

MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON
WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

Councillor R Barnes in the Chair
Councillors Armstrong (from 7.04 pm), J Barnes and Dyott (from 7.18 pm)

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Elliott and Mrs Harrison.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

52. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 08 November 2017 (Minute Nos. 37-49) as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

53.1 Review of General Data Protection Regulations/Data Protection Bill 2017 (Minute No. 46 - 08 November 2017 refers)

Further to the Parish Council Meeting in November regarding the new General Data Protection Regulations it has now come to light that it is the National Association of Local Councils' view that most clerks and RFOs cannot be designed as the Council's Data Protection Officer. In view of this and the financial implications that this may involve it was suggested that it may be prudent to put the bus shelter on the back burner at this moment in time until such time as the full financial implications are known.

53.2 Bus Shelter

Councillor R Barnes made reference to a bus shelter (from Tamworth to Lichfield on the A51) which used to exist sometime ago. It was suggested that a three-bay commuter range cantilever with no end returns at a cost of approximately £2,995 plus VAT may be appropriate. The Parish Clerk suggested a site meeting to ascertain the exact location.

RESOLVED That the bus shelter be held in abeyance until such time as the implications of the General Data Protection Regulations are known.

54. THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL PLANS

Councillor J Barnes updated Members on the current situation.

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

55. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

RESOLVED That in light of the fact that there had been no changes to the Financial Regulations since their adoption (22 September 2010) that the Financial Regulations be received and noted.

56. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED That in light of the fact that there had been no changes to the Standing Orders since their adoption (14 July 2010) that the Standing Orders be received and noted.

57. REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME – EMPLOYER DISCRETIONS POLICY

RESOLVED That in light of the fact that there had been no changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme – Employer Discretions Policy since their adoption (02 July 2014) that the Local Government Pension Scheme – Employer Discretions Policy be received and noted.

58. 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.

59. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's December 2017 (cheque number 100436) and January 2018 (cheque number 100437) salary, Staffordshire Pension Fund – February 2018 (cheque number 100438), HMRC - February 2018 (cheque number 100439), Staffordshire Pension Fund - March 2018 (cheque number 100440) and HMRC – March 2018 (cheque number 100441).

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

RESOLVED That Wednesday 14 March 2018 and Wednesday 16 May 2018 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