

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON
WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor R Barnes in the Chair
Councillors Dyott, Elliott and Mrs Harrison

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Armstrong and J Barnes.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 May 2015 (Minute Nos. 1 - 22) as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Packington Sign

Councillor R Barnes informed Members that the Packington Sign half way up Hopwas Hill on the left hand side (Tamworth to Lichfield) which was bent back and a branch had fallen onto the sign had still not been repaired.

RESOLVED That a further email be sent to Staffordshire County Council, as Highway Authority, asking that the fallen branch be removed and repairs made to the Packington Sign.

Whittington Arms

Councillor R Barnes informed Members that the 'grip' which needs cleaning out on the road by the Whittington Arms (Lichfield to Tamworth) had still not been cleaned out.

RESOLVED That a further email be sent to Staffordshire County Council, as Highway Authority, asking that the 'grip' be cleaned out.

Bridle Path - Old London Road and A38 Bridge below Swinfen Hall

Councillor Elliott informed Members of the current situation regarding the bridle path at the Old London Road and A38 Bridge below Swinfen Hall.

RESOLVED That a further email be sent to Chris Rose the Rights of Way Assistant (North), Staffordshire County Council in September 2015 if the work has not been carried out.

27. HOPWAS QUARRY

Councillor R Barnes informed Members that Councillor Armstrong had informed him that the quad bikes were gaining access to the quarry, however, they were not gaining access off the A51.

It was proposed by Councillor R Barnes, duly seconded and

RESOLVED (1) That a further email be sent to Inspector Rachel Joyce, copied to PCSO Stackhouse asking that the quarry be visited on a regular basis to deter the quad bikes from visiting.

(2) That an item on Hopwas Quarry continue to be included on the next agenda.

28. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

Councillor Dyott gave an update on the HS2. It was proposed by Councillor R Barnes, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That an item on the High Speed Rail Plans (HS2) continue to be included on the next agenda.

29. BANK MANDATE

It was proposed by Councillor R Barnes, duly seconded and

RESOLVED (1) That the bank mandate be signed by Councillor Mrs Harrison.

(2) That in light of Councillor J Barnes absence the bank mandate be placed on the 02 September 2015 Parish Council Agenda.

30. SWINFEN ESTATE (Minute No. 19 - 13 May 2015 refers)

Councillor Mrs Harrison gave an update on the Swinfen Estate. It was proposed by Councillor R Barnes, duly seconded and

RESOLVED (1) That an email be sent to Jennifer Madeley at Swinfen Prison asking what the outcome was regarding the proposed zebra crossing at the Estates Planning Meeting.

(2) That a further email be sent to Highways England (formerly the Highways Agency) regarding the lighting on the A38 entrance/exit to the Swinfen Estate.

**31. AUDIT COMMISSION
COMPLETION OF ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING
31 MARCH 2015**

It was proposed by Councillor R Barnes, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

**32. PLANNING APPLICATION 15/00149/FUL
HEART OF THE COUNTRY SHOPPING VILLAGE, LONDON ROAD
ERECTION OF AN OPEN FRONTED, OPEN SIDED WOODEN SHELTER**

RESOLVED That 'No Objection' be submitted in respect of the above planning application to Lichfield District Council.

**33. PLANNING APPLICATION 15/00485/FUL AND 15/00486/LBC
PACKINGTON HALL, TAMWORTH ROAD
DEMOLITION OF EXISTING COMMERCIAL/MANUFACTURING UNITS AND
CONVERSION OF PACKINGTON HALL TO FORM 4 NO. APARTMENTS AND ERECTION
OF 20 DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS**

Members were informed that a planning application had been received by Lichfield District Council relating to Packington Hall, however, the application had not yet been received by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED (1) That once the application had been received by the Parish Council that full details be forwarded to all Members of the Parish Council.

(2) That the initial comments of the Parish Council were that there was no objection to the demolition of the existing commercial/manufacturing units and conversion of Packington Hall to form 4 no. apartments, however, there was an objection to the erection of 20 dwellings as this was felt over intensive use of the brownfield site, the dwellings proposed were very substantial and access/egress as this was a single track of 8 foot x 6 foot. It was proposed that 10 dwellings would be more acceptable on the site.

34. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (Section 2) (and as expended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

35. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

It was proposed by Councillor R Barnes, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's June 2015 (cheque number 100332) and July 2015 (cheque number 100333) salary, HMRC - August 2015 (cheque number 100335), Staffordshire Pension Fund - August 2015

(cheque number 100334), HMRC - September 2015 (cheque number 100337) and Staffordshire Pension Fund - September 2015 (cheque number 100336).

36. DATE, VENUE AND TIME FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED That Wednesday 02 September 2015 and Wednesday 04 November 2015 in the Conference Room 1, Conference Centre, HMP Swinfen commencing 7.00 p.m. be confirmed as the next Parish Council meetings.

(The Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.)

Signed

Dated