

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Awsworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st July 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 I Gentry Cllr B Reynolds / Cllr L Parish / Cllr L Ball (Late) / Cllr J Woodward / Cllr C Sanderson / H Holt (Clerk) / 0 members of the public

	Actions:
CO/038/26 <u>Apologies for absence</u> Cllr D Pringle (BBC Cabinet Mtg) / Cllr J Goold (Holiday) / Nottinghamshire Police (off duty)	
CO/039/26 <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 I Gentry – Awsworth Bowls Club & Awsworth Village Hall / Cllr J Woodward – Awsworth Village Hall / Cllr B Reynolds – Friends of Bennerley Viaduct, Awsworth Neighbours Residents Association & Awsworth Villa FC/ Cllr L Ball – Awsworth Village Cricket Club, Awsworth Produce Association and Awsworth Villa FC	
CO/040/26 <u>Minutes for Approval</u> Proposed Cllr J Mortimer, seconded Cllr C Sanderson, all in favour, 0 objections, 1 abstention - accept minutes as a true record.	
CO/041/26 <u>Actions from Minutes of the last meeting</u> - A discussion was held around the proposal regarding Bonners Lane and traffic calming. It was agreed that due to the potential changes following the LGR, it would be bets to spend more time to collate the proposal and present to the new council. It was also agreed to create a sub-committee or working group for this. - Clerk confirmed that she has written to the owner raising our concerns regarding the fallen wall at Lawrence Ave. The owner wasn't pleased as he stated that Broxtowe have told him he doesn't own the wall. Clerk has tried to contact building control, but as yet hasn't been able to get in contact with them. Clerk to continue to follow up. - Clerk confirmed that she has received a response from the Tree Inspector at Broxtowe, stating that as the tree is in good health and is on private land there is nothing Broxtowe can currently do. He has sent some information to be passed to the resident who raised their concerns. - 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 the 'STOP, Pedestrians Crossing' signs had been purchased and will be installed over the summer holidays. - 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 Ground. - Clerk confirmed that she had still had no response from Broxtowe Borough Council regarding 'The Lodge' on Main Street. The survey has been created and will be delivered in the coming weeks to then discuss at our September meeting. 26/00311/PIP – Clerk confirmed that she had submitted our response. - Clerk confirmed that she had submitted the Accounts to the External Auditor and published the Public Notice - Clerk confirmed that she had contacted both Broxtowe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council to ask for the gateway signs at Westby Lane (Welcome to Awsworth sign and 4-lanes end) to be restored. The Clerk can confirm that Broxtowe have restored the Welcome to Awsworth Sign, and Nottinghamshire	- Set up Sub-committee or working group - Clerk to follow up - Clerk to email resident - Ongoing - Ongoing - To be installed over summer - Ongoing - Survey to be delivered in August / Clerk to add to Sept agenda

