

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT  
THE CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON  
WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 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.

**27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None as all Members were present.

**28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Armstrong declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Planning Application 19/01205/FUH - Evergreen, Packington Lane.

Councillor Mrs Pope declared a disclosable non pecuniary interest in Planning Application 19/01205/FUH – Evergreen, Packington Lane.

**29. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 July 2019 [Minute Nos. 15-26] as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**30. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Packington Hall**

The Chairman informed Members that the re-development of the site was rolling on slowly and that he had received a text message from Mike Strurdy informing him that machinery and diggers would be on site on Monday 16 September 2019 [excavating and clearing out the remediation required for the build] and hopefully breaking ground mid-October 2019.

**Swinfen Prison**

The Chairman informed Members that a Prison Warden had resigned two weeks ago due to nine knife attacks on staff.

## **St Mary's Church, Weeford**

The Chairman made reference to St Mary's Church in Weeford and in particular to the Reverend Dr Jason Phillips who had recently been upsetting the parishioners. The Chairman stated that funds which had been left by a parishioner for the kitchen had been used elsewhere.

### **31. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS**

The Chairman informed Members that former Councillor, John Barnes, had recently met HS2 representatives who had agreed to take over all of Packington Moor and outbuildings by 30 December 2019. HS2 representatives stated that they intended to turn the site into a storage area.

Councillor Loescher pointed out that he did not think Packington Moor was designated as a compound in the Hybrid Bill for HS2 and planning permission was for agricultural use only.

Councillor Loescher informed Members that representatives from HS2 had confirmed that the 5m bund would require planning permission.

The Chairman informed Members there was no electricity at Packington Moor.

Councillor Dyott informed Members that he had written to Christopher Pincher MP asking Mr Pincher what he proposed to say at the Review Panel bearing in mind the negative effect/impact on the Parish and in light of Mr Pincher's stated position of being against the project and having voted against it at the Second Reading. Councillor Dyott confirmed that no response had been received from Mr Pincher.

#### **RESOLVED**

That an email [drafted by Councillor Loescher] be sent to HS2 enquiring whether planning permission would be needed to change the use of the land from agricultural to storage use at Packington Moor and request that they also submit a consider a planning application at the same time for a 5m high tree covered bund [as measured from the higher of the track and ground level between Jerrys Lane and Packington Moor].

That an email [draft by Councillor Dyott/the Clerk] be sent to Christopher Pincher MP to ascertain what he is going to say at the Review Panel.

### **32. PLANNING APPLICATION 19/01205/FUH - MR M JENNINGS EVERGREEN, PACKINGTON LANE, HOPWAS SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO REAR**

**RESOLVED** That no objection be forwarded to Lichfield District Council.

### **33. 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.

**34. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY**

**RESOLVED (1)** That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's August 2019 (**cheque number 100511**) and September 2019 (**cheque number 100514**) salary, HMRC - August 2019 (**cheque number 100513**), Staffordshire Pension Fund - August 2019 (**cheque number 100512**), HMRC - September 2019 (**cheque number 100516**) and Staffordshire Pension Fund - September 2019 (**cheque number 100515**).

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

**RESOLVED** That:  
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 7.33 pm)

Signed .....

Dated .....