

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Awsworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th January 2026 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 B Reynolds / H Holt (Clerk)

	Actions:
<p>CO/113/25 <u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Cllr I Gentry (Holiday) / Cllr J Goold (no apologies) / Cllr D Pringle (Cabinet meeting) / Nottinghamshire Police – (No apologies)</p>	
<p>CO/114/25 <u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>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</p>	
<p>CO/115/25 <u>Minutes for Approval</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, seconded Cllr A Perkins, all in favour, 0 objections, 0 abstentions - accept minutes as a true record. 	
<p>CO/116/25 <u>Actions from Minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Letters to be drafted and sent in February. • 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 Neighbourhood Wardens should be attending 19 Sycamore but has not had an update. Cllr G Spencer asked if Cllr L Ball could follow this up. • Cllr L Ball stated that she has raised the issue of the lack of use of 'The Lodge' on Main Street with Vanessa Smith but has had no update. Cllr L Ball to follow up. • 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. • 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. • Clerk confirmed that an email had been sent regarding the poor condition of the road around the Gate Inn / Bridges Van Hire, requesting a site visit. • It was previously agreed that Cllr L Ball and Cllr D Pringle would investigate the falling wall at Lawrence Ave. Cllr L Ball stated that she had spoken to the planning officer and they aren't concerned. It was agreed that it is dangerous so the Clerk would take pictures and send to Broxtowe Planning. • 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 & Cllr D Pringle for her to follow up. • Cllr M Smith updated the Council on the new Village Gateway Signs progress. Once we've had confirmation from Cossall Parish Council if they want to be included, we will send costings to Avant and BBC. • Cllr M Smith asked if any report has been received regarding the Off-Road team. Clerk confirmed we hadn't had an update. It was agreed the Clerk would follow up to see if the Off-road team attended and if so ask for an update report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters to be sent in February • To be looked at in more detail over the next few months. • Cllr L Ball to follow up • Cllr L Ball to follow up • Ongoing • Ongoing • Awaiting a response • Clerk to follow up with Planning • Clerk to send email to Cllrs L Ball and D Pringle • Update at next mtg • Clerk to follow up

<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. • Clerk confirmed that she hadn't as yet contacted the skate ramp company they are using to discuss our options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Ongoing
<p>Suspend Standing Orders for Agenda items CO/117/25, CO/118/25, CO/119/25, and CO/120/25 – Proposed Cllr J Woodward, Seconded Cllr C Sanderson – All in Favour</p>	
<p>CO/117/25 <u>Public Participation</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr D Knell asked if we had received any reports regarding the trees being cut back along the canal path. Clerk confirmed we hadn't received any reports. 	
<p>CO/118/25 <u>Police Matters</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No police in attendance or report received. • Cllr C Sanderson informed the Council that following the last meeting, the Police did attend the house at Barlow Drive South as promised. 	
<p>CO/119/25 <u>County Councillors Report</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No County Councillor in attendance or report received. • A discussion was held around the lack of attendance and communication from our County Councillors since election. It was agreed that we would write to the leader of the County Council and both County Councillors to ask why they haven't been attending or sending reports, when they have both been invited to every Parish Council meeting since they were elected. – Proposed Cllr M Smith seconded Cllr C Sanderson – all in favour. • A discussion was held around the poor state of the Lane, especially from Newtons Lane to Bonners. We have requested that this section of road is fully resurfaced for a number of years. Clerk confirmed that this has been reported again recently. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this section of road again and write to our contact at ViaEM regarding this. • A number of residents have complained about the number of large potholes on Bonners Lane. Clerk to report these to see if any action can be taken with Bonners Lane being unadopted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to write to County Council • Clerk to report section of road and write to ViaEM • Clerk to report potholes
<p>CO/120/25 <u>Borough Councillors Report</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr L Ball stated that she has tried to get in contact with the relevant contacts in relation to the outstanding actions. • Cllr G Spencer asked Cllr Ball for an update from the meeting at Broxtowe Borough Council on 17th December. Cllr L Ball gave an update and stated that the land at Bennerley was passed to be moved from green belt to grey belt. It was agreed that the Clerk would look at the report from the meeting on 17th December and report back to the Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to look at report from BBC 17.12.2025 mtg
<p>CLARIFICATION – The agenda item at Broxtowe Borough Council's meeting on 17th December 2025, which was discussed and voted in favour, is outlined below:</p> <p><u>10.3 Submission of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan for Examination Cabinet</u> <i>This report seeks approval from Cabinet to recommend to Full Council that the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for Public Examination. The Strategic Plan is in accordance with all of the Council's corporate priorities, particularly providing a good quality home for everyone. Detail is contained within the report as to the reasons for this item being exempt from the call-in process.</i></p> <p><i>Cabinet is asked to RECOMMEND to Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan and accompanying Submission documents be submitted to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination.</i> <i>2. To confirm that the Council considers that the revised Publication version of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan (March 2025) has substantially the same effect on its area as the November 2024 Publication version (which included Gedling Borough Council as a partnering authority).</i> 	

3. To grant delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any necessary minor editing amendments to the Submission draft Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan if required.

