

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Awsworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 in the Awsworth Parish Council Sports Pavilion, The Lane Recreation Ground, Awsworth. The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr G Spencer / 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 I Gentry / Cllr B Reynolds / H Holt (Clerk) / PCSO A Tinkler (Nottinghamshire Police) / PCSO C Cupit (Nottinghamshire Police)

	Actions:
CO/098/25 Apologies for absence Cllr J Goold (prior engagement) / Cllr D Pringle (Trowell PC)	
CO/099/25 Declarations of Interest Cllr G Spencer – Awsworth Bowls Club & Awsworth Village Hall / 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 / Cllr I Gentry – Awsworth Bowls Club	
CO/100/25 Minutes for Approval • Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, seconded Cllr L Parish, all in favour, 0 objections, 2 abstentions - accept minutes as a true record.	
CO/101/25 Actions from Minutes of the last meeting • Clerk to write to residents of Attewell Road regarding the planters on Attewell project and to remind them about cutting back any overgrowing trees. This event is now scheduled for March 2026, so the letters will be sent in the New Year. • 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, but this will take a lot of work and will require support from other outside agencies. • Cllr L Ball stated that the request for a site visit to 19 Sycamore has been sent to the Neighbourhood Wardens and Cllr L ball is awaiting a response. • Cllr L Ball stated that she has raised the issue of the lack of use of 'The Lodge' on Main Street with Vanessa Smith, who will be raising this at the next Broxtowe Borough Council housing meeting. Cllr L Ball to follow up outcome. • Clerk stated only one Councillor is yet to set up their gov.uk email address. Clerk to liaise with Cllr L Ball to help her set this up before the New Year. Cllr J Woodward to send Bio for website ASAP. • 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 discussion was held around the poor state of the road around the Gate Inn / Bridges Van Hire, 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. • 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. • A discussion was held around the Bennerley Coal Disposal Point: Employment Site and Country Park consultation / planning application. Clerk confirmed that she had been in contact with Harworth and will arrange a catch-up meeting in the New Year. • Clerk informed the council that a resident of Barlow Drive South had been in contact regarding an extremely large tree causing issues. Cllr L Ball had not yet spoken to Broxtowe Borough Council for advice. It was agreed that Clerk would send all of the details via email to Cllr L Ball for her to follow up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters to be sent in the New year To be looked at in the New Year Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Clerk to send details to Cllr L Ball

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk confirmed that Cllr M Smith had carefully looked at locations of the potential new Village Gateway Signs and had been working closely on this with the Clerk. Awaiting confirmation from ViaEM that locations are ok and for a response from Cossall Parish Council if they would like to be included as a doubled sided sign on Shilo Way and Bennerley View. Clerk had contacted Broxtowe Borough Council regarding contributing towards new signs. This has now been passed to the Grant Aid team. Clerk and Cllr M Smith to discuss contributions towards signs with Avant Homes. Clerk has not yet got quotes from Contractor for installation of signs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In progress Ongoing Ongoing
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Suspend Standing Orders for Agenda items CO/102/25, CO/103/25, CO/104/25, and CO/105/25 – Proposed Cllr J Woodward, Seconded Cllr M Perkins – All in Favour

CO/102/25 Public Participation

- Clerk informed the Council that the resident on The Lane is still hasn't had the drainage issues resolved which were raised to County Council in January 2025. Clerk has advised that he chases all concerned via email and we will meet in the New Year to discuss next steps.

CO/103/25 Police Matters

- Clerk informed the Council that 5 Awsworth residents attended the Police Beat Surgery earlier this evening to raise concerns over increased Anti-Social behaviour and drug dealing. All residents were advised to report all incidents to 101.
- Police stated that there had been 3 incidents in November, including 1 attempted burglary.
- Cllr M Smith asked if any report has been received regarding the Off-Road team. PCSO Cupit to follow up with Sgt Boyles.
- Cllr G Spencer asked the police if there was anything that can be done about people making false accusations about Parish Councillors on Social Media. The Police stated that this can be classed as Malicious Communication. The best way forward would be to ensure all evidence is collated and also reported to Facebook.
- Cllr C Sanderson asked if anything could be done about the house on Barlow Drive South, as it is an eyesore and is on to the footpath and roads. PCSO Cupit to see if there is anything the Police can do.
- PCSO Tinkler stated that she would be in touch with the Clerk to arrange the next Police Beat Surgery.
- Cllr G Spencer thanked the Police for attending.

PCSO Tinkler and PCSO Cupit left the meeting at 8.07pm.

CO/104/25 County Councillors Report

- No County Councillor in attendance or report received.

CO/105/25 Borough Councillors Report

- Cllr L Ball has been on holiday but will follow up all ongoing actions.

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

CO/106/25 Planning Applications

- No planning applications for Awsworth.

