

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee, Awsworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th September 2025 in the Awsworth Parish Council Sports Pavilion. The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr M Smith / Cllr G Spencer / Cllr D Knell / Cllr A Perkins / Cllr M Perkins / Cllr J Mortimer / Cllr C Sanderson / Cllr R Paxton / Cllr J Woodward / Cllr L Ball (LATE - Cossall Parish Council Mtg) / Hayley Holt (Clerk)

Also, present: Ross Miller – Groundsman / Tim Madden - Representing Awsworth Bowls Club

	Actions:
<p>RC/01/25 <u>Appointment of Chair</u></p> <p>Cllr J Woodward proposed Cllr M Smith as Chair, seconded Cllr G Spencer – All in favour</p>	
<p>RC/02/25 <u>Appointment of Vice-Chair</u></p> <p>In the absence of the Chair, Cllr G Spencer (as Chair of Full Parish Council) will stand in, proposed Cllr J Mortimer, seconded Cllr C Sanderson – All in Favour.</p>	
<p>RC/03/25 <u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Cllr D Foster (Resignation letter received 16.09.2025) / Cllr L Parish (Holiday) / Cllr Paul Wilkinson – Representing Awsworth Villa FC (Work Commitments) / Cory Kennedy – Representing Awsworth Cricket Club (Personal Commitments) / Liam Miller – Representing Awsworth Cricket Club (Personal Commitments) / Will Parker – Representing Awsworth Cricket Club (Personal Commitments) / Kev Buxton - Representing Awsworth Villa FC (Another meeting)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to send letter to DF
<p>RC/04/25 <u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr G Spencer – Awsworth Village Hall & Awsworth Bowls Club / 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>RC/05/25 <u>Minutes for Approval</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, seconded Cllr A Perkins, accept minutes as a true record – all in favour, 2 abstentions. 	
<p>RC/06/25 <u>Actions from Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk reiterated to all the importance of reporting all issues with ASB to 101. • Seating scheme is an ongoing project which needs to be looked at in more detail, including locations and maintenance responsibilities. • Pigeon spikes and anti-climb paint has been installed on the containers to prevent the unauthorised access on to the Bowling Green. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
<p>RC/07/25 <u>Groundsman Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundsman stated that it had been a busy summer with a rise in ASB and litter at Shilo Recreation Ground. • Kev has now retired but has Brian on board and Barry is still helping when he can. • The Lane Recreation Ground hedges are due, Ross to arrange. • Ross stated that he will start the edging along the side of the driveway next month. • Ross stated that all sports pitches are improving year on year. The cricket square is going to take some time but now they have Paul helping it is looking better already, and the Bowling Green and all surrounding area looks fantastic. • Ross stated that he had hired the Village Hall and had a great night, well organised and would highly recommend to anyone. Please pass thanks to Natalie (Village Hall Manager). • Ross stated that he learning to repair machinery with help, which in turn should reduce the repairs bill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross to arrange • Ross to undertake driveway edging work

<p><u>RC/08/25 Reports from Awsworth Bowls Club</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Madden stated that they have had a successful season. • From the Open Day, there have been 13 new members (7 full members & 6 casual members). • This year they haven't been as good in the league, due to ensuring that everyone gets the chance to play, including new players. • Got to the finals of the Federation Cup but lost to Derby West End. • Ditch edgings are costing £2k and working to levelling up the green. • The Open Gala had 24 teams attending. • Tim wanted to thank the Parish Council for arranging the Family Fun Day. The Bowls Club benefitted financially and was good publicity. He stated that it was a shame that the other Sports Club were not involved. • Bowls Club are hoping to raise funds for a small extension to accommodate another toilet. This will be discussed in more detail at their AGM. • Cllr G Spencer thanked Tim for his hard work and commitment, especially to the green. 	
<p><u>RC/09/25 Reports from Awsworth Villa FC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk received the following report in the absence of AVFC representatives: • Awsworth Villa are now running 4 teams (AVFC 1st team - Saturday afternoons, AVFC reserves team - Saturday afternoons, AVFC Sundays - Sunday mornings, AVFC vets - Sunday afternoons), in an effort to provide as much football as possible to the local residents and all doing very well in their respective leagues. • We are still experiencing problems with rubbish and dog fouling on the pitch and so we have to check and clean before every game. • The dug out has now been repaired and is secure again. 	
<p><u>RC/10/25 Reports from Awsworth Cricket Club</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk received the following report in the absence of the AVCC representatives: • This season has been another successful year for the club, with the men's team winning the league for the second year in a row. We have also arranged a record number of friendlies, providing even more opportunities for new players to get involved. • The square is currently in the best condition it has been for many years, and we are keen to continue building on this progress. A special thank you goes to Andy Perkins for his invaluable help in repairing and maintaining the roller and mowers this year. • Looking ahead, we aim to build on this success by continuing to grow participation across all age groups especially junior cricket and ensuring the club remains at the heart of the local community. We are grateful for the ongoing support of players, volunteers, and the local residents. 	
<p><u>RC/11/25 ASB & Dog Fouling on Recreation Grounds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As previously discussed, the eco-friendly spray paint has now been provided to the resident to highlight the dog mess issue. • The Clerk continues to report issues to the Dog Warden and has requested more signage. • Dog mess bag stations have been installed at all entrances to Shilo Recreation Ground. • Anti-Social Behaviour has increased at Shilo Recreation Ground. It was agreed that there would be a post on Social Media to encourage everyone to report ASB issues to the Police via 101. • A discussion was held around looking at CCTV options for Shilo (Pavilion and Pocket Park). Clerk to contact CCTV companies. • Concerns have been raised about the number of E-Scooters and E-Bikes in the village and being used within the play area. It was agreed that we would install signage stating no E-Scooters or E-Bikes on the site. <p>Cllr L Ball arrives at 8.17pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to publish ASB post • Clerk to contact CCTV companies • Clerk to install signs
<p><u>RC/12/25 Items for information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk informed the Council of the dates the play area improvements work is scheduled to take place. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk stated that we need plants for the noticeboard planter. A discussion was had and it was agreed that Ross would get plants for the beds and planter. • Clerk stated that a new sleeper was needed for the bed edging. Ross stated that he would look at replacing this over winter. • Cllr G Spencer raised his ongoing concerns over the Skate ramp. A discussion held around the options for this, and it was agreed that Cllr G Spencer, Cllr M Smith, Ross, and Tim would meet to discuss options and Ross would undertake the work. <p>Tim Madden left the meeting at 8.49pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross to get plants • Ross to replace sleeper • Skate ramp repairs
<p>RC/13/25 <u>Items of confidentiality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An item of confidentiality was discussed. 	
<p>RC/14/25 <u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 17th February 2026 - TBC 	
<p>Chair thanked all councillors for their attendance and patience; he closed the meeting at 9 pm.</p>	