

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Awsworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th October 2025 in the Awsworth Parish Council Sports Pavilion, The Lane Recreation Ground, Awsworth. The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr D Knell / Cllr J Mortimer / Cllr A Perkins / Cllr M Perkins / Cllr R Paxton / Cllr L Parish / Cllr L Ball / Cllr M Smith / Cllr C Sanderson / Cllr J Woodward / Cllr D Pringle (Broxtowe Borough Council) / Sgt Boyles (Nottinghamshire Police) / PCSO Davies (Nottinghamshire Police) / Max Taylor (Max Taylor Design) / H Holt (Clerk)

Cllr M Smith (Vice-Chair) chaired the meeting In Cllr G Spencer's (Chair) absence.

	Actions:
CO/068/25 Apologies for absence Cllr G Spencer (Holiday) / Cllr J Goold (no apologies)	
CO/069/25 Declarations of Interest Cllr J Mortimer – Awsworth Village Hall / Cllr A Perkins – Awsworth Bowls Club & Kimberley Scout Group / Cllr M Perkins - Awsworth Bowls Club / Cllr R Paxton – Awsworth Village Hall / Cllr L Ball – Awsworth Cricket Club, Awsworth Villa FC & Awsworth Produce Association	
CO/070/25 Minutes for Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, seconded Cllr J Woodward, all in favour, 0 objections, 2 abstentions - accept minutes as a true record. 	
CO/071/25 Actions from Minutes of the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk confirmed amendments to the last minutes were made as agreed. A resident Attewell Road has raised concerns over the height of the trees on Shilo Recreation Ground backing on to the gardens. It was agreed when we write to residents regarding the planters on Attewell that we would remind them about cutting back any overgrowing trees. Clerk confirmed that she had written to Broxtowe's planning department regarding the no option for Parish Council's to respond and that there shouldn't be a limit to 4000 characters. Broxtowe have confirmed that there should be an option for us to respond as a Consultee, and that they are investigating this. Any comments above 4000 characters should be submitted in an additional document. Clerk confirmed that the proposal to put forward to Notts County Council Highways department regarding Bonners Lane and traffic calming along The Lane need to be looked at closely over Summer. This will take a lot of work and will require support from other outside agencies. Cllr M Smith confirmed he had received basic quotes and designs for the new gateway signs and went through these in detail. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact ViaEM to discuss our preferred locations and seek permission prior to Parish Council agreeing. Cllr L Ball stated that she has no update with regards to a site visit to 19 Sycamore but has followed this up. Cllr L Ball informed the Clerk before the meeting that Susan Hickling at Broxtowe is looking into the item on the road outside of the house on Barlow Drive South. Cllr L Ball to follow up Environmental Health regarding the ongoing issue. Cllr L Ball to follow up the lack of use of 'The Lodge' on Main Street with Broxtowe Borough Council's housing department and the Clerk to also follow up. Clerk stated that there are still 2 Councillors that have not set up their gov.uk email addresses. Clerk to follow up the email set up and missing Bio's for the website. Following discussions regarding the increased dog fouling at Shilo Recreation Ground it was agreed that we would purchase the spray paint and liaise with the resident. We would also put up additional signage and a news item on Facebook. Clerk to also inform the Dog Warden of our plans and ask for their support. Clerk confirmed that she is meeting the resident on Thursday. Clerk confirmed that the graffitied red crosses around the village have been reported to the Police and ViaEM. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing / Clerk to contact ViaEM Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk confirmed that all responses had been submitted to the three consultations discussed at the last meeting. • With regards to the number of times cars parked outside of NISA roll and crash into garden walls along The Lane, it was agreed that we would request for more bollards to be installed to keep the pavement safe. Clerk to contact residents who are regularly affected by this to discuss this further and to also ask NISA to put a sign in the door stating 'HAVE YOU PUT YOUR HANDBRAKE ON' to see if that helps stop the issue. Clerk to liaise with residents and NISA, then submit request to NCC. • A resident had been in contact with the Clerk stating that some residents who have been affected by the housing development are wanting to meet with a solicitor to seek legal advice and asked if the Village Hall could be used. Clerk had informed the resident that any Village Hall bookings had to be made via the Village Hall Manager. It was agreed that the residents could use the Sports Pavilion free of charge for the meeting, and that residents who have issues to put these in writing and the Parish Council would pass the written complaints / concerns to Avant Homes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Ongoing
Suspend Standing Orders for Agenda items CO/072/25, CO/073/25, CO/074/25, and CO/075/25 – Proposed Cllr J Woodward, Seconded Cllr C Sanderson – All in Favour	
<u>CO/072/25 Public Participation</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No members of the public in attendance. 	
<u>CO/073/25 Police Matters</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sgt Boyles asked if Awsworth had any defibrillators in the Village and if their locations and access code could be shared with the Police. Clerk stated that she would send through all of the details of the defibrillators and confirmed that they are registered with the Ambulance service. • Sgt Boyles asked if they could arrange defibrillator training for Councillors and residents, which could be linked to a Beat Surgery. Clerk confirmed that CPR and Defib training was delivered a number of years back, so a new / refresher defib training session would be an excellent idea. • Sgt Boyles stated that there had been 6 crimes reported within the last 30 days, which is one of the lowest in the area. • PCSO Davies shared a poster regarding a new scheme called Community Street Watch. Sgt Boyles stated that once he had more details, he would share this information with the Clerk. • Sgt Boyles stated that there was a site report back in 2022 of the Bennerley site regarding issues with Off-Road Bikes. Sgt Boyles confirmed that the Off-Road bike team will be in the area over the next few weeks. Cllr M Smith asked if Sgt Boyles could inform the Parish Council of any action taken during the visit. • Clerk stated that she had received a report of regular Off-Road bike along Station Road and throughout the Village. Clerk asked Sgt Boyles if the correct advice would be to continue to report all issues to the Police. Sgt Boyles confirmed that was correct, the more reports that are made, the more evidence the Police have that there is an issue and supports the need for the Off-Road Bike team. • Sgt Boyles stated that the focus on the build up to Christmas would be the Fatal 4 Fatal which includes: speeding, driving under the influence of drink or drugs, not wearing a seatbelt and mobile phone use. They will also be focussing on e-scooters and e-bikes. • Sgt Boyles wanted to inform the Council that the summer demand has had an impact on the local beat team and community policing, as members of the team have had to react to the demand. He is hoping that this demand has calmed down, and his team can have more of a visual presence in the area again. • Awsworth Parish Council thanked Sgt Boyles and PCSO Davies for attending. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to send defib info • Police to liaise with Clerk • Sgt Boyles to send more info • Police to update Council after the event • Clerk to contact resident
Sgt Boyles and PCSO Davies left the meeting at 8.20pm.	
<u>CO/074/25 County Councillors Report</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No County Councillors in attendance or report received. 	

