

MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT
THE CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON
WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

Councillor R Barnes in the Chair
Councillors Armstrong, Dyott, Loescher and Mrs Pope

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

PARISH FORUM

No members of the public were present.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None as all Members were present.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Loescher declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item No. 8 [planning application 19/00812/FUL, The Steading, Jerrys Lane - Retention of ground source heat pump].

17. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 08 May 2019 [Minute Nos. 1-14] as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Packington Hall

The Chairman informed Members that the re-development of the site was rolling on slowly however the site was being vandalised on a regular basis.

Highway Issue

Councillor Dyott made reference to standing water across the carriageway on the A51 [hill below the Horse and Jockey Public House]. Members also mentioned Common Barn Business Park on the A51 and opposite the Whittington Arms on the Tamworth Road. It was **AGREED** that the Parish Clerk would write to Staffordshire County Council [as Highway Authority] reminding them of the risk as there had been several fatalities in recent years.

19. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

The Chairman made reference to an email that he had received [dated 10 July 2019] from Marcus Wells, Senior Parliamentary Researcher [Office of the Rt Hon Christopher Pincher MP]. It was noted that this was as a result of a telephone conversation between the Chairman and Mr Wells.

In the email, Mr Wells confirmed that a meeting had taken place between Mr Pincher, Mr Thurston and Ms King. Mr Pincher raised two very clear topics at the meeting namely [1] The bund height and how it will be measured and [2] The conflicting statement between what HS2 said at the Whittington meeting vs what was said at the Swinfen and Packington meeting.

Ms King agreed at the meeting that conflicting information should not be issued and agreed that she would clear that up at the workshop scheduled to take place on 16 July. [As Mr Christopher Humphreys, Community Engagement Manager was not present at the meeting they could not comment any further].

With the bund height, Mr Pincher put across that should the height of the line change, the bund must move with it with the bund height being between 2.5m to 5m high.

At the meeting Mr Thurston confirmed a number of points:

- They have not yet decided the height of the line - it has varied along the 180km route and continues to do so as they work on the ground. The process has been paused while they await both the workshop of July 16th as well as waiting on the proposals from Balfour Beatty, something they expect in the Autumn. They made clear they want to work collaboratively with local residents on the mitigation measures and will bring along examples and visuals to aid the discussion.
- HS2 have committed to building a bund that is at least 2.5m high, along with trees planted on top.
- The bund will be measured from the rail track height not from the ground. If the height of the line changes, the bund height will alter too.

At the meeting, Ms King explained that at the July 16 workshop she would be bringing visuals and montages of the next steps. She did emphasise that she wanted the community and HS2 Ltd to discuss together and move forward.

Mr Wells confirmed that a member from Mr Pincher's office would be present at the workshop as he would be in London as the Commons is sitting that evening.

Mr Wells confirmed that HS2 Limited had been asked to report back to Mr Pincher following the workshop meeting. Mr Wells also confirmed that a member from Mr Pincher's office would also take notes which he would be happy to share with the Parish Council.

Councillor Loescher made reference to the fact that HS2 Limited did not agree to the accuracy of the minutes of 08 May 2019 particularly where Mr Humphreys had confirmed that there would be no engagement or consultation on the proposed mitigation once the height of the line was known but the Parish Council would be

informed of the design outcome. [This was not in accordance with the engagement strategy and this did not create opportunities for local communities to get **involved throughout** the design and delivery of the project, so that HS2 Limited could take into consideration how people live, work and play].

The Chairman informed Members that he was still awaiting a retraction regarding the accuracy of the minutes from HS2 Limited. The Chairman also stated that he was awaiting a response on the use of local contractors.

All members remained very sceptical that the height of the line was not known and members were concerned HS2 Ltd were not being transparent.

Members discussed the mitigation needed between Jerrys Lane and Packington Moor Farm.

It was confirmed that Councillors Barnes, Dyott, Loescher and Pope would attend the workshop on 16 July.

RESOLVED

That the Council continue to press for a 5m high tree covered bund as measured from the higher of the track and ground level between Jerrys Lane and Packington Moor Farm.

That an email would be sent to HS2 Limited [the email to incorporate items from the email received from Mr Wells] and to restate the mitigation the Council believed was required

That an email would be sent to District Councillor Douglas Pullen, the new Leader of Lichfield District Council to highlight the issues being raised by the Parish Council with HS2 Limited.

That Mr Pincher's office be kept informed of development.

20. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members received and noted the information received from Lichfield District Council that planning permission had been granted for the following:

Planning Application 18/01673/FUL - Common Barn Farm, Tamworth Road - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1 no. three bedroom replacement dwelling and associated works [Granted 03-01-2019].

Planning Application 18/01636/FUL - Horsley Brook Farm, Tamworth Road - Retention of single storey outbuilding containing ground source heat pump [Granted 19-02-2019].

Planning Application 18/01760/FUL - Compass Cottage, Tamworth Road - Single storey extension to side and first floor extension to rear [Granted 09-04-2019].

Planning Application 18/00066/LBC - Packington Hall, Tamworth Road – Works to listed building to enable the demolition of existing commercial/manufacturing units and change of use of Packington Hall to form 6 no. apartments [Granted 05-11-2019].

21. **PLANNING APPLICATION NO. L.19/04/805-808 MW -
PLANNING APPLICATION TO VARY [NOT TO COMPLY WITH] CONDITIONS 17 [HOURS OF WORKING], 19 [QUANTITY OF EXPORTED SAND AND GRAVEL] AND 20 [LIMITS ON HCV MOVEMENTS] OF PLANNING PERMISSION L.15/04/805-808 MW AT HINTS QUARRY, WATLING STREET, HINTS**

RESOLVED That no objection be forwarded to Staffordshire County Council.

22. **PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 19/00812/FUL - MR J LOESCHER
THE STEADING, JERRYS LANE
RETENTION OF GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP**

RESOLVED That no objection be forwarded to Lichfield District Council.

23. **BUS SHELTER SEATING**

RESOLVED That the Parish Clerk be instructed to instruct Shelutions Urban Furniture Limited to manufacture and install a free standing bolt down perch seat to the bus shelter opposed Whittington Barracks.

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**

RESOLVED (1) That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's June 2019 (**cheque number 100504**) and July 2019 (**cheque number 100507**) salary, HMRC - June 2019 (**cheque number 100505**), Staffordshire Pension Fund - June 2019 (**cheque number 506**), HMRC - July 2019 (**cheque number 100508**) and Staffordshire Pension Fund - July 2019 (**cheque number 100509**).

26. **DATE, VENUE AND TIME FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

RESOLVED That:
Wednesday 18 September 2019
Wednesday 13 November 2019
Wednesday 15 January 2020
Wednesday 11 March 2020
Wednesday 20 May 2020

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 7.50 pm)

Signed

Dated