Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Awsworth Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th October 2026 in the Awsworth Parish Council Sports Pavilion, The Lane Recreation Ground, Awsworth. The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Cllr J Woodward / Cllr D Knell / Cllr A Perkins / Cllr M Perkins / Cllr R Paxton / Cllr B Reynolds / Cllr L Ball / Cllr C Sanderson / Cllr L Parish / H Holt (Clerk) / 1 member of the public

As per Awsworth Parish Council's Standing Orders, if both the Chair and the Vice-Chair are absent from the meeting, a Councillor as chosen by the Councillors present at the meeting shall preside at the meeting. Cllr A Perkins proposed Cllr J Woodward to preside the meeting, seconded Cllr C Sanderson – all in favour.

	Actions:
CO/068/26 <u>Apologies for absence</u> Cllr G Spencer (Holiday) / Cllr M Smith (Holiday) / Cllr J Mortimer (Holiday) / Cllr I Gentry (Holiday) / Cllr D Pringle (no apologies) / Cllr J Goold (no apologies) / Cllr J Doddy (No apologies / PCSO Davies (off duty)	
CO/069/26 <u>Declarations of Interest</u> Cllr A Perkins – Awsworth Bowls Club & Kimberley Scout Group / Cllr M Perkins - Awsworth Bowls Club / Cllr R Paxton – 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/070/26 <u>Minutes for Approval</u> • Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, seconded Cllr A Perkins, all in favour, 0 objections, 1 abstention - accept minutes as a true record.	
CO/071/26 <u>Actions from Minutes of the last meeting</u> • It was agreed that due to the potential changes following the LGR it would be best to spend more time to collate the proposal regarding Bonners Lane and traffic calming and present to the new council. It was also agreed to create a sub-committee or working group for this. • Clerk confirmed that building control had responded regarding the fallen wall at Lawrence Ave shops stating that they can confirm that the wall is now not in a dangerous condition and that there had been no significant change since their first inspection, and that they have been unable to identify the legal owner of the wall. As the wall is no longer considered an immediate danger, the case has been closed. • Clerk confirmed that she had been in touch with the skate ramp company and is going to have an online meeting to discuss our options. Clerk to update at next meeting. • Cllr G Spencer stated that he hadn't had time to install the 'STOP, Pedestrians Crossing' signs over the summer holidays, and will look at getting this completed in the coming weeks. • 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. • The Clerk confirmed that ViaEM had responded to the query regarding the interactive speed sign stating that the speed sign was a temporary interactive speed sign, which ViaEM have around 8 that can be attached to light columns following a County Councillor or customer complaint / request. Ordinarily they sit on for 8-12 weeks and are then utilized in a separate location. They do not collect data. Due to GDPR, they cannot provide details of the requesting party. Clerk to respond to the resident. • Clerk confirmed she had invited Juliet Campbell to come to Awsworth to meet the full Parish Council but was waiting for a response. • Clerk to arrange a Liaison Group meeting with Avant • Clerk to order parts for the Pavilion and container roofs and arrange installation. • Clerk confirmed that Cllr Doddy had informed her that the next roads to be repaired	• Ongoing • Ongoing • Ongoing • Ongoing • Clerk to respond to the resident • Ongoing • Ongoing • Ongoing