- Clerk stated that there have been multiple reports of the poor road condition on Main Street near the Gate Inn / Bridges Van Hire. Clerk confirmed that she had reported this on numerous occasions, and the latest response was as follows: '*Road Damage Update – No Further Action - Thank you for your report of road damage. A highways inspector has visited the site to assess the reported damage. Whilst we have found that no urgent safety repairs are required, we do acknowledge the damage to the road surface at Between The Gate Inn and Bridges Van hire and will continue to monitor and assess the site for repairs such as patch repairs, large scale patching or resurfacing treatments to take place in the future. Reports like yours help inform where repairs and improvements take place in future road maintenance programmes.*
- A discussion was held around this, and it was agreed that we would send an email to our ViaEM contact, copying in our County Councillors, stating that we are not satisfied with the response, send pictures and ask for a site visit.

- Clerk to send email

CO/075/25 Borough Councillors Report

- Cllr L Ball stated that the Clerk had informed her about an issue on Bonners Lane/Chesterman regarding someone taking trees down without permission. She has visited the site, and it was agreed that Cllr L Ball and Cllr D Pringle would raise this with the Bridleways department.
- Cllr L Ball stated that the noise from the School MUGA in the evenings is getting worse again and that she will be reporting this to Broxtowe.
- Concerns have been raised over the dangerous, falling wall at Lawrence Ave Shops. It is unclear who owns the wall and who is responsible for making it safe. It was agreed that Cllr L Ball and Cllr D Pringle would investigate.