CO/107/25 Accounts for Payment

AWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - Accounts for Payment

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAILS	NET	VAT	GROSS
DD	Everflow Utilities	Water for Site	£146.45	£0.00	£146.45
DD	Virgin Media	Landline & Broadband	£40.00	£8.00	£48.00

DD	Hygienex	Sanitary Bins & Hand Sanitiser	£51.50	£10.30	£61.80	
DD	Verisure	Alarm Maintenance For Dec	£60.58	£12.12	£72.70	
DD	Sharp Business Systems	Photocopier charges	£15.53	£3.10	£18.63	
BACS	Hayley Holt	Expenses for Nov (Inc Mobile phone and gifts for Santa's Grotto / Christmas event)	£89.99	£18.25	£108.24	
BACS	Awsworth Village Hall	Sprots Pavilion Electricity (May - Oct)	£558.45	£0.00	£558.45	
BACS	County Supplies	New Tape Dispenser and Blue Roll	£12.21	£0.53	£12.74	
BACS	Cllr G Spencer	Chairs Expenses	£125.00	£0.00	£125.00	
BACS	Hayley Holt	Expenses (Inc decorations & cakes for Santa's grotto and items for general events)	£105.42	£17.56	£122.98	
BACS	Greener Landscaping	Skate ramp Repairs	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	
BACS	Greener Landscaping	Expenses (25 Perennials for Council front garden & Fuel)	£202.97	£14.60	£217.57	
BACS	Notts ALC	Code of Conduct Training for 2 new Councillors	£90.00	£0.00	£90.00	
BACS	Notts ALC	Parish Councillor Training for 2 new Councillors	£90.00	£0.00	£90.00	
BACS	Parish Online	Annual Subscription	£90.00	£18.00	£108.00	
BACS	Staffing Costs (Inc Staff, Contractors, NI, Tax, Pension)	November Staffing Costs	£5,709.14	£0.00	£5,709.14	
BACS	REB	Santa's Sleigh Generator service	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	
			£7,637.24	£102.46	£7,739.70	

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

Bank Reconciliation as at 31st October 2025

£60,248.08 bank statement balance

£60,248.08 Balance per Cash Book

Bank Reconciliation as at 30th November 2025:

<p>£56,516.95 bank statement balance £56,516.95 Balance per Cash Book</p> <p>BUDGET: £92,299 EXPENDITURE YTD (30.11.2025) : £77,084 LEAVING: £15,215</p>	
<p>CO/108/25 Neighbourhood Plan Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr M Smith stated that he will draft a letter to go along with the hard copy Neighbourhood Plans for the libraries etc in the New Year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr M Smith to draft in the New Year
<p>CO/109/25 Councillors Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr J Woodward stated that he had seen that Stapleford were having a new concrete skate ramp and that it might be worth contacting the company they are using to discuss our options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to contact company
<p>CO/110/25 Items for Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk continues to undertake regular checks of the defibrillators. • 2 new Councillors have been co-opted. Clerk has provided all of the induction paperwork and has booked them on to New Councillor Training and Code of Conduct training in early 2026. • Clerk attended the graffiti removal event, along with 8 others (6 Councillors / 2 residents). • Lamp post poppies and poppy bunting have been removed and stored for next year. Thank you to Graham Spencer, David Knell, Ian Gentry, and Don Foster. • Clerk completed the October and November accounts and bank reconciliations. • Clerk has drafted the 2026/27 precept document in preparation for the F&GP Meeting. • Clerk has arranged the Police Beat Surgery for 2nd December 2025, 6pm-7pm. • Clerk has started sorting the office and has collated all non-office related items into storage containers which are being stored elsewhere. Clerk is looking at better storage solutions for the office in the New Year. • Emergency Lighting inspection booked and undertaken. • Christmas light switch on event. Lots of time is spent preparing for this event, including arranging the tree and lights, getting lights electrically inspected, collect donations, shopping for decorations, gifts, etc, creating posters, creating schedule, Grotto booking, wrapping gifts, setting up grotto, liaising with choir, Mr & Mrs Claus etc. • Event was a huge success. 15 stalls in the market, approx. 70 children saw Mr & Mrs Claus, approx. 20 children sang in the choir, raised £32.00 donations in grotto. Huge thanks to Oaktree Motorhomes for their kind donation again this year. • Thanks to all Volunteers who helped throughout the day. A few hiccups along the way but overall, another success so THANK YOU! • Santa's Sleigh visit will be on Sunday 21st December. For any helpers, please arrive by 4pm. Generator has been serviced, and the sleigh has had a few minor repairs. Clerk to ensure there is enough snow and sweets for the journey. • Office will close at the end of play Monday 22nd December and will re-open on Monday 5th January 2026. The Car park will also be closed for the Christmas period; will pedestrian access still available. 	
<p>CO/111/25 Items of Confidentiality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An item of confidentiality was discussed. 	
<p>CO/112/25 Date of next meeting(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting – Tuesday 9th December 2025 • Full Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 6th January 2026 • Chair thanked all councillors for their attendance and patience; he closed the meeting at 8.25pm 	