

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Awsworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd February 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 M Smith / Cllr C Sanderson / Cllr J Woodward / Cllr B Reynolds / Cllr D Pringle / H Holt (Clerk) / 11 members of the public

	Actions:
<p>CO/128/25 <u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Cllr I Gentry (Holiday) / Cllr L Ball (Holiday) / Cllr J Goold (other engagement) / Nottinghamshire Police (Police emergency)</p>	
<p>CO/129/25 <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 B Reynolds – Friends of Bennerley Viaduct</p>	
<p>CO/130/25 <u>Minutes for Approval</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, seconded Cllr L Parish, all in favour, 0 objections, 0 abstentions - accept minutes as a true record. 	
<p>CO/131/25 <u>Actions from Minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to residents of Attewell Road regarding the planters on Attewell project has been drafted. Will be finalised and sent within the next week. 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. There has been no update regarding the issue of the lack of use of 'The Lodge' on Main Street. Cllr D Pringle 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 reads the response from ViaEM regarding the poor condition of the road around the Gate Inn / Bridges Van Hire. It was agreed that this along with The Lane would be followed up, and again to request a site visit. It was previously agreed that Cllr L Ball would investigate the falling wall at Lawrence Ave. It was agreed that the Clerk would send pictures to Cllr D Pringle for him to follow this up with Broxtowe Planning. Cllr D Pringle confirmed that he had followed up the extremely large tree causing issues on Barlow Drive South and was awaiting a response. 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 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. A number of residents have complained about the number of large potholes on Bonners Lane. It was agreed that Cllr D Pringle would see if any action can be taken with Bonners Lane being unadopted. Clerk confirmed that the comments were submitted to comments regarding the planning application for 25/00914/FUL - Change of Use from Residential (Class C3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be looked at in more detail over the next few months. Cllr D Pringle to follow up Ongoing Ongoing Clerk to follow up Clerk to send pictures to DP / DP to follow up Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing DP to look if any action can be taken

to Children Home (Class C2): 22 Barlow Drive North Awsworth Nottinghamshire NG16 2RQ.	
Suspend Standing Orders for Agenda items CO/132/25, CO/133/25, CO/134/25, and CO/135/25 – Proposed Cllr J Woodward, Seconded Cllr A Perkins – All in Favour	
<p><u>CO/132/25 Public Participation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of Awsworth and Neighbours Residents Association (ANRA) stated that they had had a number of communications and meetings with the Parish Council so felt it was best for other members of the public to use this time to have their say. • 1 member of the public stated that the F1 unit was far too close to Bennerley Viaduct and the new Visitors Centre. He was concerned how the site would affect drainage and the wildlife, and the impact the increased traffic would have, having access off Shilo Way. • Member of the public stated that the development would have a major environmental impact, with many issues including increased litter from the staff and the potential of contaminants like hydraulic oil into the waterways. • A member of the public stated that the development would be abusing green belt land. • A member raised concerned over the loss of green belt land. • A member of the public stated that the units will be used for manufacturing rather than logistics, which is what is required via the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan (GNSP). • Another member of the public stated that another concern was that there are 2 separate planning applications, so feels that if they were committed to a Country Park then this would have been submitted as one plan with the development, but as it is a separate planning application there will be no guarantee that the County Park will happen. • The Parish Council thanked everyone for their comments and concerns. • The Parish Council stated that they are aware of the concerns and these will be raised as part of our response. • The Parish Council informed the meeting that the deadlines had been extended (25/00925/OUT – 11th February / 25/00936/FUL – 13th February) <p><i>CLARIFICATION – Since the meeting, the deadlines have been further extended to 25/00925/OUT – 13th March / 25/00936/FUL – 24th February</i></p>	
<p><u>CO/133/25 Police Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report received. • Clerk informed the Council that a resident who attended the last Beat Surgery, has taken our advice and has started reporting all incidents of ASB to 101, leading to a positive outcome, with parents being visited. • Clerk reiterated the importance of reporting all ASB and crime to the police. 	
<p><u>CO/134/25 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. • Clerk informed the Council that a resident had sent a number of emails to Cllr J Gould and had not had any response or acknowledgement. • Cllr J Mortimer stated that he had also contacted both County Councillors over a week ago and hadn't had a response or acknowledgement. • It was agreed that we would write to the leader of the County Council, copying in both County Councillors to raise our concerns and frustrations about the lack of attendance to meetings, and lack of response to their constituents - Proposed Cllr M Smith seconded Cllr C Sanderson – all in favour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to send letter
<p><u>CO/135/25 Borough Councillors Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk read the following report received from Cllr L Ball in her absence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I have been trying to get answers on 19 Sycamore Road. Someone from Broxtowe Planning has looked at the bungalow, and say there is no problem, 	