- DP/LB to contact Bridleways
- LB to raise concerns
- DP/LB to investigate

Cllr D Pringle left the meeting at 8.40pm

Reinstate Standing Orders – Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, Seconded Cllr A Perkins – All in favour.

CO/076/25 Planning Applications

- No planning applications for Awsworth.
- A discussion was held around the Bennerley Coal Disposal Point: Employment Site and Country Park consultation / planning application. It was agreed that Cllr L Ball would follow up with Broxtowe's Planning Department for an update and the Clerk to contact Harworth to also ask for an update and a follow up meeting date.

- LB to follow up with BBC
- Clerk to contact Harworth

CO/077/25 Accounts for Payment

AWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - Accounts for Payment

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAILS	NET	VAT	GROSS
DD	Everflow Utilities	Water for site	£142.42	£0.00	£142.42
DD	Everflow Utilities	Trade Waste	£76.95	£15.39	£92.34
DD	Hygienex	Sanitary Bins and Hand Sanitiser	£51.50	£10.30	£61.80
DD	SSE	Office Electricity (July to Sept)	£471.23	£23.57	£494.80
DD	Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)	Annual Data Protection Fee	£47.00	£0.00	£47.00

BACS	Staffing Costs (Inc Staff, Contractors, NI, Tax, Pension)	September Staffing Costs	£5,327.88	£0.00	£5,327.88	
BACS	Hayley Holt	Expenses (Lamp post poppies and spray paint)	£188.27	£37.65	£225.92	
BACS	Trust Electric Heating	Balance for new heating system for Sports Pavilion	£1,725.00	£0.00	£1,725.00	
BACS	Festive Lights	New Christmas Tree Topper	£29.98	£6.00	£35.98	
BACS	Hayley Holt	Expenses (Mobile phone, 2026 diary, 2 new combination locks)	£54.61	£10.93	£65.54	
BACS	Kompan	Pocket Park Play area improvements	£19,810.00	£3,962.00	£23,772.00	
BACS	Kompan	The Rec Play area improvements	£13,799.68	£2,759.93	£16,559.61	
BACS	Greener Landscaping	Contractor expenses for August and Sept (Boots and Fuel)	£89.23	£11.24	£100.47	
BACS	PETTY CASH	Petty Cash July to Sept	£68.83	£7.82	£76.65	
			£41,882.58	£6,844.83	£48,727.41	

- Approve accounts for payment – Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, Seconded Cllr L Parish – all in favour.

Bank Reconciliation as at 31st August 2025

£94,748.02 bank statement balance
£94,748.02 Balance per Cash Book

Bank Reconciliation as at 30th September 2025:

