

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Awsworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd June 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 L Parish / Cllr L Ball / Cllr J Woodward / Cllr C Sanderson / H Holt (Clerk) / 0 members of the public

	Actions:
CO/020/26 <u>Apologies for absence</u> Cllr I Gentry / Cllr D Pringle (BBC Cabinet Mtg) / Cllr J Goold (prior engagement) / Nottinghamshire Police (off duty)	
CO/021/26 <u>Declarations of Interest</u> 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 & Awsworth & Neighbours Residents Association / Cllr L Ball – Awsworth Village Cricket Club, Awsworth Produce Association and Awsworth Villa FC	
CO/020/26 <u>Minutes for Approval</u> Proposed Cllr L Parish, seconded Cllr C Sanderson, all in favour, 0 objections, 1 abstention - accept minutes as a true record.	
CO/023/26 <u>Actions from Minutes of the last meeting</u> - 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 she has written to the owner raising our concerns regarding the fallen wall at Lawrence Ave but had not had a response as yet. - 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. It was agreed that the Clerk would take this back on and contact the new Tree Inspector at Broxtowe. - Clerk confirmed that the Gateway signs had been installed and all monies had been received. - Clerk confirmed that the letters to go along with the hard copy Neighbourhood Plans for the libraries etc had been drafted and will be being sent this week. - Clerk confirmed that she hadn't as yet contacted the skate ramp company they are using to discuss our options. This will be done over the summer recess. - Clerk confirmed that she had emailed a number of contacts to try to get the potholes filled on Bonners Lane, but to no avail. Clerk to continue to try. - Clerk confirmed that she had yet been in contact with the County Councillors 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 ongoing issues, and to also ask for an update from the site visit. - Clerk confirmed that she had found a number of 'STOP, Pedestrians Crossing' signs costing approx. £50 but needs some advice as to how to fit. Cllr G Spencer agreed to look at this with the Clerk. It was agreed for the Clerk to go ahead and make the purchase. - Cllr L Ball confirmed she had raised the concerns regarding the amount of rubbish and reports of rats at the Lawrence Avenue shops and flats to Environmental Health but had not received any response as yet. Cllr L Ball to chase and update at next meeting. - Cllr D Knell had kindly been and cleaned both information boards on Shilo Recreation, but the Clerk stated when she visited there had been some writing on	- Ongoing - Ongoing - Clerk to contact BBC - Ongoing - Ongoing - Ongoing - Ongoing - Ongoing - Ongoing - Ongoing

them. Cllrs M Smith and D Knell confirmed that they would be visiting Shilo this week to see if they were able to clean off the writing and to see if the Perspex can be taken out to be replaced. • Clerk confirmed that she had sent an email to various contacts at Broxtowe Borough Council regarding 'The Lodge' on Main Street asking for 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 but had not had any response. It was agreed that in the meantime we could create a survey for the members of the Main Street flats asking if they would use it and what they would like to see the building used for and what activities they would attend. Clerk to draft and Cllrs M Smith & G Spencer to hand deliver and speak to residents. • Clerk confirmed that all of the building Inspections had been booked. • Clerk confirmed that she had reported the overgrown hedge on the corner of Barlow Drive South and Tulip Road and had been told that the resident had been asked to cut it back, but the Clerk had not been to look to see if it had been undertaken.	• Clerk to continue to chase BBC • Clerk to draft survey
Suspend Standing Orders for Agenda items CO/024/26, CO/025/26, CO/026/26, and CO/027/26 – Proposed Cllr J Woodward, Seconded Cllr M Perkins – All in Favour	
CO/024/26 <u>Public Participation</u> • No members of the public in attendance.	
CO/025/26 <u>Police Matters</u> • No police in attendance or report received. • Clerk updated the Council on the number of ASB issues on The Recreation Ground and Village Hall. Clerk confirmed that names and details have been passed to the Police and both Awsworth Primary and The Kimberley School. • Cllr M Smith stated that he had reported Off-road bikers a couple of times throughout May and encouraged others to do the same. • Cllr G Spencer asked the Clerk to report the family who are riding around on e-scooters to the Police.	
CO/026/26 <u>County Councillors Report</u> • No County Councillors in attendance or reports received.	
CO/027/26 <u>Borough Councillors Report</u> • Cllr L Ball stated that she didn't have anything to report to the Council.	
Reinstate Standing Orders – Proposed Cllr J Mortimer, Seconded Cllr A Perkins – All in favour.	
CO/028/26 <u>Planning Applications</u> • 26/00311/PIP – a discussion was held around this application, and the following concerns were raised: land within the red line area was given to the owner of number 32 as amenity land as part of the Old School Lane development and contains large water holding tanks for Old School Lane. There should be a covenant on that land that it can't be built on or the tanks can't be removed. There are also access concerns, especially whilst building and it was agreed that access must come off Main Street. It was agreed that we would support in principle that building only on the blue site land only, no building or access on the red line area – proposed Cllr M Smith, seconded Cllr J Mortimer – all in favour, 1 abstention. • 26/00101/VOC – Planning appeal, a brief discussion was held around the appeal, and if we wanted to make any additional comments or withdraw our previous comments. It was agreed that we have no further comments to add, and for our original comments to be considered, Proposed Cllr J Woodward, seconded Cllr M Smith – all in favour, 1 abstention.	• Clerk to submit response

AWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - Accounts for Payment

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAILS	NET	VAT	GROSS
DD	Sharp Business Solutions	Photocopier charges Feb - March	£186.15	£37.23	£223.38
DD	Everflow Utilities	Trade Waste	£89.67	£17.93	£107.60
DD	Sharp Business Solutions	Photocopier charges March - April	£26.12	£5.22	£31.34
DD	Everflow Utilities	Water for site	£133.86	£0.00	£133.86
DD	Hygienex	Sanitary Bins (June)	£26.16	£5.23	£31.39
DD	Virgin Media	Landline & Broadband (April)	£49.56	£9.91	£59.47
DD	Virgin Media	Landline & Broadband (May)	£49.56	£9.91	£59.47
BACS	Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance (AVH/YC/Bowls to repay contributions)	£4,875.93	£0.00	£4,875.93
BACS	Hayley Holt	Mobile phone bill	£11.88	£2.38	£14.26
BACS	Hayley Holt	Deposit for inflatables for Sept event	£155.83	£31.17	£187.00
BACS	D A Dixon	Internal Audit	£125.00	£0.00	£125.00
BACS	Staffing Costs (Inc Staff, Contractors, NI, Tax, Pension)	May Staffing Costs	£2,632.38	£0.00	£2,632.38
BACS	Max Taylor Design	Website retainer	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
BACS	Awsorth Village Hall	Sports Pavilion electricity (Feb - April)	£304.87	£60.97	£365.84
BACS	Hayes & Sons Construction Ltd	Install 3 x Village Gateway signs	£883.02	£176.60	£1,059.62
			£9,609.99	£368.55	£9,978.54

- Approve accounts for payment – Proposed Cllr M Smith, Seconded Cllr L Parish - all in favour.
- Awsorth Cricket Club – Due to poor finances, it was agreed that although they haven't undertaken any Junior Cricket for the past 2 seasons, we would approve £1000 due to the obvious hard work and money spent on the cricket square improvements, but would hold back £500 to pay for 2025 and 2026 seasons rent and request that a clear plan for Junior Cricket to be implemented for 2027 season – Proposed Cllr G Spencer, seconded Cllr J Woodward – All in favour, 1 abstention.
- Awsorth Bowls Club – Approve £3000 – Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, seconded Cllr J Woodward – All in favour, 3 abstentions.

