



NORTHWAY VOICE

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The Bridge 'without a road'



As you may be aware, Tewkesbury Borough Council is working with Gloucestershire Highways to build a bridge over the railway line behind Sinderberry Drive, connecting fields in Ashchurch to Northway, which in turn will create access for the proposed Garden Town Development creating 10,195 houses.

You may remember that a public consultation to be held at Northway Community Hub had to be cancelled at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result of this Tewkesbury Borough Council wrote to every household in Northway to give residents an opportunity to comment on the proposals on-line or by phone instead.

The Planning Application for this bridge has now been submitted and this is your ONE opportunity to submit a formal response to it. This needs to have been received at Tewkesbury Borough Council by Monday 2nd November 2020, which leaves very little time.

•You can view the application by going to the Tewkesbury Borough Council website <https://publicaccess.tewkesbury.gov.uk/online-applications/> and searching for Application No **20/00896/FUL** or the name of the proposed development "Development of a road bridge over the Bristol to Birmingham mainline'.

Alternatively you can write to the Planning Department at Tewkesbury Borough Council, Council Offices, Tewkesbury Road, Tewkesbury, Glos GL20 5TT quoting the application number.

Please do not turn down this opportunity to have your voice heard.

 = Proposed location & Approx length

 = Temporary access road that could remain permanent





Community Heros

It's fair to say that the last few months have been challenging for us all, like any emergency. Many, many people have stepped up to help their neighbours, the wider community, or just shown thanks for the outstanding work the incredible key workers are doing.

We hope that one day 'in the near future' we will be able to hold an event where we can say 'Thank You' to those that have really made this a great Community.

Until this can happen please Stay Safe

Northway Parish Council Corona Virus Response

Like many local organisations and businesses, the Parish Council has had to respond to the current Covid situation to ensure the safety of our employees, councillors and residents who use the Community Hub.

Our focus throughout the pandemic has been to follow Government guidance and protect the residents of Northway by ensuring the Council Offices were safely used. While the Country was in lockdown, we had to close the Community Hub in line with guidance and to ensure we met our priority of safety first. Knowing how much the Hub was used by the community, it wasn't an easy decision to make but it was the right one.

Initially Council meetings were suspended but following a change in legislation our meetings have continued via Zoom so we can facilitate our Parish Council duties and continue to take actions which we hope are for the benefit of Northway. Council meetings continue to be held by Zoom and against the background of the "second wave" this is likely to continue for the foreseeable future.

In line with Government guidance some groups have returned to the Hub. Strict protocols are in place around how people enter and exit the Hub and social distance once inside. Hand sanitisers are provided, and regular cleaning is undertaken, all aimed at minimising risk. Each group has submitted their own risk assessment to the Parish Council which enables us to be reassured they are taking their responsibilities seriously and we have oversight to help ensure the protocols are being followed.

We have decided not to allow private parties at the Hub as we concluded the risk to employees and Northway residents was too high. We will review this position, in line with Government guidance, at the end of the year. The Parish Council remains contactable through the normal ways such as phone and email so please continue to contact us if there is anything you need to report.

Like so many now we find ourselves not in an ideal position but we have adapted to the situation. We continue to operate effectively for our residents, having balanced the risks and benefits for our employees, residents and Councillors. Throughout the pandemic Northway has much to be proud of. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Thank You

The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you for the amazing community response since the pandemic began.

We should all be proud that we have helped our friends and neighbours with shopping, checking that they are ok, chatting to them on the telephone or 2 metres apart over the garden fence.

The Virus hasn't gone away and things are getting serious again, so please continue to show this amazing community spirit and check that your neighbour is ok. Do they need any shopping? Maybe a friend needs a listening ear on the phone or a prescription picked up from the chemist.

With the darker nights and colder weather, this support is needed more than ever.

PLEASE STAY SAFE

Thank You For The Positive Feedback

The Council is always very pleased to read such positive feedback .

This year a new Grass Cutting Contractor and Litter Picking employee started in Northway, both have received a high number of compliments.

Thank you for taking the time to tell us.





YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

At the time of writing, the Parish Council has two vacancies to be filled by co-option. One further position is also available but the Council is waiting to see if Electors call for an election. In order to be eligible, you must be a British subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union and at least 18 years of age and for the previous twelve months either:

- Have been registered as a elector in the Parish
- Have occupied, as owners or tenants, land or premises in the Parish
- Have worked in the Parish or resided in the Parish or within 4.8 kilometres of it.