<p>so I suggest it be removed from the council agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barlow Drive South, legal involved, just have to leave that one see what the outcome is. - Planning Officer is looking at the wall on Lawrence Avenue, awaiting a response. - No update regarding the tree on Barlow Drive South, but Broxtowe now have a Tree Warden. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr D Pringle stated that the best way to report issues like potholes is via the MyNotts App. • Cllr D Pringle informed the meeting that the 2 major planning applications will be taken to Broxtowe Planning Committee, where members of the public are invited to speak, but do only have 3 minutes. Cllrs D Pringle and L Ball will also have the opportunity to speak for 15 minutes. • Cllr D Pringle stated that there are £50,000 worth of improvements being made along the Nottingham Canal from Awsworth to Trowell, with tree cutting and picnic areas being created, this may mean that some areas of the canal are temporarily closed whilst the work is being undertaken but should be completed by the end of March. • There is a policy overview on E-Bikes and E-Scooters, Cllr D Pringle stated that there needs to be more reports made to the police. • Cllr D Knell stated that he had heard that the trees were being cut back around the canals due to a woman being attacked. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Police to find out if any reports about this have been made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to contact the Police
<p>Reinstate Standing Orders – Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, Seconded Cllr L Parish – All in favour.</p>	
<p>CO/136/25 <u>Planning Applications</u></p>	
<p>25/00925/OUT: Outline planning application for the construction of up to 130,000m2 of B8, B2 and E(g)(iii) use class units, including site access and infrastructure, with all matters reserved apart from the details of vehicular access from Shilo Way and the A610</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lengthy discussion was held around the above planning application. • Cllr M Smith gave a brief history regarding the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan, the in-depth response to the GNSP consultation, recent correspondence, and meetings with ANRA and the leader of Broxtowe Borough Council. • Cllr B Reynolds raised a number of concerns about the application, including what net gain this would have for Awsworth, the impact to Bennerley Viaduct, light and noise pollution, traffic, will jobs actually be created and will the Country Park actually be completed and will it be worth losing all of the greenbelt land for. • Cllr M Smith stated that that as a collective the Parish Council discusses, takes a view, and decides how to respond to plans and proposals but this is often over a protracted period. Certainly, this is how plans such as the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan and Awsworth’s Neighbourhood Plan evolved. We must deal with what is in front of us. We can’t say ‘no’ to the strategic allocation at this stage. The submitted GNSP will be examined, which includes APC’s concerns being considered before the plan is approved, with modifications if necessary. • Members of the public, ANRA and the Parish Council now have an opportunity to respond to the 2 planning applications. • The Parish Council’s working with Harworth (including through the Neighbourhood Plan) has beneficially resulted in the Country Park proposal reaching application stage and crucially being tied to the employment proposals. We don’t consider this to be a ‘little’ country park, The fact of flood risk is not unusual when Country Parks are located along rivers, as is often the case. Of itself, this need not prevent the Country Park use. Furthermore, we should see the Country Park in conjunction with Bennerley Viaduct. • As regards the employment development the GNSP sets the framework within which planning applications can be made. Helpfully, the employment proposals and Country Park are now clearly linked. • Awsworth Parish Council also have concerns regarding the F1 unit, also that the 	

entrance off Shilo Way no being viable, which will be raised in our detailed response to the planning application.

- We have got to be pragmatic about the application, as we believe that it will happen, and if we fully oppose the application at this stage, there is a risk that we will lose the Country Park and our ability to influence from within.
- This is only an outline planning application, and if approved a detailed planning application will be submitted which will have to include details regarding materials used, size and style of units etc.
- It was agreed that the detailed response to the application will be circulated and agreed by all Councillors via email, but that we support the planning application in principle – Proposed Cllr J Mortimer, seconded Cllr C Sanderson – 8 in favour, 3 against.
- Cllr B Reynolds proposed that the individual votes can be included in the minutes – 4 in favour, 6 against, 1 abstention.

- Detailed response to be circulated via email
- Clerk to submit response

2 members of the public and Cllr D Pringle left the meeting at 9.09pm.

