

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Awsworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th April 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 B Reynolds / Cllr I Gentry / Cllr L Parish / Cllr L Ball / H Holt (Clerk) / 0 members of the public

	Actions:
<p>CO/160/25 <u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Cllr J Woodward (Holiday) / Cllr C Sanderson (Illness) / Cllr D Pringle (Holiday) / Cllr J Goold (another meeting) / Nottinghamshire Police (no apologies)</p>	
<p>CO/161/25 <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 / Cllr I Gentry – Awsworth Bowls Club / Cllr L Ball – Awsworth Village Cricket Club, Awsworth Produce Association and Awsworth Villa FC</p>	
<p>CO/162/25 <u>Minutes for Approval</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Cllr I Gentry, seconded Cllr M Perkins, all in favour, 0 objections, 1 abstention - accept minutes as a true record. 	
<p>CO/163/25 <u>Actions from Minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk confirmed that the proposal to be put forward to Notts County Council Highways department regarding Bonners Lane and traffic calming along The Lane need to be looked at closely, this will take a lot of work and will require support from other outside agencies. It was agreed that we would have a site visit in June to discuss our ideas and then meet to collate the plan. • Clerk confirmed that all Parish Councillors are now using their gov.uk email addresses. • It was previously agreed that Cllr L Ball would investigate the falling wall at Lawrence Ave. Broxtowe Planning have stated that they are not getting involved. Cllr D Knell stated that he had spoken to the owner who has concerns that someone will get hurt. It was agreed that as we share the same concerns, we would write to the owner raising our concerns and asking them to make the wall safe and secure. • Cllr D Pringle previously 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. There was no further update. • Clerk confirmed that the Gateway signs had been ordered and contractor to install had been arranged, along with the licence from ViaEM. Clerk passed on her thanks to Cllr M Smith and thanks from Cossall Parish Council. • Cllr M Smith stated that he will draft a letter to go along with the hard copy Neighbourhood Plans for the libraries etc. • 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. Cllr G Spencer stated that the potholes need filling ASAP. Clerk to contact Bridleway team. • 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 attendance to meetings, and lack of response to their constituents had been sent. County Cllr J Goold rang but unfortunately the Clerk missed the call. • Cllr L Ball stated that the County Cllrs had a site visit in Awsworth and asked Cllr Ball which roads needed attention. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact them to thank them for attending Awsworth, and to ask that the Clerk is informed of any future site visits to ensure we are available to meet with them to discuss the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to arrange site visit in June • Clerk to send letter • Ongoing • Update to be provided at next mtg • Ongoing • Ongoing • Clerk to contact ViaEM • Clerk to email County Cllrs

<p>ongoing issues, and to also ask for an update from the site visit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regards to the alleged attack on the canal, the Police agreed to look into this and agreed they would undertake some bicycle patrols along the canal, no update had been provided. • Clerk confirmed that all final responses to Planning applications at Bennerley had been submitted to Broxtowe. • Clerk confirmed response to 26/00101/VOC planning application had been submitted. • Clerk confirmed Independent Auditor, David Dixon had been appointed, and the year-end accounts were being collected 27th April. • Clerk confirmed our response to the Local Government Reorganisation had been submitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
<p>Suspend Standing Orders for Agenda items CO/164/25, CO/165/25, CO/166/25, and CO/167/25 – Proposed Cllr M Perkins, Seconded Cllr L Parish – All in Favour</p>	
<p>CO/164/25 <u>Public Participation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident had contacted the Clerk before the meeting to ask if we would consider putting a white line and the word STOP at the end of the driveway as many drivers pull out without considering pedestrians walking along the footpath. A discussion was held and it was agreed that a 'STOP, Pedestrians Crossing' sign would be more visible. Clerk to get quotes. • A resident had contacted the Clerk before the meeting to raise a complaint about the condition of Footpath no21. Clerk reported the issue via MyNotts app and had a response stating that this was not the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council. Clerk to follow up. • Cllr D Knell raised his concerns over the amount of rubbish and reports of rats at the Lawrence Avenue shops and flats. A discussion was held around this, and it was agreed that Cllr L Ball would take this to Environmental Health. • Cllr B Reynolds asked if the information boards on Shilo Recreation could be repaired. A discussion was held and it was agreed that Cllrs M Smith and D Knell would see if they were able to clean them, and if not, we could arrange for new Perspex to be installed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to get quotes • Cllr L Ball to take to Env Health • MS/DK to look at the info boards
<p>CO/165/25 <u>Police Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Police in attendance or report received. • Cllr D Knell stated that he wanted to ask the Police what age are you able to ride a Quad bike on the road. There are children who regularly ride a quad bike around the Village on the road without a helmet. Clerk stated that as this is a safety concern, it should be reported to 101. • Cllr M Smith highlighted the increase of Off-Road bike activity and that it is vital that we report to 101. Clerk suggested reporting to 101 online if you are not able to report at the time of the incident, that way there will still be a record of the date, time, and details in the system. 	
<p>CO/166/25 <u>County Councillors Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No County Councillor in attendance or report received. 	
<p>CO/167/25 <u>Borough Councillors Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr L Ball stated that she had attended both Cossall and Trowell Parish Council meetings and the Broxtowe planning meeting. • A discussion was held around what 'The Lodge' on Main Street could be used for. It was agreed that it should be able to be used by the residents, like it used to be. Reinstate a 'Residents Group', and hold Bingo Nights, memory café etc. • It was agreed that we would need to arrange a site visit to see what facilities the building had and what condition the building was in with it not being used for a number of years. • It was agreed that we could do a survey asking what ideas residents have, focussing on that area, especially for those who are unable to get to events/classes at the Village Hall, Youth Club building etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to contact BBC to request a site visit
<p>Reinstate Standing Orders – Proposed Cllr J Mortimer, Seconded Cllr L Parish – All</p>	

