

# AGENDA



To: Cllr J Roberts (Chair)  
Cllr M Barnes  
Cllr P Godwin  
Cllr O Kareem  
Cllr K Poole  
Cllr S Terry

Cllr J Beadle (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr G Fancourt  
Cllr R Godwin  
Cllr J Llewellyn  
Cllr G Shelton  
Cllr S Ward

CC: Laura Stewart, Clerk's Assistant

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2026

## NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to a meeting of the General Purposes Committee that will take place on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2026**, commencing at approximately 7.15pm, 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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**16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026**

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest** - 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 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (copy circulated to Members) for approval and signature.
4. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
5. **Northway Playing Field**
  - i. **Northway Play Park** – To receive inspection reports relating to the Play Park. To agree any necessary action.
  - ii. **Northway Skatepark**
    - a. **Inspection Reports** – To receive inspection reports relating to the skatepark and agree any necessary action.
    - b. **Sealing** – To agree new arrangements for sealing of the skatepark.
  - iii. **MUGA/Outdoor Gym** – To receive inspection reports relating to the MUGA and outdoor gym equipment and agree any necessary action.
  - iv. **BMX Humps** – To receive inspection reports relating to the BMX Humps. To approve any necessary action or repairs.
  - v. **Play Inspector Training** – To approve renewal training for the play inspector.
  - vi. **Footpath/Surfacing** – To review cracks in the footpath and agree any action.
  - vii. **Clay Shrinkage Cracks** – To receive concerns regarding cracks in the field and agree action.
  - viii. **Drinking Water Facility** – To receive a request for installation of a water refill station at the field. To consider or agree action.
  - ix. **Tree** – The Clerk has contacted estate managers of Ashchurch Business Centre regarding a plateau tree which has fallen on palisade fencing. To receive update and agree any action.
  - x. **Main Gate** – To ratify repair made to main gate post and agree any further action.
  - xi. **Reenactment Training** – To receive request for permission to use Northway Playing Field for the purpose of reenactment training. To consider or agree.

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5. **Northway Playing Field** (continued)
  - xii. **Other Action** – To consider or agree any other actions relating to the Playing Field.
6. **Joan's Field** –
  - i. **Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust** – To receive suggestions from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust relating to Joan's Field and an offer to meet. To agree any action.
  - ii. **Other Issues** – To consider or agree any other 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**
    - a. **Existing** – Concerns have been received regarding the condition of some trees on Platinum Park (there is an agreement to consider replacement in October (Min Ref: GP/108/26)). To agree any necessary action.
    - b. **Tree Planting** – To consider further investigating the possibility of planting trees alongside The Park road to enhance security of the field and receive information on potential funding opportunities. To agree action.
  - iii. **Other Issues** – To consider and agree any other actions relating to Platinum Park.
8. **Bee Hives** – To receive update on potential honeybee hive location(s) and feedback from the Council's insurers (Min Ref: GP/104/26 refers). To agree any associated action.
9. **Hawthorn Way**
  - i. **Ball Games** – To receive an update following PCSO Owen's letter regarding the ban on ball games and installation of signage (Min Ref: GP/105/26 refer). To consider alternative options for the site and agree any necessary action.
  - ii. **Brick Wall** – To receive an update relating to repair of this wall and consider action (Min Ref: GP/105/26 refers).
10. **Daffodils** – To receive request from Cllr Shelton for permission to plant further daffodil bulbs and consider or agree a donation of £50 towards this.
11. **Hub Grounds** –
  - i. **Tree** – To receive concerns about a tree just beyond the Parish Council's boundary and agree any action.
  - ii. **Gardening** – To receive notice that the volunteer gardeners no longer feel able to continue with maintaining the Hub grounds. To consider or agree any action.

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12. **Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association** – To consider/agree membership renewal.
13. **Newsletter** – To consider articles for the next newsletter and agree any action required.
14. **Bus Shelter** – To receive notice of vandalism to one of the bus shelters (graffiti) and update on action taken. To agree any further action.
15. **Bird Box** – To consider or agree location for placement of bird box which used to be in the Hub grounds (Min Ref: GP/91/26 refers).
16. **Parish Maintenance Contract**
  - i. **Maintenance Contracts** – To consider going out to tender on any of the Council's maintenance contracts.
  - ii. **Grange Road** – To receive update regarding maintenance of land opposite The Northway Centre and agree action.
  - iii. **Tree Inspections** – To consider tree inspection training for councillors/staff ahead of the next tree inspections and agree any action relating to tree inspections.
  - iv. **Other Issues** – To consider any other issues relating to maintenance in the parish and agree necessary action.
17. **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.
18. **Winter Maintenance** – To consider or agree any action regarding winter maintenance and parish resilience in adverse weather (i.e. grit, grit bins, snow wardens, hand spreaders, etc). To ratify application to GCC for grit bin and salt (Min Ref: EP/16/26 refers).
19. **'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.
20. **Correspondence for Information**
  - i. **SafeAvon** – Correspondence.
  - ii. **Team Rubicon** – Coaching in 26/27 bookings open.
  - iii. **CPRE** – Hedgerow heroes is back.
  - iv. **GPFA** – Playground inspection training seminar flyer and booking form.
  - v. **Bison Bridges** – Correspondence.
21. **Correspondence received after 10<sup>th</sup> September 2026**