

**Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Awsworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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 M Smith / Cllr D Knell / Cllr J Mortimer / Cllr A Perkins / Cllr M Perkins / Cllr R Paxton / Cllr J Woodward / Cllr B Reynolds / Cllr I Gentry / Cllr L Ball / Cllr D Pringle / H Holt (Clerk) / 9 members of the public / PC Gerard Masaoy (Nottinghamshire Police) / PCSO Anthony Davies (Nottinghamshire Police)

	<b>Actions:</b>
<p><b>CO/144/25 <u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>Cllr L Parish (Holiday) / Cllr C Sanderson (Illness) / Cllr J Goold (no apologies)</p>	
<p><b>CO/145/25 <u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>Cllr G Spencer – Awsworth Bowls Club &amp; Awsworth Village Hall / Cllr J Mortimer – Awsworth Village Hall / Cllr A Perkins – Awsworth Bowls Club &amp; Kimberley Scout Group / Cllr M Perkins - Awsworth Bowls Club / Cllr R Paxton – Awsworth Village Hall / Cllr B Reynolds – Friends of Bennerley Viaduct / Cllr I Gentry – Awsworth Bowls Club / Cllr L Ball – Awsworth Village Cricket Club, Awsworth Produce Association and Awsworth Villa FC</p>	
<p><b>CO/146/25 <u>Minutes for Approval</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed Cllr A Perkins, seconded Cllr D Knell, all in favour, 0 objections, 2 abstentions - accept minutes as a true record.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>CO/147/25 <u>Actions from Minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Cllr D Pringle stated that he had spoken to Broxtowe regarding the lack of use of 'The Lodge' on Main Street. Broxtowe asked what Awsworth Parish Council would want it to be used for? It was agreed that APC would discuss this in more detail at the next meeting.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Clerk informed the Council that she had visited the resident who has had his wall knocked over many times and discussed his thoughts on potential solutions. It was agreed that I would try and get a site visit with ViaEM and he would be happy to meet with them.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Cllr D Pringle stated that Broxtowe have attended Barlow Drive South to view the extremely large tree causing issues, but as the tree is in a private garden there isn't much that can be done. They have agreed to send an arborist to assess if it is safe. Cllr D Pringle to update at next meeting.</li> <li>Cllr M Smith updated the Council on the new Village Gateway Signs progress. Avant Homes have confirmed they will contribute £1500 towards the signs, and we have had a quote for approx. £800 for installations costs. Once we know if we have been successful with the Broxtowe Grant Aid, we will then place the order.</li> <li>Cllr M Smith stated that he will draft a letter to go along with the hard copy Neighbourhood Plans for the libraries etc.</li> <li>Clerk confirmed that she hadn't as yet contacted the skate ramp company they are using to discuss our options.</li> <li>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. Cllr D Pringle stated that APC need to produce a plan as previously discussed with ViaEM. Cllr G Spencer stated that this still doesn't resolve the issues with the potholes, as they need filling ASAP.</li> <li>Clerk confirmed that the letter to the leader of the County Council, copying in both County Councillors to raise our concerns and frustrations about the lack of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be looked at in more detail over the next few months.</li> <li>Clerk to add to next agenda</li> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>DP to update at next meeting</li> <li>Update at next meeting</li> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>

