

NORTHWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 30th March 2016 at the Ray Shill Building, Northway, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr Mrs S Terry, Council Chairman Cllr Mrs F Castle (from + PA/03/16)
Cllr Mrs P Godwin (from ^ PA/05/16) Cllr Mrs E MacTiernan (from ^ PA/05/16)
Cllr J Roberts Cllr G Shelton
Cllr D Nash Cllr S Ward

Ms Ann Dawe, St Nicholas Church
Mr Richard Dunn, Local Resident & NCV Member
PCSO Sam James, Gloucestershire Constabulary
Ms Sue Payne, St Nicholas Church
Ms Barbara Piranty, Healthwatch Glos (from ~ PA/03/16, until < PA/04/16)
Mr Len Reid, Local Resident (until * PA/06/16)
Mrs Jean Richardson, Local Resident & NCV Member
Mr John Richardson, Local Resident & NCV Member
Mrs Joy Shillam, Local Resident
Miss Freda Smith, Northway Luncheon Club
County Cllr Vernon Smith, Gloucestershire County Council (from < PA/04/16)
Mr John Stretton, Local Resident & ATDRPG Member
Ms Lesley Wall, GRCC Village Agent for Tewkesbury (from > PA/04/16)

In Attendance: Mrs C Woodward, Clerk of the Council
Mrs L Stewart, Administration Assistant

Due to Healthwatch representative, Ms Piranty, arriving late, the agenda was re-arranged.

PA/01/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bailey, Birch and Cooper, PCSO Simpson (Gloucestershire Constabulary), Ms Alison Robinson (GAPTC), Mr Gary Watson (Head Teacher at Tewkesbury School), Mr Jeff Brown (Sycamore Chapel), Mrs Lynn Williams (Head Teacher at Northway Infant School), Mr Christopher Hawkins (Amey), Ms Tami Taylor (1st Ashchurch Guides), Mr Hew Punter (Young Gloucestershire), Mr Jamie Beadle (Northway Community Volunteers (NCV)), Rev Suzanne Grindrod (St Nicholas Church) and Mrs Lesa West (Community Development Officer at Tewkesbury Borough Council).

PA/02/16 Approval of Minutes from Last Parish Assembly

Cllr Roberts PROPOSED that the Minutes of the Parish Assembly meeting held on 25th March 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record. Mrs J Richardson SECONDED.

FOR:	Cllr Roberts Cllr Godwin Mr Reid Mrs Shillam	Mrs Richardson Cllr MacTiernan Mr Richardson Miss Smith
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ABSTENTIONS:	Ms Dawe PCSO James Ms Payne	Mr Dunn Cllr Nash Cllr Shelton
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Mr Stretton
Cllr Ward

Cllr Terry

PA/03/16 Chairman's Address

Appendix 1

+ 7.35 p.m. – Cllr Castle joined the meeting.

Cllr Terry announced that Mrs Mary Graham and Mrs Sandra Dennis were being acknowledged for their contributions towards the community. Certificates of Appreciation and a small gift would be passed on to them both as they had been unable to attend the meeting (see **Appendices 2 & 3**)

~ 7.40 p.m. – Ms B Piranty, Healthwatch Gloucestershire, joined the meeting.

PA/04/16 Healthwatch Presentation

Barbara Piranty introduced herself as the Chief Executive at Healthwatch Gloucestershire and explained a little about what the organisation did within the county (see **Appendix 4**).

> 7.45 p.m. – Ms L Wall, GRCC Village Agent, joined the meeting.

The presentation was followed by a short Q&A time.

< 8.10 p.m. – Ms Piranty left the meeting and County Cllr Smith joined the meeting.

Due to some councillors being late, Cllr Terry PROPOSED that item 5 on the agenda was postponed and various organisations within the parish should be permitted to provide their reports first.

PA/05/16 Reports from Various Organisations in the Parish

i. Gloucestershire Constabulary – Appendix 5

^ 8.15 p.m. – Cllrs Godwin and MacTiernan joined the meeting.

ii. Northway Luncheon Club – Appendix 6

iii. Ashchurch, Tewkesbury & District Rail Promotion Group (ATDRPG) – Appendix 7

iv. St Nicholas Church, Ashchurch – Appendix 8

v. GRCC Village & Community Agent – Appendix 9

vi. Gloucestershire County Council (Vernon Smith) – Appendix 10

vii. Tewkesbury Borough Council – Cllr MacTiernan apologised for arriving late and explained that she had been at a Borough Council meeting.

She announced that Council tax had gone up (after being kept the same for five years), this would cost a D rate property approximately £5 extra per year.

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Unfortunately, the increase had been unavoidable due to Government funding being reduced.

PA/05/16 Reports from Various Organisations in the Parish (continued)

The new Tewkesbury Leisure Centre was now up and the pool had been filled which meant that things were well on schedule for the end of May opening. They had successfully managed to stay on target with timing and budget.

The Joint Core Strategy was currently under examination, which was a long process, the inspector had started in October 2014 and was still working through it.

An appeal by Hitchins relating to their proposals for 550 houses was held several weeks before and had been interesting. Now there was a wait for the inspector to come back with his opinion.

- vii. **Other Reports** – Reports had also been forwarded by Sycamore Chapel, Young Gloucestershire (Doorstep Sport), Northway Community Volunteers (NCV), 1st Ashchurch Guides, Tewkesbury School and Northway School (**Appendices 11 – 16**)

PA/06/16 Reports from the Various Committees and Working Parties of the Council

- i. **Road Safety Committee – Appendix 17**
- ii. **Planning Committee – Appendix 18**
- iii. **General Purposes Committee – Appendix 19**
- iv. **Community Facility Committee – Appendix 20**

* 9.55 p.m. – Mr L Reid left the meeting.

- iv. **Finance Committee – Appendix 21**

PA/07/16 Other Matters Raised by Electors

Mrs Shillam asked why the Council had changed the name of the Playing Field (previously Gould Field) and queried who would be funding the new signage. Cllr Terry explained that the Council had agreed to change the name of the Playing Field as a lot of people did not know where 'Gould Field' was. It was felt that changing the name to Northway Playing Field would make things easier. She added that Northway Community Volunteers (NCV) were funding the new signage and thanked them, on behalf of the Council, for this.

Mrs Shillam mentioned an overgrown hedge along The Park which meant that the footpath was not wide enough to allow for a pushchair to get past. Residents had been talking about putting together a petition to get this dealt with. The Clerk explained that the Council had written to the house in question a couple of weeks before, normally if action was not taken it would be passed on to Gloucestershire County Council.

Mrs Shillam felt that the Council would soon need to look into getting yellow lines painted on the road outside the new development on The Park (Harriers Close) as people kept parking there. PCSO James encouraged Mrs Shillam to phone 101 whenever she saw this happening, if it was causing an obstruction.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.