

LAWSHALL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of meeting: Tuesday 10th February 2026
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: Village Hall
Clerk: lawshallpcclerk@outlook.com

PRESENT:	ACTION
<p>Mark Anson (Chair), Catherine Baynton (Vice Chair), Melvin Coe, Andy Irish, Juliet Frost, Robert Staveley, Stephen Plumb, Louisa Mower 13 Members of the public</p>	
<p>1. APOLOGIES</p> <p>Noted and accepted from Richard Kemp and Michael Holt.</p>	
<p>2. DECLARATION OF BUSINESS INTERESTS/CONFLICT OF INTEREST To give Councillors the opportunity to declare any new business interest or potential conflict of interest arising from the agenda for the meeting.</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>3. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS To consider any nomination/s for the co-option of a Councillor.</p> <p>MA proposed the co-option of Hannah Crooke, who shared reasons for wishing to become a Councillor. AI Seconded. MA proposed the co-option of Tom Debenham, who shared reasons for wishing to become a Councillor. AI Seconded. LM to return relevant information and completed forms to BMSDC electoral services.</p>	LM
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 are a correct record. Draft minutes detailed on the website. Shared and proposed by MA. Seconded by JF.</p>	
<p>4. MATTERS ARISING To receive progress of actions from last meeting and consider any matters arising from previous meetings not covered elsewhere in the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quote for Walcher's Meadows Paths. MA proposed works by AWF M Ltd at £180 including VAT. Seconded by CB. LM to action. • Consideration of what to include in Round and About Lawshall this month. Councillor co-options, illegal e-bike riders in the village, information about local road closures, planning. 	LM LM, MA
<p>5. REPORTS</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive a report from Richard Kemp, County Councillor, circulated prior to the meeting and added to https://lawshallparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/. Shared by MA. To receive a report from Michael Holt and/or Stephen Plumb, District Councillors, circulated prior to the meeting and added to https://lawshallparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/. Shared by SP. 	
<p>6. UPDATES AND CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information from Police Forum. Shared by MA. https://www.suffolk.police.uk/area/your-area/suffolk/sudbury-and-haverhill/sudbury-rural-north/about-us/crime-map 	
<p>7. FINANCE To receive a finance report, consider grant requests and authorise payments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Account (CIL & reserves): £38,187.11 Community (operating) Account: £395.32 (remaining until 31st March). MA proposed transferring £2000 from the Business to Community Account for regular payments until then. Seconded by RS. LM to action. 2026/27 Precept Granted. MA shared details about this. Finance Committee Meeting scheduled. Budget 2026/7 - Project suggestions from Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes to recycling credits - Office expenses - Training <p>To be added to March agenda following Finance Committee Meeting.</p> <p>REGULAR PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED AND RATIFIED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk salary for the month of January: £617.76 (30/1/26). Proposed by MA. Seconded by JF. HMRC Employer PAYE NI Contribution: £30.11 (23/1/26). Proposed by MA. Seconded by JF. <p>MA and LM to action payments.</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>LM, MA, JF, AI</p> <p>LM, MA</p>
<p>8. PLANNING To consider planning applications and appeals.</p> <p>APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/05345 Proposal: Planning Application. Erection of an agricultural building. Location: Land To The North Of Corner Farm, Lawshall Road, Lawshall, IP30 0JP. Lawshall Parish Council have no objections to this application (by majority vote).</p> <p>APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – DC/25/04984 Proposal: Full Planning Application - Change of use from arable agricultural land to Birds of Prey displays, Experiences and Small Reptile Exhibits), including visitor parking, aviaries, reptile and reception buildings. Location: Land At Audley End, Melford Road, Lawshall, Suffolk. Lawshall Parish Council objected to this</p>	

<p>proposal due to lack of information on expected traffic levels and other issues relating to Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan Policies LWL17 and LWL21. Being considered by external planning committee (expected in April, date to be confirmed).</p> <p>APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/03831 Proposal: Application for Outline Planning Permission. (Access to be considered, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale to be dealt with under Reserved Matters Application). Erection of 5no self-build/custom build dwellings. Location: Land At Melford Road, Lawshall. Objections from Lawshall Parish Council. Does not comply with Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan Policies LWL1, LWL2, LWL3 or LWL13.</p> <p>PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED - DC/25/03201 Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of a wooden clad stables, tack room, hay store and storage where existing static caravans were positioned. Location: Folly Farm, Folly Lane, Lawshall, IP29 4TJ. No objections from Lawshall Parish Council.</p>	
<p>9. PUBLIC FORUM AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive comments or questions and matters of concern from Councillors. <p>CB shared a resident's concerns about inconsiderate and hazardous parking. AI to help draft a letter to be delivered to the owner of the van concerned.</p> <p>AI shared information about upcoming electrical works at the church affecting nearby residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive comments or questions and matters of concern from members of the public either in person, email or writing. <p>(see PLANNING)</p> <p>Resident shared concerns about damage to playground and Walcher's Meadow by illegal e-bikes on 19/1/26. CB to explore quotes for more secure fencing and gates when putting together plans to develop the playground.</p> <p>Resident explained that the grit box nearest to the village hall needs its contents replaced. LM to report this.</p>	<p>AI, CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>LM</p>
<p>10. CLOSE OF MEETING</p> <p>8.37 p.m.</p>	
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>Tuesday 10th of March 2026</p>	