<p>attendance to meetings, and lack of response to their constituents had been sent. Awaiting a response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr D Knell stated that he had heard that the trees were being cut back around the canals due to a woman being attacked. The Clerk confirmed that the Police had not received any reports on this, the Police agreed to look into this and agreed they would undertake some bicycle patrols along the canal.</li> <li>• Final detailed responses to both planning applications would be circulated to all Councillors with enough time for all Councillors to review and comment. Clerk will submit final agreed responses to Broxtowe.</li> <li>• Clerk confirmed that the precept had been submitted to Broxtowe Borough Council and outline precept document had been upload to the website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police to look in to</li> <li>• Final response to be circulated and submitted</li> </ul>
<p><b>Suspend Standing Orders for Agenda items CO/148/25, CO/149/25, CO/150/25, and CO/152/25 – Proposed Cllr J Woodward, Seconded Cllr I Gentry – All in Favour</b></p>	
<p><b>CO/148/25 <u>Public Participation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awsworth &amp; Neighbours Residents Association (ANRA) made a speech to the meeting.</li> <li>• A resident stated that another planning application for more units on the A610 had also been submitted to Broxtowe and questioned how we would deal with all of the additional traffic.</li> <li>• Another resident passed around images of the size of the units and raised her concerns about the destruction of landscape and views.</li> <li>• The Parish Council stated that a resolution cannot be reversed within six months, except by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least 2 Councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with Standing Order 9.</li> <li>• ANRA informed the Council that the planning application deadline had been extended until 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Clerk to follow up with Broxtowe’s Planning Department.</li> </ul> <p>8.13pm 3 members of the public left the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>CO/149/25 <u>Police Matters</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The police provided a crime stats report for Awsworth for the past 30 days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 15 reports, including 8 road related, 3 road traffic collisions, 1 Anti-social behaviour, and 1 theft other.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We need to encourage reports of illegal bikes to the police. Without the reports and intel, the Off-road bike team will not visit the area.</li> </ul> <p>8.16pm PC G Masaoy, PCSO A Davies and 2 members of the public left the meeting</p>	
<p><b>CO/150/25 <u>County Councillors Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No County Councillors in attendance or report received.</li> <li>• Clerk informed the Council that she had written to the Senior District Highway Manager and Councillor Goold asking for a site visit to be able to go through all of the highway’s issues we have, as they are not being dealt with. Clerk read the response from ViaEM asking for the issues to be detailed in an email.</li> <li>• Clerk asked the Council if they could provide any highways issues so they can all be covered in the response.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>CO/151/25 <u>Borough Councillors Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr L Ball stated that she had been away on holiday so didn’t have much to report.</li> <li>• Cllr D Pringle stated that a resident had contacted him regarding drainage issues following no action for over a year. Cllr D Pringle confirmed that this is on hand and that it is too wet for the machine to access the land at present.</li> <li>• Cllr D Pringle stated that the canal footpath improvements work finished last week and unfortunately bikes have already churned some parts of the footpaths up.</li> </ul> <p>8.30pm 4 members of the public left the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Reinstate Standing Orders – Proposed Cllr I Gentry, Seconded Cllr J Woodward – All in favour.</b></p>	

**CO/152/25 Planning Applications**

- 26/00101/VOC - A discussion was held around the planning application. It was agreed that due to past retrospective planning applications there were concerns that if permitted developments restrictions were lifted, there were risks that unlimited building would take place. It was agreed to ask for this application to be taken to committee due to the concerns raised and the application being on greenbelt. – Proposed Cllr G Spencer, seconded Cllr A Perkins – all in favour.

- DP to request to be taken to committee
- Clerk to submit response

8.40pm Cllr D Pringle left the meeting

**CO/153/25 Accounts for Payment****AWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - Accounts for Payment**

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAILS	NET	VAT	GROSS
DD	Verisure	Alarm Maintenance (Feb)	£60.58	£12.12	£72.70
DD	Verisure	Alarm Maintenance (March)	£60.58	£12.12	£72.70
DD	SSE	Office electricity December	£90.91	£4.55	£95.46
DD	Everflow	Water for site	£183.65	£0.00	£183.65
DD	Virgin Media	Landline & Broadband	£49.56	£9.91	£59.47
DD	Hygienex	Sanitary Bins	£26.16	£5.23	£31.39
BACS	Awsorth Village Hall	Sports Pavilion electricity Dec & January	£285.25	£0.00	£285.25
BACS	Plumbing Force	Waste collection from Shower repairs	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
BACS	Max Taylor Design	1 month website retainer	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
BACS	OHEAP	Annual Fire extinguisher service	£119.20	£23.84	£143.04
BACS	Huws Gray	4 tonnes of limestone for Shilo Path, ballast and cement for bin base on pocket park, stone subbase for benches on The Rec	£202.36	£40.48	£242.84
BACS	Moorleys Print & Publishing Ltd	Welcome to Awsorth leaflet printing	£240.00	£0.00	£240.00
BACS	Hayley Holt	Expenses (Mobile phone and 2 combination locks for site)	£34.78	£6.96	£41.74

