

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.03 PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Barnes in the Chair  
Councillors Dyott and Mrs Pope

**In attendance:**

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk  
Ms M Phillips

**48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Armstrong.

**49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**50. MINUTES**

The Parish Clerk made reference to Minute No. 37 - Chairman's Announcements and in particular the Packington Sign and confirmed that the works had been completed.

**RESOLVED** That a cheque be drawn [cheque number 100579] in the sum of £100 in respect of the removal and resiting of the Packington sign [Bishops Landscapes].

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 November 2020 [Minute Nos. 34-47] as circulated, be approved as a correct record.

**51. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Packington Hall**

Councillor Barnes informed Members that the building company have ceased trading and that some of the building works had to be demolished as they did not comply with building regulations. Thus, will ultimately delay the completion of the development.

**Planning Application 21/00038/ABN - Common Barn Farm, Tamworth Road [Agricultural Determination: Erection of general purpose agricultural building]**

The Parish Clerk informed Members that the Planning Officer, Helen Sherratt, did not believe that this type of application is able to be

determined retrospectively however for ABN applications it is not a statutory requirement for Parish Councils to be consulted.

Councillor Loescher's email had stated "ABN should only be used for an agricultural building and is defined as follows:

"Development giving rise to buildings, structures or works not designed for agricultural purposes is not permitted. The courts have held that this condition relates to the physical appearance and layout of a building, not its function."

Councillor Barnes confirmed that the building was 25 ft high in the centre and 5 roller entrances and clearly not right as they had started work without planning permission.

The Parish Council have submitted the following to Lichfield District Council:

"Whilst we are advisory as a Parish Council, we believe the site is wrong and reasoning for its requirement is contentious too and would OBJECT STRONGLY against this development as applied for.

Reasons I believe are as follows:

1. They have had pigs on this farm for years and indeed have two more sites with buildings already on. So why this one suddenly now? Why not build another alongside?
2. Its massive on the size asked for currently and the specification looks distinctly like an industrial development. Its over 25 ft high in the centre and all insulated. Farm building for pigs would not require that at any stretch of the imagination. It looks like a 5-bay industrial unit block.
3. The access shown is also strange and reinforces the thought pattern of the owners that increasing the industrial site, as the road way shown goes directly passed an existing farm building site, they have built so why go to the new area proposed. You don't have to be a brain surgeon to see that the existing industrial site has also access to this development. But not shown on the application.
4. This building will be seen and clearly visible from the A 51 whereas on their other site 400 yards away it will not.
5. It is also as strange that diggers etc have already started work on this proposed site this week."

## **52. THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL PLANS**

Councillor Barnes informed Members that Jerry's Lane was closed again.

## **53. REPLACEMENT OF NOTICE BOARD AT JERRY'S LANE**

**RESOLVED** That a notice board be ordered from Noticeboards Online Limited [quotation reference 3315] in the sum of £1741.00 plus VAT. That the powder coated premium grade aluminium frame be in green.

**54. REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE JERRY'S LANE**

**RESOLVED** That as the company who manufactures this particular style of shelter [the SA series] have ceased trading and you can no longer purchase the glass without paying for a pattern and ordering a minimum run order of 50 no. panels it was decided not to proceed with the refurbishment of the existing bus shelter.

**55. REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF NEW BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE JERRY'S LANE**

**RESOLVED** That a new bus shelter be ordered [quotation number 2370] in the sum of £4090.00 plus VAT.

**56. 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.

**57. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY**

**RESOLVED** That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's December 2020 [cheque number 100568] and January 2021 [cheque number 100571] salary, HMRC - December 2020 [cheque number 100569], Staffordshire Pension Fund - December 2020 [cheque number 100570], HMRC - January 2021 [cheque number 100572] and Staffordshire Pension Fund - January 2021 [cheque number 100573].

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

**RESOLVED** That:  
Wednesday 24 March 2021  
Wednesday 19 May 2021

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 7:17 pm)

Signed .....

Dated .....