4. To request the Planning Examination Inspector(s) to consider the proposed modifications, including supporting the creation of a DH Lawrence County Park north of Eastwood, and recommend any modifications which are necessary to make the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan sound, under section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

5. The updated Local Development Scheme (with effect from December 2025) be adopted.

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

CO/121/25 Planning Applications

- 25/00914/FUL - Change of Use from Residential (Class C3) to Children Home (Class C2): 22 Barlow Drive North Awsworth Nottinghamshire NG16 2RQ. A discussion was held around this application, and it was agreed that we support the planning application in principle but have some concerns if the company are qualified, so would recommend that the application is taken to Broxtowe’s planning committee, proposed Cllr L Parish, seconded Cllr A Perkins – all in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.

- Clerk to submit response

CO/122/25 Accounts for Payment

AWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - Accounts for Payment

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAILS	NET	VAT	GROSS
DD	Virgin Media	Landline & Broadband	£40.00	£8.00	£48.00
DD	SSE	Office electricity (September to December)	£501.54	£25.08	£526.62
DD	Everflow Utilities	Water for site	£142.42	£0.00	£142.42
DD	Sharp Business Solutions	Photocopier chargers Sept - Dec	£19.82	£3.96	£23.78
DD	Hygienex	Sanitary Bins (Jan)	£26.16	£5.23	£31.39
DD	Verisure	Alarm maintenance (Jan)	£60.58	£12.12	£72.70
BACS	Awsworth Village Hall	Sports Pav electricity Oct - Nov	£141.82	£0.00	£141.82
BACS	AJ Steeples	Annual Hedge cutting	£380.00	£76.00	£456.00
BACS	Community Heartbeat Trust	New battery for Shilo Defib	£265.00	£53.00	£318.00
BACS	Hayley Holt	awsworthparishcouncil.gov.uk annual web hosting Dec 2025-Dec 2026	£206.69	£41.34	£248.03
BACS	Staffing Costs (Inc Staff, Contractors, NI, Tax, Pension)	December Staffing Costs	£2,696.53	£0.00	£2,696.53
CHGS	HSBC	Bank charges for cheque deposit	£1.50	£0.00	£1.50
			£4,482.06	£224.73	£4,706.79

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve accounts for payment – Proposed Cllr M Perkins, Seconded Cllr L Parish – all in favour. <p>Bank Reconciliation as at 30th November 2025: £56,516.95 bank statement balance £56,516.95 Balance per Cash Book</p> <p>Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December 2025 £49,310.46 bank statement balance £49,310.46 Balance per Cash Book</p> <p>BUDGET: £92,299 EXPENDITURE YTD (30.12.2025) : £83,685 LEAVING: £8,614</p> <p>Q3 VAT Return submitted - £7,534.25</p>	
<p>CO/123/25 <u>Neighbourhood Plan Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. 	
<p>CO/124/25 <u>Councillors Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
<p>CO/125/25 <u>Items for Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk continues to undertake regular checks of the defibrillators. New pads have been installed in the Shilo Defibrillator, and a new battery has been ordered. 2 new Councillors information has been submitted to Broxtowe Borough Council. Clerk completed the December accounts and bank reconciliations. Q3 VAT Return has been completed and submitted - £7534.25 Clerk has arranged the Police Beat Surgery for 3rd March 2026, 6pm-7pm. Annual Fire extinguisher service has been booked. Clerk arranged for Ross to fill the potholes in the upper car park whilst the car park is closed for the Christmas period. Clerk attended the Bennerley View site visit. Gov.uk email addresses have been set up for the new Councillors. Costings relating to the new Village gateway signs have been sent to Cossall Parish Council. Clerk working with Cllr M Smith, to send costings to Avant Home and also Broxtowe Borough Council for grant aid support. Clerk collated and sent information to BBC for a press release relating to the play area improvement project undertaken using the UKSPF. Santa's sleigh was another huge success. We received £648.17 in donations (which is a record amount), plus the £41.50 from Santa's Grotto, £689.67 in total. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers on the night and to those who work tirelessly before and after the event, without these volunteers the event could not happen. Clerk has spent quite a lot of time working on the new website, ready for the launch. She has worked closely with Max to ensure all the information is collated and uploaded. Clerk has had website training and has uploaded all the legal documents required (3 years of minutes/agenda's, 7 years of financial information and all policies and procedures). Final check of the website during the first week in January with plan to launch by mid-January. 	
<p>CO/126/25 <u>Items of Confidentiality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No items of confidentiality were discussed. 	
<p>CO/127/25 <u>Date of next meeting(s)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting – Tuesday 20th January 2026 Full Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 3rd February 2026 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair thanked all councillors for their attendance and patience; he closed the meeting at 8.30pm 	