

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON
WEDNESDAY 08 MARCH 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk
Mr Tahir Ahmed, Engagement Manager – Area North, HS2
Mr Nick Hilton, Senior Project Manager, HS2

HR2

The Chairman welcomed Mr Ahmed and Mr Hilton to the meeting. Both Mr Ahmed and Mr Hilton provided an update on HS2 and provided an overview of any proposed early works in the Parish. Mr Ahmed said that HS2 will be setting up colleges in both Birmingham and Doncaster. These will be set up with qualified engineers in order to provide skilled workers.

Mr Ahmed mentioned the Business and Local Economy Fund and Community and Environment Fund and said that he would send the guidance details for both funds.

Mr Hilton said that the main contractor was not yet known however the line is cut into 7 sections and this section North of the NEC to Handsacre is known as North Package 2.

Mr Ahmed was asked by Members who was funding the HS2. Mr Ahmed said that he would find out this information and report back to the Parish Council in due course.

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Elliott.

69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

70. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 January 2017 (Minute Nos. 56-67) as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

71. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

71.1 Packington Hall

Councillor R Barnes gave an update to all Members present on the current situation regarding Packington Hall.

**71.2 Planning Application 16/01232/FULM
Levett Road**

Councillor R Barnes informed Members that District Councillor Yeates had called in planning application 16/01232 - Levett Road which meant that the planning application was heard at LDC's Planning Committee and not dealt with under delegated authority by an officer. However, only one resident had turned up at LDC's Planning Committee to object to the application and unfortunately the planning application was granted.

71.3 Flooding on the Tamworth Road

Councillor R Barnes informed Members that there had recently been an accident on the Tamworth Road as a result of the flooding. Councillor R Barnes informed Members that he had spoken to District Council Yeates on a number of occasions who had said that the Tamworth Road was "on the list" of works to be undertaken but could not give a date when the works would be done.

72. HOPWAS QUARRY

Councillor R Barnes updated Members stating that CEMEX were now planting trees to keep the bikes out.

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

73. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

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

74. REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLVED That the Parish Council considers the system of internal control to be sufficiently effective and the Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit be signed by the Chairman.

75. REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL AND ANNUAL REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLVED That the Parish Council considers the controls currently in place are effective and that the Statement of Internal Control and Annual Review of Effectiveness of Internal Control be signed by the Chairman.

76. LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL : ELECTIONS 07 MAY 2015

RESOLVED That a cheque be drawn made payable to Lichfield District Council in the sum of £102.46 in respect of the 2015 Elections (**cheque no. 100401**).

**77. PLANNING APPLICATION 17/00085/FUL
10 BROOM COVERT ROAD, SWINFEN
DEMOLITION OF EXISTING PORCH AND ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY FRONT
EXTENSION TO FORM PORCH AND WC**

That the following comment be submitted to Lichfield District Council:

- No objection.

However, Councillor Armstrong said that he felt that this application should come under general permitted development.

78. 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.

79. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's February 2017 (**cheque number 100399**) and March 2017 (**cheque number 100400**) salary, HMRC – April 2017 (**cheque number 100402**), Staffordshire Pension Fund – April 2017 (**cheque number 100403**), HMRC – May 2017 (**cheque number 100404**) and Staffordshire Pension Fund - May 2017 (**cheque number 100405**).

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

RESOLVED That Wednesday 10 May 2017 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 8.23 p.m.)

Signed

Dated