

MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON
WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.06 PM

PRESENT

Councillor R Barnes in the Chair
Councillors Armstrong and Dyott

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk
Mrs G Pope
Mr J Loescher

56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J Barnes.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Armstrong declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Minute No. 65 [planning application 19/00324/FULH - Wayside, Packington Lane].

58. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 January 2019 [Minute No. 46-55] be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

59. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The High Speed Rail Plans

The Chairman informed Mr Loescher that the High Speed Rail Plans were a global issue and not just a personal issue and that the Parish Council would assist where it could.

Bus Shelter

Members were informed that the replacement bus shelter on the A51 was now in situ located on the original base. However, Mr Perks, Customer Liaison Manager, South Staffordshire Water had emailed informing the Parish Council that the bus shelter had been built over some of South Staffordshire Water's sluice valves and fire hydrants making them inaccessible, which in the case of a burst main or fire they would be in operable, which would cause major problems on the water supply network.

The Chairman informed Members that he had met three representatives from South Staffordshire Water on site and it had been agreed by the Chairman that the Parish Council would move the shelter back. Mr Loescher enquired as to the names of the three representatives so that he could make enquiries himself.

Packington Hall

The Chairman informed Members that demolition had been extensive on site and that he had heard rumours that the developer [Blue Marble Properties] were intending to build the 22 new dwellings first although the planning permission stated that the change of use of Packington Hall to form 6 no. apartments would be done first.

RESOLVED That the Parish Clerk email District Councillor Brian Yeates expressing the Parish Council's concerns.

60. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

Mr Loescher updated Members on the current position. Mr Loescher made reference to the letter sent by the Parish Council to Mr Mark Thurston, CEO of HS2 Limited dated 16 January 2019 and the subsequent reply dated 29 January 2019 received from Chris Humphreys, Community Engagement Manager relating to the possible raising of the HS2 line in the Parish of Swinfen and Packington.

RESOLVED (1) That the Parish Clerk would write to Christopher Pincher MP [letter to be drafted by Mr Loescher].

(2) That the Parish Clerk would write to Chris Humphreys, Community Engagement Manager [letter to be drafted by Mr Loescher].

61. 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.

62. 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.

63. STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION [SPCA]

RESOLVED That the Parish Council renew membership of the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association (**cheque number 100488**).

64. COUNCILLOR NORMAN ELLIOTT

Members noted the resignation of Councillor Elliott.

[For information that whilst the resignation of Councillor Elliott created a vacancy, the opportunity for an election does not occur during the last six months of the life of current Parish Council membership. However, Members may decide to co-opt a qualifying elector to fill the vacancy].

**65. PLANNING APPLICATION 19/00324/FULH
APPLICANT: MR M BARKER
LOCATION: WAYSIDE, PACKINGTON LANE
PROPOSAL: TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO FORM KITCHEN, LOUNGE,
BEDROOMS AND EN-SUITE**

RESOLVED No objection.

**66. PLANNING APPLICATION 19/00344/ABN
APPLICANT: MR R MERCER
LOCATION: PACKINGTON FIELDS FARM, TAMWORTH ROAD
PROPOSAL: AGRICULTURAL DETERMINATION: ERECTION OF A GENERAL PURPOSE
AGRICULTURAL SHED**

RESOLVED No objection in principle however the Local Planning Authority to ensure that adequate tree screening is provided.

**67. PLANNING APPLICATION 19/00387/ABN
APPLICANT: MR R MERCER
LOCATION: PACKINGTON FIELDS FARM, TAMWORTH ROAD
PROPOSAL: AGRICULTURAL DETERMINATION: ERECTION OF A STRAW STORAGE
BARN**

RESOLVED No objection in principle however the Local Planning Authority to ensure that adequate tree screening is provided.

68. 02 MAY 2019 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

For information Members were informed that the notice of election was published on the Parish Council noticeboards on 18 March 2019 and completed nomination forms can be returned by hand to Lichfield District Council between 10am and 4pm from the 19 March 2019 until the deadline of 4pm on the 03 April 2019.

69. 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.

70. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's February 2019 [cheque number 100484] and March 2019 [cheque number 100485] salary.

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

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

(The Meeting closed at 8.10 pm)

Signed Dated