£88,870.56 bank statement balance
£88,870.56 Balance per Cash Book

BUDGET: £92,299

EXPENDITURE YTD (30.09.2025) : £51,013

LEAVING: £41,286

Q2 (01.07.2025-30.09.2025) VAT Return - £1,372.69 received 06.10.2025

CO/078/25 Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Hard copies of the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan have been received and circulated to all Councillors.
- It was agreed that the following locations would be provided with a copy of ANP:
 - Ilkeston Library
 - Kimberley Library
 - County Library
 - County Archive
 - Awsworth Primary School x 2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nottinghamshire County Council • Cllr M Smith to ask Tom Genway if Broxtowe have a hard copy or if they would like a copy. • Cllr M Smith to write a cover letter to go with the hard copy ANP. 	
CO/079/25 Councillors Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max Taylor presented the website to the meeting. • Cllr C Sanderson stated that she thought that the website was excellent. • It was agreed that all Councillors would have a look through the website in detail and send through any comments, amendments, suggestions to the Clerk within the next week so that they can be collated and sent to Max. • Cllr M Smith to collate and send information regarding the history of the Crest. • Clerk to collate some further history information and send to all Councillors for comments and further information. • Cllr James Woodward and Cllr L Ball to send Bio's for the website ASAP. • Max to aim to get all modifications complete by the end of November, for Parish Council to make final comment, with a view to launch in the New Year. • Final payment to be split, 30% payment now and the final 20% on completion of website launch. Proposed Cllr J Mortimer, seconded Cllr L Parish – all in favour. • Group photograph for press release to be taken at the next Parish Council Meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Cllrs to send comment within 1 week • MS to send Crest info • Clerk to send history info • JW/LB to send Bio's
Max Taylor left the meeting at 9.05pm	
CO/080/25 Items for Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk continues to undertake regular checks of the defibrillators. • New defibrillator pads have been ordered for the Shilo defib. • Clerk received RAMS from contractors for War Memorial clean and Play area improvements – these were signed off by the Health & Safety Committee. • 2 Councillor resignations. Clerk sent formal notices to Broxtowe Borough Council and published the notices. Both vacancies can now be filled by co-option. Clerk to advertise. • Ongoing issues with dog mess on Shilo Recreation Ground. Clerk has purchased spray paint and has arranged a meeting with resident regarding next steps. • Clerk responded to the three consultations (Double yellow lines on Middleton/Stamford) / Planning Policy-Green Belt Assessment Frameworks / Local Government Reorganisation) • Clerk responded to planning application • Clerk has drafted 2026 meeting dates, to be agreed at November Parish Council meeting • Clerk reported the graffiti red crosses which have been spray painted throughout the Village to the Police and ViaEM. Natalie (Village Hall Manager) has removed the red cross from the triangle at the top of the driveway. • Clerk attended Emergency First Aid at work refresher course. • Clerk received Annual Accounts back from the External Auditor with no queries. Notice of the Conclusion of the audit has been published on Website and Noticeboards. • War Memorial has been cleaned and details published on Facebook. • Poppy Project is well underway, with coloured/painted/crochet poppies being received from Church, Brownies, Sue Campbell's art class, and further poppies to be received from School, Day Nursery and Scouts. Bunting and banners with these poppies are to be made and installed around the Village. Clerk to ask Church to put up the Soldier silhouette with netting so that there can be poppies cascading down the netting • Clerk has painted the backboard behind the Soldier Silhouette and cleaned it in preparation for it being installed. Some of the Poppies received from Brownies and Sue's art class have been added to the 2 Soldier Silhouette we received from Academy Transformation Trust Further Education College earlier this year. The Soldiers, lamp post poppies, and poppy bunting all to be installed over the coming weeks. Clerk to ask for volunteers to help take down the lamp post poppies. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk has ordered the Christmas tree and a new tree topper. • The insurance claim against us back in December 2024 has now been closed, we denied liability and the claimants' solicitor has confirmed they're no longer pursuing the claim, no payments were made. • Clerk has reported a number of damaged bollards and streetlight issues via the MyNotts App. • Clerk completed the September accounts, bank reconciliation, and Q2 VAT Return (£1372.69) • Clerk prepared for and attended the Recreation Committee meeting. • Clerk is liaising with the Groundsman regarding a number of tasks which need undertaking in the coming months. • Clerk has received an email from NISA regarding the cost of having the Post Office back. He has asked for our support. • Clerk has been working closely with the Website / brand designer, to ensure the website has all of the information we requested. Changes have been made and the draft website and launch date to be discussed. • Clerk has project managed both play area improvement projects and the new heating installation, following the successful UKSPF grant. Clerk made all the necessary arrangements, put up signage, published information on Facebook, and signed off both projects with members of the Health & Safety Committee. Clerk has published the projects on Facebook and is liaising with the funder. Grant Claim form to be completed and submitted by the end of October. 	
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CO/081/25 Items of Confidentiality

- No items of confidentiality were discussed.

CO/082/25 Date of next meeting(s)

- Events Committee – Tuesday 14th October 2025
- Full Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 4th November 2025
- **Chair thanked all councillors for their attendance and patience; he closed the meeting at 9.30pm**