- Clerk to send payments

• Awsworth Villa FC – Approve £1000 – Proposed Cllr M Smith, seconded Cllr A Perkins – All in favour, 1 abstention. • Awsworth Scouts – Approve £500 – Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, seconded Cllr M Perkins – All in favour, 1 abstention. • Awsworth Produce Association – £50 – No information requested as the grant is under £500. • Awsworth Brownies – Approve £500 – Proposed Cllr M Smith, seconded Cllr C Sanderson – All in favour. • Awsworth Primary School - £250 towards a specific project. It was agreed that as School haven't responded, Clerk would send to the Governors to discuss at their next meeting, no information requested as the grant is for under £500. Proposed Cllr G Spencer, seconded Cllr A Perkins – All in favour. • St Peters Church Mowing - £1000 – Proposed Cllr J Woodward, seconded Cllr C Sanderson – all in favour Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2026: £29,658.48 bank statement balance <u>£29,658.48</u> Balance per Cash Book Bank Reconciliation as at 30th April 2026 £123,319.15 bank statement balance <u>£123,319.15</u> Balance per Cash Book Bank Reconciliation as at 31st May 2026 £106,365.40 bank statement balance <u>£106,365.40</u> Balance per Cash Book BUDGET: £98,002 EXPENDITURE YTD (31.05.2026) : £21,939 LEAVING: £76,063	• Clerk to send email to Governors
<u>CO/030/26 Approve the adoption of Year End Accounts 25/26</u> <u>CO/031/26 Authorise Chair to sign Statutory Statement of Accounts</u> <u>CO/032/26 Authorise submission to External Auditor</u> • The Clerk circulated the draft Accounts Statement for the financial year 2025/2026 for consideration by the Council. The Statement shows that the balance to carry forward on 31st March 2026 is £29,758 compared with £46,509 on 31st March 2025. Total fixed assets are set at £466,005 on the bases of insurance valuation. • The Councils Internal Auditors (D. A Dixon) have completed the internal audit stage and has been certified. • The meeting was asked to adopt the Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26. Proposed Cllr J Woodward, seconded Cllr M Perkins – All in favour. • The meeting was asked to authorise the Chair to sign the Accounting Statements for 2025/26. Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, seconded Cllr M Perkins – All in favour • The meeting was asked to authorise their submission for External Audit to PKF Littlejohn LLP. Proposed Cllr M Smith, seconded Cllr L Parish – All in favour.	• Clerk to submit to External Auditor and publish Public Notice
<u>CO/033/26 Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan</u> • Nothing to report	
<u>CO/034/26 Councillors Reports</u> • A discussion was held around the flowers for the 'Flowers of Love' event at Church. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask a florist to make a display and would make an APC banner/ribbon to be placed with the floral display. Cllr C Sanderson agreed to take the display to church on our behalf. • Clerk gave the Council an update on the litter picking event that was scheduled for Saturday 20th June, and asked all Councillors to let her know if they were able to attend. Clerk to continue to promote event.	

CO/035/26 <u>Items for Information</u> • Clerk continues to undertake regular checks on the defibrillators. • Clerk has reported a number of issues via the MyNotts App including overgrown hedges, streetlighting etc • Clerk has been liaising with the Highways Officer at ViaEM re: obstruction issues on Barlow Drive North. • The new Village gateway signs are now installed. The Clerk had to apply for a permit and unfortunately this took longer than anticipated, so worked closely with the contractor. Grant Aid claim has been submitted to Broxtowe and invoices to Cossall Parish Council and Avant for their contributions have also been sent. Again, thanks to Cllr M Smith for his hard work on this project. • As we have money remaining in the budget, the Clerk is obtaining quotes to restore the gateway signs at Westby Lane (Welcome to Awsworth sign and 4-lanes end). A brief discussion was held around this, and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact both Nottinghamshire County Council and Broxtowe Borough Council to as who's responsibility it is to maintain these signs. • Clerk has sent request for information for the Annual grants and collated the information as per the annual grants policy. • Clerk has sent an email to contacts at Broxtowe Borough Council regarding a site visit and meeting regarding the lodge, but as yet has had no reply. • Clerk has created an Annual Building Inspection report template for use on all of our premises. Annual Building Inspections have been arranged for Awsworth Village Hall, Awsworth Bowls Pavilion and Slaney Brother Pavilion. We are still waiting for the Youth Club to reply, this has been followed up. • Six monthly fire alarm service has been undertaken. • There has been an Increase in ASB, meaning the Clerk has spent quite a lot of time looking through CCTV and reporting to the Police and both Awsworth Primary and Kimberley School, as the children have been identified. • Clerk has responded to relevant planning applications. • Clerk has been ensuring that updates are made on the website. • Clerk has received the accounts back from the internal auditor and has prepared all paperwork to get approved at the meeting ready to send to the external auditor. • Clerk has closed down 25/26 accounts on the system and set up the new year. • Clerk completed the April & May accounts and bank reconciliations. • Clerk has received a number of concerns over a couple of trees on Medow Road; these have been passed to Broxtowe Borough Council. • Clerk has sent a number of emails regarding the potholes on Bonners Lane but has had no success so far. • Clerk has created posters for the Litter Picking event scheduled for Saturday 20th June and the Family Fun Day for Saturday 12th September, both have been published and displayed. • Clerk has started arrangements for the Family Fun Day, sending emails to all local Clubs asking them if they want to be involved. The ice-cream van, inflatables, soft play, and security have been booked, and the Clerk has managed to secure a Humber Pig Tank to come along too. A number of stalls have already booked on.	• Clerk to contact NCC and BBC
CO/036/26 <u>Items of Confidentiality</u> • An item of confidentiality was discussed.	
CO/037/26 <u>Date of next meeting(s)</u> • Health & Safety Committee Meeting – Tuesday 23rd June 2026 (7pm start) • Full Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 21st July 2026	
• Chair thanked all councillors for their attendance and patience; he closed the meeting at 9pm	