

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee, Awsworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th February 2026 in the Awsworth Parish Council Sports Pavilion. The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr M Smith / Cllr G Spencer / Cllr D Knell / Cllr A Perkins / Cllr M Perkins / Cllr R Paxton / Cllr J Woodward / Cllr I Gentry / Cllr B Reynolds / Hayley Holt (Clerk)

Also, present: Ross Miller – Groundsman / Tim Madden - Representing Awsworth Bowls Club / Cory Kennedy – Representing Awsworth Cricket Club

	Actions:
RC/15/25 <u>Apologies for Absence</u> Cllr J Mortimer (Holiday) / Cllr L Ball (Holiday) / Cllr C Sanderson (Illness) / Cllr L Parish (no apologies) / Kev Buxton - Representing Awsworth Villa FC (FA meeting)	
RC/16/25 <u>Declarations of Interest</u> Cllr G Spencer – Awsworth Village Hall & Awsworth Bowls Club / 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 / Cllr B Reynolds – Friends of Bennerley Viaduct	
RC/17/25 <u>Minutes for Approval</u> Proposed Cllr G Spencer, seconded Cllr A Perkins, accept minutes as a true record – all in favour, 2 abstentions.	
RC/18/25 <u>Actions from Minutes</u> - Seating Scheme is an ongoing project which needs to be looked at in more detail, including locations and maintenance responsibilities. - Posts regarding ASB have been published. - CCTV options to be discussed under Agenda item 9. - Groundsman's actions to be discussed under agenda items 5.	Ongoing
RC/19/25 <u>Groundsman Reports</u> - Groundsman stated that he had a very productive winter. - Planting in the raised beds and noticeboard planter had been completed. - Skate ramp repairs were undertaken; compound was applied and there seems no further movement so far. - Bin on Pocket park kept being knocked over so installed concrete base and attached the bin, which seems to have resolved the issue. - Clerk had received a number of complaints regarding large pools of water on the path at Shilo towards pocket park. This has now been stoned and compacted. - Groundsman stated that it was another nice Christmas tree. - The slabs in front of the benches on The Rec along the fence to the Bowls green had been damaged, so they have been removed and a concrete base has been laid to ground level. - Potholes in the car park were filled over Christmas whilst the car park was shut, but unfortunately frost got in to the mix, so these will be re-done when the weather gets better. - Dog fouling at Shilo is an ongoing issue. - Groundsman stated that the topsoiling and grass seeding the verge alongside the driveway between the gates and the Rec hasn't been completed as yet. Clerk to contact Avant to see if the topsoil is still available and let Ross know. It was agreed that this work would be completed before end of Spring. - The damaged sleepers on the raised beds still need replacing. - Ross has asked if there could be something in memory in Gordon Humphrey. It was agreed that we would get a plaque for the memory bench in the Village Hall front garden: proposed Ross Miller, seconded Cllr G Spencer – all in favour. - Cllr M Smith asked if we could strengthen the planting in the raised beds and have a planting programme throughout the year. - A discussion was also held around the triangular area on the carpark / top of driveway to the Rec and how it needs some planting. It was agreed that bulb planting, perennials and	- Clerk to contact Avant - Ross to undertake work before end of Spring - Clerk to arrange plaque - Ross to undertake planting in raised beds