in favour.

CO/168/25 Planning Applications

- 26/00160/FUL – Single storey side extension. A discussion was held around the planning application, and it was agreed that the Council have no objections and support the planning application, proposed Cllr A Perkins, seconded Cllr I Gentry – all in favour, 1 abstention.

- Clerk to respond

CO/169/25 Accounts for Payment

AWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - Accounts for Payment

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAILS	NET	VAT	GROSS
DD	Hygienex	Sanitary Bins	£26.16	£5.23	£31.39
DD	Verisure	Alarm Maintenance for April	£60.58	£12.12	£72.70
DD	Virgin Media	Landline & Broadband	£49.56	£9.91	£59.47
DD	SBS	Photocopies (Nov to Jan)	£19.32	£3.86	£23.18
BACS	1st Awsworth Brownies	Refund sports pav room hire for 2 weeks of March	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
BACS	MDG Electrical & Property Services	Install car park floodlights and cabling	£165.00	£0.00	£165.00
BACS	Hayes & Sons Construction Ltd	Erect new lamp post in car park	£176.82	£35.36	£212.18
BACS	Power & Plumb	New Lamp Post column & spigot bracket for car park	£453.70	£90.74	£544.44
BACS	Codnor Horticultural Supplies Limited	Start of Season treatment for Bowls green (bowls to repay)	£370.50	£42.90	£413.40
BACS	Staffing Costs (Inc Staff, Contractors, NI, Tax, Pension)	March Staffing Costs	£3,814.16	£0.00	£3,814.16
BACS	Graham Spencer	Memory plaque for Gordon Humphrey	£16.21	£3.24	£19.45
BACS	Hayley Holt	Expenses for March (Inc work mobile phone, 10 disposable dehumidifiers, Dehumidifier for Sports Pav	£142.28	£28.46	£170.74
BACS	Max Taylor Design	Website retainer - March	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
BACS	Max Taylor Design	Annual renewal of Microsoft 365 licence for gov.uk emails x 14	£1,217.86	£243.57	£1,461.43
BACS	Hayley Holt	Mould remover/prevention kit & Anti-mould paint for sports pavilion	£56.20	£11.24	£67.44

BACS	Property Solutions	Repairs to shower walls following leak (supply & Fit all materials)	£1,400.00	£280.00	£1,680.00	
BACS	PETTY CASH	Petty Cash Claim (Sept to March)	£40.61	£4.60	£45.21	
			£8,093.96	£783.23	£8,877.19	
<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 28th February 2026 £37,203.48 bank statement balance £37,203.48 Balance per Cash Book</p> <p>Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2026: £29,658.48 bank statement balance £29,658.48 Balance per Cash Book</p> <p>BUDGET: £92,299 EXPENDITURE YTD (31.03.2026) : £110,841 RESERVES USED: £18,542</p>						
<p>CO/170/25 Neighbourhood Plan Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to both the Employment development and Country Park planning applications had been made, making references to Awsworth’s Neighbourhood Plan. 						
<p>CO/171/25 Councillors Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Events Committee provided the following update to the Full Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Events Committee decided to postpone the Awsworth in Bloom event, which was scheduled for 21st March, due to lack of response. It was agreed to potentially combine the Awsworth In Bloom event with the Let’s keep Awsworth Clean and tidy event scheduled for 20th June, with 1 group focussing on the Awsworth in Bloom project and another group undertaking general litter pick around the village. Residents of Attewell would prefer a Sunday, but with 21st June being Father’s day, suggesting 7th June. Bargain Trail – 4th May: The event has been advertised, and we have had a few stalls register interest. Clerk will continue to promote the event. Clerk will create a trail map, which will be uploaded to Facebook and website. Clerk will be working on the day, visiting all stalls, taking pictures, and promoting the event. Family Fun Day – 12th September: The Events Committee have agreed to get inflatables and soft play like last year (4 items, including Inflatable slide, Inflatable assault course, Unclimbable ladder, and soft play) with 2 men manning them. We are also going to try to get Police Car/Fire Engine/Ambulance/Armed forces. All Clubs/Organisations will be invited: (Scouts, Brownies, AVFC, Cricket Club, Bowls Club, School, Youth Club, Church, AVH users) and stall holders will be welcome (£10 per table, must provide own gazebo). Clerk will invite the Ice Cream Van and ask Bowls Club to do hot food and AVH to do bar. It was agreed to get 2 security guards again like last year. A discussion was held around the Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document Consultation, and it was decided that we agree with the proposed changes – proposed Cllr M Smith, seconded Cllr I Gentry – All in favour. 						
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to respond