County Council have stated that they will be restoring this within the next 3 months.					
Suspend Standing Orders for Agenda items CO/041/26, CO/042/26, CO/043/26, and CO/044/26 – Proposed Cllr A Perkins, Seconded Cllr I Gentry – All in Favour					
CO/042/26 <u>Public Participation</u>					
A resident has emailed the Clerk to ask why the interactive speed sign had been installed, never used , then removed. The Clerk had responded to the resident to inform him that the Parish Council had not been made aware of the sign installation, but welcome this. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact our County Councillors and ViaEM to find out more information.				Clerk to contact County Cllrs and ViaEM	
CO/043/26 <u>Police Matters</u>					
- No police in attendance or report received. - Clerk informed the Council that there had been a number of incidents where children had managed to get on to the Sports Pavilion roof and Containers roofs, even with the Anti-climb paint and pigeon spikes. The have kicked off the pigeon spikes, so these need to be re-instated. It has been agreed that anti-climb paint will be applied in March and September to ensure that it doesn't dry out, and to look at other solutions. - Cllr M Smith stated that there is a family in the village who have off-road bikes, who regularly rides up Tulip Road, these have been reported to the police. He also raised his concerns over a family of 3 who all have electric e-scooters who ride them illegally in the road. - Clerk to ask for Crime reports for June and July.				- Clerk to arrange for anti-climb paint to be reapplied and to look at other solutions - Clerk to ask Police for crime reports	
CO/044/26 <u>County Councillors Report</u>					
No County Councillors in attendance or reports received.					
CO/045/26 <u>Borough Councillors Report</u>					
Cllr L Ball arrived at 8.13pm					
- Cllr L Ball stated that she had attended 2 Full Council meetings and the planning meeting at Broxtowe and is attending another Planning meeting tomorrow evening. - Cllr L Ball stated that she was still waiting for a response regarding the state of the Lawrence Avenue shops, but she encourages the residents to also complain directly to Broxtowe.					
Reinstate Standing Orders – Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, Seconded Cllr L Parish – All in favour.					
CO/046/26 <u>Planning Applications</u>					
25/00936/FUL – Change of use to a Country Park. Following the original application, further documents have been received regarding BNG and flood risk. Clerk has contacted Broxtowe Borough Council to request an extension to respond. Cllr M Smith has started collating a response. It was agreed that the response would be circulated via email and all Councillors to respond so that we can submit the response.					
CO/047/26 <u>Accounts for Payment</u>					
<u>AWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - Accounts for Payment</u>					
CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAILS	NET	VAT	GROSS
DD	Verisure	Alarm Maintenance (June)	£60.58	£12.12	£72.70
DD	Hygienex	Sanitary Bins (July)	£26.16	£5.23	£31.39
DD	Everflow	Trade waste	£87.60	£17.52	£105.12

	Utilities				
DD	Verisure	Alarm Maintenance (July)	£60.58	£12.12	£72.70
DD	Everflow Utilities	Water for site (July & August)	£378.82	£0.00	£378.82
DD	SSE	Office electricity final payment	£455.60	£22.78	£478.38
DD	Virgin Media	Landline & Broadband (June)	£49.56	£9.91	£59.47
DD	Hygienex	Sanitary Bins (August)	£26.16	£5.23	£31.39
DD	PEAC Finance	Photocopier lease (Sept-Nov)	£140.00	£28.00	£168.00
DD	Sharp Business Systems	Photocopier charges (May - June)	£26.95	£5.39	£32.34
BACS	Kompan	Play equipment repairs	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00
BACS	Hayley Holt	Expenses (inc mobile phone, stationery, postage & Flowers of Love flower display)	£88.04	£3.36	£91.40
BACS	Value Products Ltd	Beware Pedestrians Crossing sign	£36.41	£7.28	£43.69
BACS	Staffing Costs (Inc Staff, Contractors, NI, Tax, Pension)	June/July Staffing Costs	£11,739.79	£0.00	£11,739.79
BACS	Max Taylor Design	Web retainer (June)	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
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BACS	Premier 1 (UK) Ltd	Hanging Baskets and feeding, watering and maintenance for Summer 2026	£2,230.00	£446.00	£2,676.00
BACS	Greener Landscaping	Contractor expenses May (inc fuel, bedding plants)	£243.33	£14.66	£257.99
BACS	Greener Landscaping	Contractor expenses June/July (fuel)	£68.96	£13.79	£82.75
			£16,338.54	£727.39	£17,065.93
• Approve accounts for payment – Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, Seconded Cllr L Parish - all in favour.					