more established plants would be planted in that area to try to stop people walking over it – proposed Cllr M Smith, seconded Cllr G Spencer – all in favour.	and triangular area
<u>RC/20/25 Reports from Aysworth Bowls Club</u> • Tim Madden gave up update on Aysworth Bowls Club Achievements for 2025 season: - Heanor & District League -6th - Heanor & District Cup - 5th - Heanor & District Afternoon - 6th - Ilkeston League – 3rd - FED League – Div1 – 4th - Hosted 2 Men’s County Competitions & 1 Ladies County Competition - Clive Ball, Keith Oldham, Stuart Pinson & Graham Spencer played for the Derbyshire EBF County - Keith Oldham finished runner up in Derbyshire EBF Men’s Senior Singles Final - Jayne Parnham finished runner up in Derbyshire EWBF Ladies Secretaries Singles Final - June Syson finished runner up in Derbyshire EWBF Ladies Champion of Champions Final - Jayne Parnham & Tim Madden finished 3rd in Federation Pairs Competition - Heanor & District Competitions: Keith Oldham & Clive Ball won the Men’s Pairs Final - Aysworth Bowls Tournament: Winners – Christine & Keith Oldham & Kev Dancer • Aysworth Bowls Club have 1 Men’s County Comp & 1 Ladies County Comp scheduled this year and may get another. • Tim stated that the Bowls Club are wanting a new larger shed which will cost approx. £1500 to £2000. There was a lot of work to level up the green, but sadly there are some bare patches, meaning that there is a lot of work to be done before the start of the season. • There is work needed to the ditch to improve the green but also make it to County Spec, the rubber matting for this costing £2000. • They are looking at the possibility of an extension or making internal alterations for an additional toilet, but this will not happen this year. • The finances are looking healthy, but there will be approx. £4000 to be spent before the start of the season. • The Bowls Club will be aiming to raise in excess of £4000 via fund raising over the year.	
<u>RC/21/25 Reports from Aysworth Villa FC</u> • No members in attendance or report received.	
<u>RC/22/25 Reports from Aysworth Cricket Club</u> • Cory informed the Committee that they were top of the league last season, playing 17 out of the 18 games, winning 15 and losing 2. • Two of the players have played in the Sunday Premier League, which has been organised by Joe Fish which is helping to build relationships. • Last season they played a record number of friendlies, which has helped ensure all players get the chance to play. • The goal is to have a 2nd team in 2027., but the Committee need a few more committed members. • Paul Anderson has taken over the square, which has helped tremendously, the wicket is developing well. Last season £850 was spent on the wicket rather than £300. • Cory wanted to re-iterate the Cricket Clubs thanks to Cllr Andy Perkins for his help and support with the repair and maintenance of equipment. Also huge thanks to the Parish Council for their continued support. • This year they have had a heavy indoor campaign, winning the league. Partnership have been built with neighbouring teams, working with players from Kimberley, Hucknall and Stapleford. • A discussion was held around working together to ensure no clashes between Bowls, Cricket, and Parish Council events. It was agreed that the Clerk would set up a WhatsApp group to communicate dates. • Cory to ensure that matches are scheduled away for the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in July each year.	• Clerk to create WhatsApp group • Cory to ensure away

	fixtures for these dates
<u>RC/23/25 Funding ideas from Councillor Divisional Fund</u> A discussion was held around the need for CCTV at Shilo Recreation Ground and Pocket Park due to the increase in ASB and dog fouling. Clerk had received quotes and it was agreed that we would ask Cllr J Doddy for his financial support towards the CCTV installation. Proposed Cllr G Spencer, seconded Cllr J Woodward – all in favour.	Clerk to contact Cllr J Doddy
<u>RC/24/25 Future play area improvements</u> - A discussion was held around the emails received from Accessibility Matters and our detailed response. - It was agreed that we would discuss budgeting for a fully inclusive roundabout and swing seat with harness at our precept meeting for 2027/2028. - It was agreed that we would collate another detailed response to Accessibility Matters, copying in UKSPF, leader of Broxtowe and Monitoring Officer, including our original response. - It was agreed that we would contact UKSPF to see if any further funding is available for fully inclusive play equipment.	- Clerk to add to F&GP agenda - Clerk to draft response - Clerk to contact UKSPF
<u>RC/25/25 Items for information</u> - Clerk provided the committee with a copy of the 2026 Events leaflet. - Clerk informed the Committee that there would be a Police Beat Surgery on 3rd March at 6pm – 7pm. - Clerk stated that she had uploaded all home fixtures for Cricket and AVFC 1st team and reserves on to the new website. Clerk to get Bowls fixtures from Tim once they have been finalised. - Welcome to Awsworth leaflet has been created and printed which includes all clubs' details. This will be hand delivered to every house in Awsworth in the coming months. - Clerk updated the committee on the sports pavilion leak and the work which has been undertaken to rectify the issue. - Cllr M Smith informed the Committee of the event scheduled for Saturday 21st March, asking if anyone was available to join us to help. - Cllr G Spencer stated that he was extremely disappointed with the lack of attendance to Recreation Committee meetings from Awsworth Villa FC and Cricket Club. These meetings are aimed to help and support the Clubs, to build and maintain working relationships. A discussion was held and it was agreed that the Recreation Committee would recommend to Full Council that the Annual Grants procedure is amended from 2026/27, to include that Clubs MUST attend the Recreation Committee meetings, and if they do not attend, they will not be eligible for the annual grant, proposed Cllr G Spencer. Seconded Cllr M Smith – all in favour.	- Tim to liaise with Clerk - Clerk to amend policy and include on next PC agenda
<u>RC/26/25 Items of confidentiality</u> No items of confidentiality were discussed.	
<u>RC/27/25 Date of next meeting</u> Tuesday 22nd September 2026	
Chair thanked all councillors for their attendance and patience; he closed the meeting at 8.40pm.	