BACS	Staffing Costs (Inc Staff, Contractors, NI, Tax, Pension)	February Staffing Costs	£2,455.96	£0.00	£2,455.96	
BACS	Hayley Holt	Expenses (Annual Garden bin subscription for site & gov.uk domain name renewal)	£210.00	£5.00	£215.00	
			<b>£4,378.99</b>	<b>£192.21</b>	<b>£4,571.20</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve accounts for payment – Proposed Cllr J Woodward, Seconded Cllr L Ball - all in favour.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bank Reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026:</b>  £45,947.32 bank statement balance  <b>£45,947.32 Balance per Cash Book</b></p> <p><b>Bank Reconciliation as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>  £37,203.48 bank statement balance  <b>£37,203.48 Balance per Cash Book</b></p> <p><b>BUDGET: £92,299</b>  <b>EXPENDITURE YTD (28.02.2026) : £102,817</b>  <b>RESERVES USED: £10,518</b></p>						
<b>CO/154/25 <u>Appoint Internal Auditor for Year ending 31.03.2026</u></b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed to appoint the Independent Auditor, David Dixon as our Internal Auditor for year ending 31st March 2026 – proposed Cllr J Woodward, seconded Cllr M Smith – All in favour.</li> </ul>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to contact Auditor</li> </ul>
<b>CO/155/25 <u>Neighbourhood Plan Update</u></b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report.</li> </ul>						
<b>CO/156/25 <u>Councillors Reports</u></b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A discussion was held around the Local Government Reorganisation, and it was agreed that we would respond with 'Strongly Disagree' to all statements. Clerk to draft a response for the text box section to include our concerns regarding the reorganisation, to be circulated to all Councillors via email – proposed Cllr A Perkins, seconded Cllr G Spencer – all in favour.</li> <li>To review and re-adopt Awsworth Parish Council's Code of Conduct – Proposed Cllr G Spencer, seconded Cllr M Perkins – all in favour.</li> <li>Following the discussion at the latest Recreation Committee meeting it was agreed to amend the current Annual Grants Procedure, a discussion was held around the details of this, and it was agreed to amend – Proposed Cllr G Spencer, seconded Cllr J Woodward – all in favour.</li> </ul>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to draft response</li> <li>Clerk to submit response</li> <li>Clerk to publish both documents</li> </ul>
<b>CO/157/25 <u>Items for Information</u></b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk continues to undertake regular checks of the defibrillators. and a new battery has been installed in the Shilo Defibrillator.</li> <li>Clerk completed the February accounts and bank reconciliation.</li> <li>Clerk has prepared for and attended the Recreation Committee Meeting.</li> <li>Clerk has submitted the 2026/2027 precept to Broxtowe Borough Council and has published on our website.</li> <li>Following various correspondence from Accessibility Matters, the Clerk has complied responses and done further research.</li> </ul>						

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk has drafted 2026 events poster and Bargain Trail Poster.</li> <li>• Welcome to Awwsworth Brochure has been printed and will need to be delivered to all houses in the village. Volunteers are needed, and all need to be delivered w/c 16<sup>th</sup> March – RP, JM, BR, AP, MP, IG offered to help.</li> <li>• Clerk has finalised and hand delivered letters to the residents of Attewell Road regarding the Awwsworth in Bloom project on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Only 1 resident has responded so far, so we need to discuss how to move forward with this.</li> <li>• Clerk has received a number of complaints regarding the amount of mud along Newtons Lane from the Bennerley View site, these have been passed to Avant Homes.</li> <li>• Various communication regarding the planning applications, including liaising with Broxtowe Borough Council regarding deadlines.</li> <li>• Costings relating to the new Village gateway signs have been finalised and sent to Avant Home and Broxtowe Borough Council for grant aid support, which will hopefully be discussed at the March Cabinet meeting. Avant Homes have kindly offered to contribute £1500 towards the gateway signs. Thanks to Cllr M Smith for his hard work on this.</li> <li>• Clerk has met with CCTV company to discuss CCTV at Shilo Recreation Ground due to the increase of ASB and dog fouling. Cllr J Doddy has kindly offered to contribute £1000 towards this as part of the Councillor Divisional Fund.</li> <li>• Clerk has been ensuring that updates are made on the website. She has also included all AVFC and Cricket Club home matches on to the events page.</li> <li>• A car reversed into the Village Hall Car park floodlight, knocking this down beyond repair. The lights work, but we need a new pole installing and the lights reattaching. Clerk asked all Parish Councillors to contact the Clerk with any companies and contractors that may be able to help.</li> <li>• Due to the cold weather and water leak, the doors in the pavilion have all swollen. Clerk has asked if any Councillors could help sand these down. Cllr I Gentry offered to help.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>CO/158/25 <u>Items of Confidentiality</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No items of confidentiality were discussed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>CO/159/25 <u>Date of next meeting(s)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events Committee Meeting – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026</li> <li>• Full Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair thanked all councillors for their attendance and patience; he closed the meeting at 9.25pm</b></li> </ul>	