are Barlow Drive North and Tulip Road. • Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Broxtowe's Planning department to ask for a site visit Park Hill but had yet received an update.	
Suspend Standing Orders for Agenda items CO/072/26, CO/073/26, CO/074/26, and CO/075/26 – Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, Seconded Cllr M Perkins – All in Favour	
CO/072/26 Public Participation • Nothing raised.	
CO/073/26 Police Matters • No police in attendance or report received.	
CO/074/26 County Councillors Report • Cllr M Smith asked the Clerk to raise this on his behalf. The railway embankment from near The Gate Inn running eastwards towards Kimberley has recently been designated as a Local Nature Reserve. Has Awsworth Parish Council been formally consulted / notified at any stage? It was agreed that we would write to Nottinghamshire County Council to seek clarification.	• Clerk to write to NCC
CO/075/26 Borough Councillors Report • Cllr L Ball stated that she had been informed that Broxtowe Borough Council are planning to turn The Lodge in to a bungalow. If Awsworth Parish Council want to use The Lodge for Community use, we would have to put a case forward and take on a long-term lease, take on all maintenance etc. Cllr L Ball stated that this should be going to the next Cabinet meeting, so would update on the outcome at the next meeting.	• Cllr L Ball to update at next meeting
Reinstate Standing Orders – Proposed Cllr C Sanderson, Seconded Cllr B Reynolds – All in favour.	
CO/076/26 Planning Applications • 26/00611/FUL: 2 x detached bungalows behind 54-58 The Lane – a proposed response in favour of the application had been circulated before the meeting. A discussion was held around the points raised and It was agreed to support the application and submit the agreed comments – proposed Cllr L Parish, second Cllr C Sanderson – all in favour, 1 abstention. • 26/00649/FUL: 2 x 10ft storage containers to be placed adjacent to the existing Bennerley Viaduct Visitors Centre bin store – a proposed response in favour of the application had been circulated before the meeting. A discussion was held around the points raised and it was agreed to support the application and submit agreed the comments – proposed Cllr A Perkins, seconded Cllr C Sanderson – all in favour, 2 abstentions.	• Clerk to submit comments • Clerk to submit comments
CO/077/26 Accounts for Payment	

AWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - Accounts for Payment

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAILS	NET	VAT	GROSS
DD	Information Commissioners Office	ICO annual Renewal	£47.00	£0.00	£47.00
DD	Hygienex	Sanitary Bins	£26.16	£5.23	£31.39
DD	Verisure	Alarm Maintenance (Sept)	£60.58	£12.12	£72.70
DD	SSE	Office electricity	£81.82	£4.09	£85.91
DD	Everflow Utilities	Water for Site	£68.73	£0.00	£68.73

DD	Virgin Media	Landline & Broadband	£53.56	£10.71	£64.27
DD	Everflow Utilities	Trade Waste	£86.68	£17.33	£104.01
DD	Verisure	Alarm Maintenance (Oct)	£60.58	£12.12	£72.70
BACS	Staffing Costs (Inc Staff, Contractors, NI, Tax, Pension)	September Staffing Costs	£8,940.15	£0.00	£8,940.15
BACS	Hayley Holt	Expenses for September (Inc mobile phone, Spotify for event, bunting for event and floor cleaner for Sports Pav)	£43.26	£8.65	£51.91
BACS	Proludic	Replacement parts for play equipment	£230.00	£45.99	£275.99
BACS	Hayley Holt	Gifts for Santa's Grotto (Xmas event)	£61.74	£12.34	£74.08
BACS	Max Taylor Design	Website Retainer	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
BACS	Greener Landscaping	Expenses for August and September (Inc work boots, fuel, and Hegde cutter blades sharpening)	£210.65	£26.73	£237.38
BACS	Kompan	Replacement parts for play equipment	£322.28	£64.45	£386.73
BACS	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit for 2025-26	£420.00	£84.00	£504.00
BACS	Hayley Holt	Biodegradable moss & algae remover / treatment for Groundsman	£9.46	£1.89	£11.35
BACS	Hayley Holt	Post Crete, wood filler, wire brushes, wood stain, and brushes for Pocket Park	£66.41	£11.51	£77.92
CHQ 101038	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Donation for wreath & attendance of Humber Pig at event	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00
			£10,979.06	**£329.16**	**£11,308.22**