• Awsworth Primary School - £250 towards ground levelling, pitch restoration and remedial works to the school's playing field, to provide a safe, high-quality outdoor sporting environment for pupils and the wider community – proposed Cllr J Woodward, seconded Cllr M Smith – all in favour. Bank Reconciliation as at 31st May 2026 £106,365.40 bank statement balance <u>£106,365.40</u> Balance per Cash Book Bank Reconciliation as at 30th June 2026 £94,057.20 bank statement balance <u>£94,057.20</u> Balance per Cash Book BUDGET: £98,002 EXPENDITURE YTD (30.06.2026) : £34,121 LEAVING: £63,881 2026/2027 Q1 VAT RETURN - £2552.22 submitted 16.07.2026	
CO/048/26 <u>Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan</u> • Cllr M Smith stated that the hard copies of the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan had been sent to local libraries, central library, School and the Archives. • Cllr J Mortimer asked what would happen to the Neighbourhood Plan if the Local Government Restructure goes ahead? Cllr M Smith stated that he would contact Broxtowe to ask. Cllr L Ball stated that she would ask this at the Broxtowe Planning meeting.	• MS to contact BBC • LB to ask at Planning mtg
CO/049/26 <u>Councillors Reports</u> • The Clerk informed the Council that the Health & Safety Committee had met and had created a priorities task list. It has been agreed that we would hold sessions at The Rec and Shilo to undertake some of the tasks. Clerk would put together the list and circulate to all Councillors, along with dates for the sessions.	• Clerk to send H&S info to Cllrs
CO/050/26 <u>Items for Information</u> • Clerk continues to undertake regular checks of the defibrillators. • Clerk has reported a number of issues via the MyNotts App including pavement damage, blocked drains, overgrown hedges and streetlighting issues • Clerk has been liaising with the Highways Officer at ViaEM re: obstruction issues on Barlow Drive North. • The Clerk has met with a number of sign restoration companies to get quotes to restore the gateway signs at Westby Lane (Welcome to Awsworth sign and 4-lanes end). After liaising with both County and Borough Council's they have agreed to undertake the restorations/cleaning. • Clerk has created a survey for the residents of Main Street regarding The Lodge, this will be delivered in the coming weeks, and we can discuss the results at our September meeting. • Clerk arranged the Annual Building Inspections for Awsworth Village Hall, Awsworth Bowls Pavilion, Slaney Brother Pavilion, and the Youth Club building. All reports have been sent to the relevant committees with recommendations. • Clerk has responded to relevant planning applications. • Clerk has been ensuring that updates are made on the website. An automatic response has now been set up for when an online form is submitted. • Clerk has finalised and submitted year end accounts to the external auditor. • Clerk completed the June accounts and bank reconciliations. • Clerk submitted Q1 VAT Return for £2552.22. • Clerk has arranged for the damaged guttering and drainpipes to be repaired on the Sports Pavilion, and protection covers to be fitted to hopefully prevent further damage and vandalism.	

• The noticeboard has now been replaced by the company. • Beware Pedestrians Crossing sign has been purchased and will be installed over the summer holidays. • The hard copy Awwsworth Neighbourhood Plans have now been delivered to the local and central libraries and the Archives. • Due to changes to legislation regarding Councillors personal addresses being published, the Clerk submitted redacted Register of Interest forms to Broxtowe. • The Clerk prepared for and attended the Health & Safety Committee meeting. • Clerk arranged for a floral display for the Flowers of Love event at St Peters Church. • The Clerk received a number of complaints regarding the land next to the Rec behind the bungalows on The Lane, this has been reported to Broxtowe and an order to clear the site has been made to the landowner. • Clerk prepared for an attended the Litter Picking event on Saturday 20th June, we had 9 volunteers, including 5 members of the Parish Council, 3 adult residents and 1 very eager and enthusiastic 9-year-old. Between us we collected 12 bags of rubbish! • Clerk continues to organise and promote the Family Fun Day which is scheduled for Saturday 12th September. • Clerk confirmed that Juliet Campbell had arranged for the Clerk to meet with her at her offices. It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to meet Juliet as a whole, so the Clerk to invite Juliet to come to Awwsworth to meet the full Parish Council. • 1st Awwsworth Scout Group had been in contact with the Clerk to ask if the Beavers would be able to have a sleepover in the Sports Pavilion. A discussion was held and it was agreed that this would be allowed and would offer this free of charge – proposed Cllr G Spencer, seconded Cllr M Perkins – all in favour, 1 abstention. • Clerk informed the Council of Awwsworth & District Produce Association's annual show details – The Gate Inn, Sunday 6th September, from 7pm. • The Annual Borough / Parish / Town Council meeting was planned for 23rd July, Cllrs G Spencer and B Reynolds were hoping to attend. 8.44pm Cllr J Woodward left the meeting.	• Clerk to invite Juliet to meet council • Clerk to liaise with Scouts
CO/051/26 <u>Items of Confidentiality</u> • No items of confidentiality were discussed.	
CO/052/26 <u>Date of next meeting(s)</u> • Full Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 8th September 2026 • Recreation Committee Meeting – Tuesday 22nd September 2026	
• Chair thanked all councillors for their attendance and patience; he closed the meeting at 8.50pm	