

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD
AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON
WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor R Barnes in the Chair
Councillors J Barnes and Dyott

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Armstrong, Elliott and Mrs Harrison.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

30. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 July 2016 (Minute Nos. 19-27) as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

31. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

31.1 Planning Application 16/00039/COU – Mr D Pope

Barn at Packington Lane

Conversion and extension of rural building to form a 1 no. bedroom dwelling and associated works

Further to the below Objection made to the Lichfield District Council Planners, by the Parish Council:

- Firstly, this is a new building on the footprint of an old one which has only just been completed; the application photographs clearly indicate this.
- The previous building had not been in agriculture for approximately 50 years; therefore, the Parish Council cannot support this application. It has not been in agricultural usage, it is not a redundant building, it does not have the benefit of planning permission or building regulations and it is a new build.
- Upon a site visit by Members of the Parish Council, this would not appear to be in current agricultural use, that being so, the Parish Council would have thought that we are not considering the conversion of a redundant agricultural building.
- Infringement of the Green Belt.

Councillor R Barnes stated that he had received various emails from Mrs Pope and had replied as follows:

“At no time did Councillor Armstrong express any particular insult to anybody at any meeting. I clearly understood he had issues but they are his personal opinion and not of the Parish Council. It’s just when he starts off with somebody asking what the time is - he tries to tell us how a watch works! He has a particular interest with anything in Packington Lane as I believe he owns the Freehold. But as is said in previous correspondence the outcome of your application lies with the planners in Lichfield and not the Parish Council. Any particular opinion he had would have to be relayed direct to the Council planners.”

32. HOPWAS QUARRY

Councillor R Barnes informed Members that CEMEX had erected 7ft high fencing around the quarry however this had been vandalised. Members **AGREED** that every effort had been made by CEMEX to keep the quad bikes out.

RESOLVED That an item on Hopwas Quarry continue to be included on the next agenda.

33. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

Members were given an update on the HS2.

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

**34. AUDIT COMMISSION
COMPLETION OF ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING
31 MARCH 2016**

It was proposed by Councillor R Barnes, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

35. PROPOSED HOUSING REGENERATION PROJECT – LEVETT ROAD, PACKINGTON

Members were informed that Councillors R Barnes, J Barnes and Dyott had attended the Bromford Housing Group’s ‘drop-in’ event in Whittington on 16 August 2016. All Members present felt that even though they had no objection, in principle, to the demolition of the “Airey” houses, replacement with 24 new dwelling was too intensive for the site.

RESOLVED That an email be sent to Mr Paul Newman of Levett Road stating that the Parish Council sympathises with the residents however the Parish Council cannot comment until such time as the full planning application is received. However, it is hoped that Bromford Housing Group would have listened to local concerns.

**36. PLANNING APPLICATION 16/00976/FUL - MR J V REMY
6 THE DRIVE
TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO SIDE TO FORM BEDROOM AND EN-SUITE, SINGLE
STOREY EXTENSION TO REAR TO FORM DINING ROOM AND UTILITY AND EXTEND
EXISTING GARAGE**

RESOLVED That the following comment be submitted in respect of the above planning application to Lichfield District Council:

- No objection.

37. 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.

38. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's August 2016 (**cheque number 100381**) and September 2016 (**cheque number 100382**) salary, HMRC - October 2016 (**cheque number 100384**), Staffordshire Pension Fund - October 2016 (**cheque number 100383**), HMRC - November 2016 (**cheque number 100386**) and Staffordshire Pension Fund - November 2016 (**cheque number 100385**).

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

RESOLVED That Wednesday 09 November 2016 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 7.25 p.m.)

Signed

Dated