

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON WEDNESDAY 12 JULY
2017 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor R Barnes (in the Chair)
Councillors Armstrong (from 7.02 pm), Dyott and Mrs Harrison

In attendance

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J Barnes.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION

None declared.

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 May 2017 (Minute Nos. 1-18) as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(COUNCILLOR ARMSTRONG DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM AND LEFT THE ROOM DURING DISCUSSION THEREOF).

Planning Application 17/00783/COU

Land adjacent Keepers Cottage, Packington Lane

Change of use of land and erection of commercial livery stables (associated with Keepers Cottage, Packington Lane)

The Chairman confirmed that an email had been forwarded to all Members of the Parish Council (including District Councillor Yeates) relating to planning application 17/00783/COU as Lichfield District Council, as Local Planning Authority, had sought comments from the Parish Council between meetings. This is not unusual as the Parish Council only meets every two months. Several Councillors had indicated that they had no objection so the Parish Clerk had forwarded this comment to Lichfield District Council on 05 July 2017.

The Chairman proceeded to inform Members of the background to this application and stated that no other comments had appeared on Lichfield District Council's planning portal (12 July 2017). However, a resident from Packington Lane had approached the Parish Council. Councillor Dyott felt that no formal objection had been raised (nothing to warrant the Parish Council's attention).

It was **RESOLVED** that all Members present endorsed the action taken by the Chairman.

23. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

The Chairman stated that he had nothing to report this time relating to HS2, however, Councillor Dyott stated that on a personal note he had written to the Prime Minister requesting that she takes out the HS2 from their manifesto and Mr Hammond MP requesting that he takes out the HS2 from their budget.

24. 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.

25. 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 2017 salary (**cheque number 100418**) and July 2017 salary (**cheque number 100419**), HMRC - August 2017 (**cheque number 100420**), Staffordshire Pension Fund - August 2017 (**cheque number 100421**), HMRC - September 2017 (**cheque number 100422**) and Staffordshire Pension Fund - September 2017 (**cheque number 100423**),

26. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED That Wednesday 13 September 2017 and Wednesday 08 November 2017 in the Conference Room 1, Conference Centre, HMP Swinfen commencing 7.00 pm be confirmed as the next Parish Council meetings.

(The Meeting closed at 7.19 pm)

Signed

Date