

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE  
CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON  
WEDNESDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor R Barnes in the Chair  
Councillors Armstrong, Dyott and Mrs Harrison (from 7.20 p.m.)

**In attendance:**

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk  
Councillor Mrs N Bacon, Chairman, Lichfield District Council  
Councillor B Bacon, Chairman's Consort, Lichfield District Council

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

**37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors J Barnes and Elliott.

**38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**39. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 July 2015 (Minute Nos. 23 - 37) as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**40. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**40.1 Planning Application 14/00631/COU – Blackbrook Country Sports Limited  
Coach and Horses Plantation, London Road, Weeford  
Additional use of existing commercial woodland for country pursuits including clay  
pigeon shooting, air soft, air rifles, archery and associated parking and buildings**

The Chairman stated to Members that he had been approached regarding the above application. It was **AGREED** by all Members present that as a number of residents of the Parish of Swinfen and Packington worship at Weeford Church and would be affected that the following objection be emailed to Lichfield District Council as the Local Planning Authority:

- The development is incongruous and out of keeping with the area being too close to residential development.

- The vehicular access off the A38 is not capable of accommodating additional use.
- The proposed use would generate significant noise pollution, which would have an adverse impact upon the reasonable amenity of local residents and the profitability of adjacent businesses and the nearby church.
- The noise produced by the scheme could impact upon the wellbeing of horses within the adjacent stable business and conversely the safety of riders.
- The proposal would constitute a safety hazard for users of the public footpath which crosses the site.
- The proposal would reduce the recreational diversity of the area.
- A micro-light flight path crosses the site and the proposal raises the potential risk of collision from a stray shot.
- Shot and clay fallout could have an adverse impact upon the environment.
- The felling of trees to enable the development will have an adverse impact upon the ecology of the area.

**40.2 Staffordshire Tithe Map Digitisation Project – A Project of the Friends of the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service**

Councillor Dyott stated that he was a ‘Friend’ of the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service and asked if the Parish Council would consider making a donation of £120 (£60 for Swinfen and £60 for Packington) towards the Digitisation Project. Councillor Dyott gave brief details regarding the project. It was **AGREED** by all Members present that this item be placed on the November agenda for further consideration in order that the Parish Clerk can obtain further details from Councillor Dyott.

**41. HOPWAS QUARRY**

Councillor R Barnes informed Members that he had visited the site on several Sundays and had spoken to ‘lads’ from Milton Keynes. The Chairman stated that they were gaining access via Knox’s Grave Lane. Councillor Armstrong stated that he had had a visit from PCSO Stackhouse.

It was proposed by Councillor R Barnes, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED (1)** That an email be forward to Cemex bringing to their attention the legal liability they have should an accident occur.

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

**42. 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.

**43. BANK MANDATE**

It was proposed by Councillor R Barnes, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED (1)** That in light of Councillor J Barnes absence the bank mandate be placed on the 04 November 2015 Parish Council Agenda.

**44. 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.

**45. 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 August 2015 (**cheque number 100338**) and September 2015 (**cheque number 100339**) salary, HMRC - October 2015 (**cheque number 100340**), Staffordshire Pension Fund - October 2015 (**cheque number 100341**), HMRC - November 2015 (**cheque number 100342**) and Staffordshire Pension Fund - November 2015 (**cheque number 100343**).

**46. DATE, VENUE AND TIME FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED** That 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 meeting.

(The Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.)

Signed .....

Dated .....