being painted.

Cllr Terry PROPOSED that the above was conveyed to Tewkesbury Academy. Cllr Barnes SECONDED.

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- d. **Picnic Tables** – Members were informed that a young person had climbed over the temporary fencing and written in the not-yet-dry concrete adjacent to the skatepark, where the picnic tables were due to be reinstated. CCTV footage had been reviewed and shared with the police, along with the name of the individual involved.

Although the wording was offensive, there was nothing further the Council could do to remove it, and it was not as noticeable now that the picnic tables had been reinstated. Cllr Ward PROPOSED that no further action was taken. Cllr Barnes SECONDED.

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- e. **Other Action** – No other issues were raised.
- iii. **MUGA/Outdoor Gym** – The weekly inspection reports had been received, no new issues were raised.
- iv. **BMX Humps** – The weekly inspection reports were received. No new issues were raised.
- v. **Car Park Lighting** – Quotations for installation of a low-voltage LED sensor light had not yet been obtained.

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GP/47/26 Parish Maintenance Contract

- i. **Damage to Grassed Areas** – Concerns were raised about damage to grassed areas following works undertaken by a firm both along Kingston Road and in Lee Road and Fairway. The damaged areas appeared to have had top-soil put on top of them but there was no sign of any grass seed. The Clerk had contacted the company responsible and was awaiting a call back, she had also reported the damage to Tewkesbury Borough Council in the hopes that the areas would be re-instated.
- ii. **Trees** – It was noted that trees in Ash Road and Sycamore Road had become entangled in overhead phone wires. The issue had been reported to Tewkesbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council; however, no action had been taken.

Cllr P Godwin offered to make enquiries at the Borough Council. It was also suggested that the Council contact the relevant utilities company and seek a quotation for work.

- iii. **Other Issues** – It was reported that the Climate Change Officer at Tewkesbury Borough Council had contacted the Council following a resident's complaints about grass cutting in Grange Road or Grange Court. He had suggested that this area was left to grow wild for biodiversity. The exact location had not yet been established by the Officer who had said he would find out more and get in touch again.

GP/48/26 Drainage and Flooding

- i. **Reports** – No flooding issues were raised.
- ii. **Flood Warden** – Cllr Beadle was not present to provide a report.

GP/49/26 'Report It'

Details of issues reported were shared with Members.

GP/50/26 Correspondence for Information

- i. **RPM Display** – Details of the RPM Bicycle Stunt Show and The Slackline School.
- ii. **Rainbow Productions** – Details of character appearances for community events.
- iii. **RoSPA** – Details of SaferPlay software.
- iv. **Elite Level Contracting** – Details of services.
- v. **Keep Britain Tidy** – Details of the 2026 Great British Spring Clean.
- vi. **Glasdon** – Products catalogue.
- vii. **SafeAvon** – Correspondence
- viii. **Let's Grow More Together** – Offer of practical workbook to support community growing.

GP/51/26 Correspondence Received After 19th February 2026

None received.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.