Some of the recommended skills are decision making, exploring ideas, interpreting information, having ideas, use of imagination, listening, questioning, reviewing, prioritising, seeing the bigger picture-the list goes on.

If you can see your mug shot amongst those above why not consider joining the Council to help make Northway a better place. For more information please contact the Clerk by email on

parish.council@northwaypc.org.uk or call 01684 297938

Long Service To The Community

Can you remember what you've done most Wednesday evenings for the last 20 years? Probably not. Well Diana Bailey can. In her role as a Parish Councillor she would have attended Full Council, Planning, General Purpose and Finance meetings plus many more working party meetings usually held on a Wednesday. She recently stepped down as a Parish Councillor after this long service to her community. When I asked her what were the positives and what drew her to become a Councillor, she said she wanted to give her time to improve the community in which she lived. She said that she had found it interesting and gained a lot of knowledge. The added bonus was meeting so many lovely people from the Parish.

So we at the Parish Council wish to thank her on your behalf for her amazing commitment and long service to the Parish of Northway.

THANK YOU DIANA.

New Webpage

On the 23rd September 2018 The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations came into force. They implement the EU directive on the accessibility of the websites and mobile applications of public sector bodies. Northway Parish Council had until 23rd September 2020 to comply.

This created a lot of work for the IT Working Party. Prior to lock down, meetings were held with website providers and eventually a choice made. The Council hope this will be operational by the time you read this newsletter so please take the time to check it out and let us know what you think. It can be used for details on how to hire the Community Hub and reporting problems in the Parish etc. It also provides information about the Council, its Members and much more.

CONTACT DETAILS

Northway Community Hub
& Parish Offices
Lee Walk, Northway,
Tewkesbury, GL20 8QG

Mrs Christine Woodward
Clerk of the Council

Mrs Laura Stewart
Clerk's Assistant

Mr Terry Treacy
Admin Assistant (Temp)

Mrs Charlotte Woodward
Caretaker

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Look out for news of events on our
Northway notice boards, online
(Facebook, Twitter and Parish
webpage)

Full Council meetings take place on the
second Wednesday of each month at
Northway Community Hub & Parish
Offices. Members of the public are
welcome to attend these and, if they
wish, there is an opportunity to address
the Council during the first ten minutes
of the meeting.

Meeting agendas and minutes can be
found on the Parish Council webpage.

Upcoming Meetings Currently Conducted Using Zoom Web Conferencing

Weds 14th October – Council

Weds 21st October – Planning /
General Purposes

Weds 28th October – Finance

Weds 11th November – Council

Weds 18th November – Planning /
General Purposes

Weds 25th November – Finance

ALL MEETINGS START AT 7.00pm

Acceptance of advertising does not
imply endorsement by Northway
Parish Council



Gloucestershire Older Veterans Information Guide



If you would like a copy of the guide
Please contact
Emlyn Phennah on : 07808 073939

Veterans' Get-togethers in Gloucestershire

Meet up for good food, good company and good banter



Tewkesbury	Royal Hop Pole Hotel, Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5RS	Second Saturday of the month	Peter Godwin 07747 623258 or 01684 273382
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Tewkesbury	Northway Community Hub, Lee Walk, Northway, Tewkesbury GL20 8QG	Second Tuesday of the month at 10am	George Shelton 07554 129777 or 01684 276163
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Feb 2020

This part of the Aged Veterans Fund is funded by the Chancellor using LIBOR funds



Armed Forces Veterans Drop-in Coffee Morning

An opportunity for
Armed Forces Veterans
and families
to meet together.

All welcome 1000am – 12pm.

On the following dates:
13th October
10th November
8th December

Hosted by George Shelton, RN Ret'd
at Northway Community Hub, Lee Walk, Northway

A46/M5 J9 Congestion Issues

Representatives from Northway Parish
Council have been asked by
Gloucestershire County Council to have
an input into the 'M5 J9 Transport
Scheme' regarding traffic congestion
along the A46 through Northway and
Ashchurch. Although the completion
will take significant time to implement,
the County Council believe a Public
Consultation date will be early 2021

Bingo Group & Singing Group

Due to the restrictions of the COVID
– 19 pandemic these 2 groups have
not been running during the past 6
months. When the restrictions are
lifted and it is safe to do so, please be
assured that we will start up again.

Miss you all.

Sandra Terry.



On behalf of the Council
we would like to wish you all
a very Happy Christmas and Healthy
New Year