

MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON
WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.08 PM

PRESENT

Councillor R Barnes in the Chair
Councillors Armstrong and Dyott

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk
Mrs G Pope

46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J Barnes.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

48. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 07 November 2018 2018 [Minute No. 34-45] be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

49. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bus Shelter

Members were informed that the replacement bus shelter on the A51 was now in situ and the Chairman stated that he had observed members of the public standing there. It was considered that should the Parish Council receive any more Community Infrastructure Levy monies in the future it may be appropriate to install a fixed seat within the bus shelter.

Packington Hall

The Chairman informed Members the demolition contractor had been on site since 08 January 2019 [factory unit and cottage at the back]. Members were informed that bat boxes had arrived, some trees had been tagged and fencing had been erected around the site. Members were advised that the developer had indicated to the Chairman that 80% of the development had been sold off plan. The Chairman explained that he owned the driveway but there was conditional access. The Chairman explained that Packington Hall redevelopment was work in progress.

50. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

The Parish Clerk advised that Mr Loescher had asked if the following could be mentioned at the meeting:

- a. At a meeting with HS2 Limited in September 2018, it was advised that HS2 could possibly be raising the track by up to 3 metres as it passes through the Parish.
- b. It was promised a further meeting in February 2019 would take place to discuss the height of the track and the proposed mitigation bund.

Mr Loescher asked if the Parish Council would consider writing to Mr Mark Thurston, CEO of HS2 Limited [copy to Christopher Pincher MP] raising the following concerns:

- a. Expressing concern that HS2 might be considering raising the height of the line as it passes through the Parish. Asking why this might be and why the community has not been properly consulted.
- b. Expressing the Parish Council's support for a bund 5m above the height of line as it passes through Packington Moor.
- c. Writing to HS2 Limited to ask for further details of the proposed meeting in February 2019.

RESOLVED THAT

1. A letter [drafted by Mr Loescher] be sent to Mr Thurston [copied to Mr Pincher MP].
2. An item on the High Speed Rail Plans (HS2) continue to be included on the next agenda.

51. 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.

52. 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.

53. 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.

54. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's December 2018 [cheque number 100478] and January 2019 [cheque number 100479] salary, HMRC - February 2019 [cheque number 100481], Staffordshire Pension Fund - February 2019 [cheque number 100480], HMRC - March 2019 [cheque number 100483] and Staffordshire Pension Fund - March 2019 [cheque number 100482].

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

RESOLVED (1) That Wednesday 20 March 2019 and Wednesday 08 May 2019 in the Conference Room 1, Conference Centre, HMP Swinfen commencing 7pm be confirmed as the next Parish Council meetings.

(2) That Mrs Pope and Mr Loescher be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council as observers only.

(The Meeting closed at 7.36 p.m.)

Signed

Dated