

MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT
THE CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON
WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

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

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Armstrong.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

38. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 September 2019 [Minute Nos. 27-35] as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

39. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bus Shelter

The Chairman informed Members that the new seating in the bus shelter had been installed.

Rain Water Issues

Members were advised that there continues to be a problem with rain water by the Whittington Arms particular the golf course side and A51 Hopwas Woods layby [hardstanding - south west].

Packington Hall

The Chairman informed Members that he had recently visited the site to discuss several issues one of which was signage. The Chairman explained that the Cadent Gas issue and stated that Mike Sturdy denied any contact but its name is on the correspondence. Mr Sturdy assured the Chairman he is using another gas infrastructure company, however, the Chairman has not given any permission to anyone to bring any gas main down his drive [indeed no formal request has been made as yet].

The Chairman explained that the drive is his concern primarily however he was aware that the mains gas had to come from Botany Bay and up the A51 which does concern the Parish Council. It will have to either come up the road or the footpath, both of which needs to be done properly [not just patched up after].

The Chairman confirmed that he was of the understanding that wooden windows were now being used [replacing the plastic ones] and that brick number 2 had been chosen which matched the coach house.

The Chairman personally felt that the development should be a gated community however Lichfield District Council, as Local Planning Authority, were yet to make a decision on this.

The Chairman made reference to Community Infrastructure Levy [CIL] and that the development was anticipated to be finished by July 2021. The Chairman asked Members to consider what projects could be funded by this levy.

Hints Church

Councillor Dyott explained the situation regarding Hints Church and its proposed closure and stated that they were looking at parishioners to donate each week.

40. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

Councillor Loescher informed Members that there was to be a meeting with representatives from HS2 on 17 December 2019.

41. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS TO DATE

RESOLVED That the schedule of payments to date be received and noted.

42. BUDGET

RESOLVED That the Parish Clerk's report detailing actual to date figures [budget] be received and noted.

43. 2020/2021 PRECEPT ON LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk explained that the precept for 2019/20 was £5,000 giving a Band D Council Tax of £37.74.

The Parish Clerk gave the following examples for 2020/21:

- £5,000 giving a Band D Council Tax of £33.88
- £5,500 giving a Band D Council Tax of £37.26
- £5,750 giving a Band D Council Tax of £38.96
- £6,000 giving a Band D Council Tax of £40.65

RESOLVED That the level of precept to be declared on Lichfield District Council should be £5,500 giving a Band D Council Tax of £37.26.

44. 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.

45. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's October 2019 (**cheque number 100518**) and November 2019 (**cheque number 100521**) salary, HMRC - October 2019 (**cheque number 100519**), Staffordshire Pension Fund - October 2019 (**cheque number 100520**), HMRC - November 2019 (**cheque number 100522**) and Staffordshire Pension Fund - November 2019 (**cheque number 100523**).

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

RESOLVED That:
Wednesday 15 January 2020
Wednesday 11 March 2020
Wednesday 20 May 2020 [Annual General Meeting]

in the Conference Room 1, Conference Centre, HMP Swinfen commencing 7.00 p.m. be confirmed as the next Parish Council meetings.

RESOLVED That District Councillor Douglas Pullen, Leader of Lichfield District Council be invited to either the 15 January or 11 March 2020 Parish Council meeting.

(The Meeting closed at 7.40 pm)

Signed

Dated