

Awbridge Parish Council Clerk Report – November 2024

1. Planning Decisions:

24/02091/CLES 09.09.2024

Application for lawful development certificate for occupation of existing property as a dwelling by non-agricultural or forestry workers - 29 Cowleas Cottages, Awbridge, Romsey

Closed as INVALID 08.10.2024

24/02031/FULLS 03.09.2024

Garage extension and new gated entrance Awbridge Lodge, Danes Road, Awbridge

PERMISSION subject to conditions & notes05.11.2024

24/02089/FULLS 10.09.2024 Demolish porch, single storey front and rear extensions, erect two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extensions and single storey side extension and conversion of garage, with alterations to fenestration throughout and associated landscaping - Daneswood, Danes Road, Awbridge

PERMISSION subject to conditions & notes11.11.2024

2. Correspondence:

2.1 Re: Low water pressure Southern Water

Dear Mrs Sansome,

Thank you for your recent contact received on 25 October 2024, addressed to our Chief Executive Officer, Lawrence Gosden, about the water pressure in Awbridge Village. As a member of Lawrence's Executive Review Team, I am responding on his behalf. I appreciate you getting in touch, so that I can investigate for you.

I am sorry to hear residents are experiencing pressure issues. I have provided you with a summary of my investigations in the attached document, along with some additional information that may be useful.

After you have read the material, if you have additional questions or would like further advice, please do not hesitate to get back in touch, by using my contact details below.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey Taylor

Executive Review Team

2.2 Community Engagement

Hi Tracev.

I hope you are well. I wanted to check in and see how everything has been in Awbridge. When I last spoke to the councillors, I introduced the thriving communities workshops and we discussed ensuring the outcomes were relevant to Awbridge and identifying any priorities for Awbridge which may not have been identified at the workshops.

The priorities for the Blackwater ward identified in the workshops were:

- 1. Improving the drainage in sports fields across blackwater
- 2. **Pedestrian connectivity** improving the quality of footpaths and rights of way in the ward, making the more accessible and safer to use.
- 3. **Transport opportunities** for older people, people with disabilities and younger people who are unable to drive to boost independence and the ability to integrate within the community.
- 4. **Promoting volunteering** bringing new volunteers in and retaining experienced volunteers.

I did start work with Gordon around improving the boardwalks and Stiles in the rights of way throughout Awbridge. Unfortunately, the grant we were looking at ended up not being suitable for this project, but I am still looking for ways to get this project moving.

I am really keen to continue working with the Parish council to deliver on the above for the community and identifying other opportunities to work together. I was wondering if it would be possible to meet with the Parish council again to talk through the 4 priorities above and see how we can action them in Awbridge. I look forward to hearing from you. Have a good weekend.

Kind regards Antony Antony Chapman (He/Him) Community Engagement Officer (Community Safety)

2.3 Daniel Hutchings (TVBC)

Good Afternoon Tracy

Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in responding to you. I thought that I had already come back to you, but realise that this was not the case.

With respect to the gate on Danes Road, I have reviewed the potential locations but due to the presence of the drainage ditch that runs along the side of the carriageway, we are limited on options that are available. The reason for this being, that if the gateway was to be installed with part of it installed in the ditch, it would restrict the waterflow, and could increase the likelihood of flooding. I am not immediately aware of any flooding issues here, but as the 30mph signs are under trees etc, I am openly aware that this section of road will maintain wet for longer periods, and whilst leaves can equally obstruct the flow of water, I don't wish to be installing infrastructure that would escalate the issues.

Some of the issues that have been considered are to implement the gateway in front of the 30mph terminal signs, and along the stretch leading to Newtown Road, however, the section of verge between the carriageway and the ditch is too small to accommodate a gateway. I have also considered both the nearside and offside verge, but the same issues are present. Therefore, I have considered alternative issues, and have been looked at potential locations nearer to the village/school, but we equally need verge space, and we need to avoid any potential visibility issues from properties again. The first location that I feel would be possible, would be the offside verge to the south of property called "Halfcote" Danes Rd - Google Maps. The exact location will need to be confirmed as the verge width does differ depending on position but the placement should be outside of the visibility splay for vehicles exiting "The Hollies" and out of sight for "Halfcote". Would this be acceptable to the Parish Council?

After this point, we enter the heavily residential section so opportunities are non-existent. We could consider a location further outside the village itself, but the other gateway have been provided within the village centre area, I wasn't sure this would be supported.

I hope this information is helpful to you, but please let me know how you wish to proceed. I apologise again for the delay

Kind Regards Daniel Hutchings

3. Misc

3.1 SSE have completed cutting back of trees in recreation ground.

4. Financial Summary

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 27th November 2024 2024

INCOME		
UNITY Bank	Interest	417.11
TVBC	CIL Funds	36,964.13
	Total £	37,381.24
INVOICES TO PAY		
Simon Nightingale	Management of VAS Sign Dec	102.66
Tracy Sansome	Salary/Home Allowance/Back Pay	829.18
HMRC	PAYE (TS)	149.80
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	Total £	1,081.64
OTHER PAYMENTS		
Tracy Sansome	Refunds for Stationery £ 17.98	
	Wreath £29.49	
	Postage £1.70	49.17
Unity Trust	Service Charge (5.40)	
Hugo Fox	Website (11.99)	40.47
ALLOTED PROJECTS	Total £	49.17
CIL Funds		61,964.00
General Reserve		12,000.00
General Reserve		12,000.00
	Total £	73,964.00
Account Balances		·
UNITY TRUST BANK	Current Account	64,214.09
	Reserve Account	60593.41
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ACTUAL FUNDS Available		
	Less payments & allotted monies	75,094.81
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	£	49,712.69