• Approve accounts for payment – Proposed Cllr M Perkins, Seconded Cllr L Ball - all in favour. **Bank Reconciliation as at 31st August 2026** £85,207.75 bank statement balance **£85,207.75 Balance per Cash Book** **Bank Reconciliation as at 30th September 2026** £73,703.04 bank statement balance **£73,703.04 Balance per Cash Book** **BUDGET: £98,002** **EXPENDITURE YTD (30.09.2026) : £56,064** **LEAVING: £41,938** **2026/2027 Q2 VAT RETURN - £876.78 submitted 01.10.2026**	
CO/078/26 Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan • Further to Cllr J Mortimer's query to Broxtowe Planning about the future status and role of Neighbourhood Plans should Local Government Reorganisation go ahead. Tom Genway will investigate the points we raised and contact MHCLG, although he suspects Government won't have fully considered implications of Neighbourhood Plans and Local Government Reorganisation at this stage. LGR is now paused. • Tom Genway thinks that the most likely position will be Neighbourhood Plans will continue to be valid for the Neighbourhood Areas which they apply to after any future changes to local government arrangements, at least until the time they would need to be reviewed, and probably thereafter. Borough Council had been instructed to proceed with the new Local Plan, even if the authority would not have been able to adopt it. Broxtowe have commenced a Scoping Consultation in relation to this new Local Plan and have contacted all parish councils for their views (deadline 5pm on Tuesday 20th October). • Tom Genway's own opinion is Government's position in relation to Neighbourhood Plans has been somewhat confusing. Their public statements have shown continuing support for the Plans, but they have substantially cut Locality funding and so most Parishes or Forums have had to fund their own plans moving forward. Remains to be seen whether this will change under the new prime minister. • A discussion was held around our response to the Broxtowe Local Plan scoping consultation, and it was agreed that all Councillors would send comments and agree the final document via email – proposed Cllr C Sanderson, seconded Cllr M Perkins – all in favour.	• Comments to be circulated and Clerk to submit response by deadline
CO/079/26 Councillors Reports • No items to discuss.	
CO/080/26 Items for Information • Clerk continues to undertake regular checks of the defibrillators. • Clerk completed the September accounts and bank reconciliations. • Clerk submitted Q2 VAT Return for £876.78 • Clerk has arranged for the damaged fencing to be repaired around the pond area, and MUGA on The Rec and behind the goal at Shilo Recreation Ground, we are just waiting for AVFC to remove the advertising board before. • The Clerk prepared for and attended the Recreation Committee meeting. • Clerk arranged for a floral display for the Flowers of Love event at St Peters Church. • Clerk prepared for the Health & Safety morning at Pocket Park which is scheduled for Saturday 10th October. Materials for cleaning and basic repairs have been purchased. • Clerk prepared for and attended the Family Fun Day which went ahead on Saturday	

12th September. The event wasn't as well attended as previous years. Clerk would like to thank all volunteers who helped on the day. Ideas for the event next year will be discussed by the events committee at the meeting next week. • There have been a few queries from the External Auditor, and the 2025-26 accounts have now been signed off and published. • Clerk has been arranging further quotes for an inclusive roundabout, these quotes will be reviewed at the November meeting. • Our current water contract is due for renewal in December, so the Clerk is looking at different contract options. • The Clerk continues to go through the archives, ensuring all legal documents are kept, and all other paperwork is destroyed. Handwritten minute books dating from 1894 – 1978 have been collated and will be taken to Nottinghamshire Archives in the coming months. • Clerk has started planning the Annual Christmas Light Switch on event, ensuring the Christmas tree is ordered, Mr & Mrs Claus are booked, and gifts for Santa's grotto have been purchased. Posters promoting the event have been made and will be displayed around the village and on our website and Facebook. • Lamp post poppies, soldier silhouettes, and poppy bunting will need to be installed over the coming weeks. If anyone is available to help put up and / or take down, please let Clerk know.	
CO/081/26 <u>Items of Confidentiality</u> • No items of confidentiality were discussed.	
CO/082/26 <u>Date of next meeting(s)</u> • Events Committee Meeting – Tuesday 13th October 2026 • Full Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 3rd November 2026	
• **Chair thanked all councillors for their attendance and patience; he closed the meeting at 8.09pm**	