25/00936/FUL: Change of use to a County Park

- A discussion was held around the above planning application.
- Cllr B Reynolds stated that he feels that more boardwalks are needed in other areas of the country park and had ideas to mitigate the flooding. It was agreed that Cllr B Reynolds would circulate these ideas to all Councillors via email to be included in our detailed response.
- Cllr M Smith stated that the plans do not show the 3 lagoons which are currently on the site which are home to the Great Crested Newts. Cllr M Smith to identify these in our detailed response to the planning application.
- It was agreed that the detailed response to the application will be circulated and agreed by all Councillors via email, but that we support the planning application – Proposed Cllr M Perkins, seconded Cllr A Perkins – all in favour.

- Cllr B Reynolds to circulate ideas to be included in response
- Detailed response to be circulated via email
- Clerk to submit response

4 members of the public left the meeting at 9.16pm.

CO/137/25 Accounts for Payment

AWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - Accounts for Payment

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAILS	NET	VAT	GROSS
DD	Everflow	Water for site	£153.40	£0.00	£153.40
DD	Virgin Media	Landline & Broadband	£53.19	£10.64	£63.83
DD	Hygienex	Sanitary Bins	£26.16	£5.23	£31.39
DD	PEAC Finance	Photocopier rental (March - May)	£140.00	£28.00	£168.00
BACS	Hayley Holt	Expenses for January (inc Mobile phone, new Xmas lights & rechargeable batteries for 2026 Xmas events	£59.71	£11.95	£71.66
BACS	Max Taylor Design	Final instalment for website design/development	£160.00	£32.00	£192.00

BACS	Greener Landscaping	Christmas tree lights up & down / removal of Xmas tree	£220.00	£0.00	£220.00
BACS	Greener Landscaping	Repairs and relay of path at Shilo	£180.00	£0.00	£180.00
BACS	Greener Landscaping	Pothole repairs in car park	£80.00	£0.00	£80.00
BACS	Greener Landscaping	Installation of bin base at Pocket Park	£94.00	£0.00	£94.00
BACS	Greener Landscaping	Removal of broken slabs and creating new foot base in front of benches on the Rec	£342.00	£0.00	£342.00
BACS	Greener Landscaping	Perennial Plants for Noticeboard planter	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
BACS	Staffing Costs (Inc Staff, Contractors, NI, Tax, Pension)	January Staffing Costs	£4,181.38	£0.00	£4,181.38
BACS	Hayley Holt	Emergency Plumber for Sports Pavilion leak	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00
BACS	Plumbing Force	Repairs, re-routing pipework, installation of isolation for showers - Sports Pavilion	£5,640.00	£1,128.00	£6,768.00
BACS	Wicksteed Leisure	Annual Safety Inspections	£342.00	£68.40	£410.40
BACS	Mr Christmas Tree	Supply & Installation of Xmas tree	£416.67	£83.33	£500.00
BACS	Notts ALC	Annual Membership	£555.47	£0.00	£555.47

£12,833.98 £1,397.55 £14,231.53

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

Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December 2025

£49,310.46 bank statement balance
£49,310.46 Balance per Cash Book

Bank Reconciliation as at 31st January 2026:

£45,947.32 bank statement balance
£45,947.32 Balance per Cash Book

<p>BUDGET: £92,299 EXPENDITURE YTD (31.01.2026) : £94,433 RESERVES USED: £2,134</p> <p>Q3 VAT Return received on 08.01.2026: £7,534.25</p>	
<p>CO/138/25 <u>Approve the proposed 2025/2027 precept</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committees <u>recommended</u> budget and precept for 2026/27 proposed is £98,002, representing an increase of 2.49% to residents from the current year budget (2025/26). • Proposed Cllr J Woodward, second Cllr L Parish – All in favour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to submit precept to BBC • Upload outline precept to website.
<p>CO/139/25 <u>Neighbourhood Plan Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	
<p>CO/140/25 <u>Councillors Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
<p>CO/141/25 <u>Items for Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. <p>5 members of the public left the meeting at 9.20pm</p>	
<p>CO/142/25 <u>Items of Confidentiality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An item of confidentiality was discussed. 	
<p>CO/143/25 <u>Date of next meeting(s)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Committee Meeting – Tuesday 17th February 2026 • Full Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 3rd March 2026 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair thanked all councillors for their attendance and patience; he closed the meeting at 9.30pm 	