CO/172/25 Items for Information

- Clerk continues to undertake regular checks of the defibrillators.
- Clerk has prepared for and attended the Events Committee Meeting and has prepared an update for the Council.
- Clerk collated the Welcome to Awsworth leaflets, and they have now been delivered to all houses in the village. Thank you to everyone who took time to help deliver these.
- Due to lack of response from the residents of Attewell Road regarding the Awsworth in Bloom project on 21st March, the Events Committee agreed to postpone this event. Clerk has been liaising with the residents to try to move this forward.
- Various issues with the Sports Pavilion. Clerk has met with various contractors, and the relevant work has been undertaken.
- Memorial plaque for Gordon Humphrey has been installed on the memorial bench in the VH front.
- A car reversed into the car park lamp post, knocking the floodlights off. Luckily, the floodlights still work. Clerk arranged for new lamp post column and bracket to be delivered and installed.
- Clerk responded to various planning applications, including both Bennerley site planning applications.
- Clerk assisted Cllr L Ball to set up gov.uk email address.
- Clerk has reported footpath 21 as being extremely muddy and inaccessible for most users. ViaEM stated that this is not their responsibility and has passed to Broxtowe Borough Council.
- Clerk has advertised 'Awsworth's Bargain Trail' event. There has been some interest in the event, Clerk to continue to advertise and prepare for the event.
- Clerk has been liaising with the Highways Officer at ViaEM re: obstruction issues on Barlow Drive North. Clerk sent up to date pictures and has asked to be kept informed.
- In the high winds a large tree fell blocking the entrance to the bottom car park. Unfortunately, getting this removed has been an issue. Thanks to volunteers and residents who helped move the tree, make the area safe and disposed of the wood.
- Clerk received a query regarding the state of the information boards around Shilo Recreation Ground. Clerk has sent a number of emails to various people, and unfortunately repairing or replacing these will fall with Awsworth Parish Council.
- There have been a few issues with the new Noticeboard on the Village Hall front. Clerk has reported these issues to the supplier, who have had the quality control team assess the noticeboard and have agreed to fully replace and install.
- Clerk has been working closely with Cllr M Smith with regards to the new Village gateway signs. The relevant licence from Notts County Council Highways has been arranged, and Avant Home have confirmed a contribution of £1500, and the Broxtowe Borough Council grant aid claim has also been successful, being awarded £1,764. Clerk has placed the order and has arranged the Contractor to fit all 3 signs. Thanks to Cllr M Smith for his hard work on this.
- Clerk sent draft comments to the Local Government Review consultation to all Councillors and submitted agreed response by the deadline.
- The Clerk has completed and submitted the Outputs and Outcomes report to the UKSPF follow the successful application and completion of the project.
- Clerk has been ensuring that updates are made on the website.
- Clerk completed the March accounts and bank reconciliation.
- Clerk completed and submitted the Q4 VAT return for £2453.12
- Clerk has started working on the Year End accounts.
- Clerk has spent time liaising with NALC and collating information for the Freedom of Information request and Formal Complaint.

CO/173/25 Items of Confidentiality

- The Clerk provided an update with regards to the Freedom of Information request and a discussion was held. Clerk to respond to the FOI within the deadline – proposed Cllr I Gentry, seconded Cllr L Parish – all in favour.

- Clerk to respond

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk provided a copy of the draft response to the Formal Complaint. It was agreed that the complaint had be investigated and the letter responds to all questions raised – proposed Cllr J Mortimer, seconded Cllr A Perkins – all in favour. • A discussion was held around the Annual Building Inspections. It was agreed that no members of the Bowls Club would undertake the Bowls Pavilion inspection, and that no members of the Village Hall Management Committee would undertake the Village Hall inspection. Cllr A Perkins is happy to undertake the Village Hall and Slaney Brothers Pavilion inspections. • Tim Madden to undertake the Youth Club Building Inspection on behalf of Awsworth Parish Council as he is impartial and has knowledge of the building. • Clerk to make the arrangements for all building Inspections over the coming months. • A discussion was held around publishing all APC responses to the latest planning applications for the Bennerley Site and also the Local Government Review, for transparency and to avoid misinformation. Proposed Cllr B Reynolds, seconded Cllr A Perkins – all in favour. Clerk to publish on website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to respond • Clerk to make Building Inspection arrangements over the coming months • Clerk to publish on website
<p>CO/174/25 <u>Date of next meeting(s)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 21st April 2026 • Annual Council Meeting – Tuesday 5th May 2026 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair thanked all councillors for their attendance and patience; he closed the meeting at 9.34pm 	