

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Dyott in the Chair
Councillors Armstrong and Loescher

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk
Ms M Phillips [from 7.05 pm]

59. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs Pope.

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

61. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 27 January 2021 [Minute Nos. 48-58] as circulated, be approved as a correct record.

62. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Dyott referred to Minute No. 51 - Chairman's Announcements and in particular planning application 21/00038/ABN - Common Barn Farm, Tamworth Road [Agricultural Determination: Erection of general-purpose agricultural building] and informed Members that the application had been granted on 05 February 2021.

Determination under Schedule 2, Part 6, of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (As Amended) as to whether prior approval of the local planning authority will be required to the siting, design and external appearance of a building, the siting and means of construction of a private way, the siting of the excavation or deposit of waste material or the siting and appearance of a fish tank or cage
LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL hereby gives notice that for this Agricultural Works Prior Notification application received on 8 January 2021, PRIOR APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED subject to the following conditions imposed by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (As Amended).

CONDITIONS:

1. The development hereby approved shall be begun before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission.
2. The development must be carried out in full accordance with the details submitted with the application.
3. The development shall be used solely for agricultural purposes, as defined in Section 336(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990, or for forestry purposes and for no other purposes whatsoever.

REASONS FOR CONDITIONS:

1. In order to comply with the requirements of Paragraph A.2(2)(vi)(aa) of Schedule 2 Part 6 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).
2. In order to comply with the requirements of Paragraph A.2(2)(v) of Schedule 2 Part 6 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). - 2 - Application No: 21/00038/ABN
3. In order to comply with the requirements of Schedule 2 Part 6 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

63. THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL PLANS

Councillor Loescher referred to the update which HS2 said that they would be providing by the end of the first quarter [31 March 2021].

RESOLVED That if a response is not received by 31 March 2021 from HS2 it was agreed that Councillor Loescher would draft a response on behalf of the Parish Council which would be sent by the Parish Clerk.

Applications to be on the Construction Commissioner Steering Group

Councillors Dyott and Loescher referred to the Construction Commissioner Steering Group representative. It is supported by HS2 Ltd and includes representatives from the local authorities and local communities along the phase 1 and phase 2a route. Representatives from HS2 and DfT also sit on the steering group. HS2 have opened applications for residents across phase 1 and phase 2a to become Local Community Representatives on the Construction Commissioner Steering Group. As part of the Construction Commissioner Steering Group (CCSG), the representative will represent their community, share and communicate a range of experiences and perspectives as Britain's new high-speed railway is built, and also help to monitor the performance of the Independent Construction Commissioner. The Construction Commissioner Steering Group is independent of HS2 and the Department for Transport. The group will meet three to four times per year, either in London or Birmingham and virtually.

RESOLVED That Councillor Loescher considers being the representative on the Construction Commissioner Steering Group.

[Following the meeting, Councillor Loescher submitted his application on 26 March 2021 and received the following response on 29 March 2021 - The Construction Commissioner Steering Group (which is independent of HS2) will shortlist applicants over the next two weeks. If you have been successfully shortlisted, you will be contacted by Friday 9 April with details on what happens next].

64. 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.

65. 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.

66. STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION [SPCA]

RESOLVED That the Parish Council renew membership of the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association [cheque number 100585].

67. BROADBAND

Councillor Loescher explained the problems which residences and businesses were experiencing with regard to the lack of a good broadband connection. The Parish Council agreed to support the application for broadband for all residences and businesses.

RESOLVED That Councillor Loescher would draft a Letter of Support on behalf of the Parish Council which would be sent by the Parish Clerk.

68. 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.

69. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's February 2021 [cheque number 100100576] and March 2021 [cheque number 100582] salary, HMRC - February 2021 [cheque number 100577], Staffordshire Pension Fund - February 2021 [cheque number 100578], HMRC - March 2021 [cheque number 100583] and Staffordshire Pension Fund - March 2021 [cheque number 100584].

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

RESOLVED That:
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.

[In respect of virtual meetings, the powers for Councils contained in the Local Authorities and Police & Crime Panels [Coronavirus] [Flexibility of Local Authority and Police & Crime Panel Meetings] [England & Wales] Regulations 2020 lapses on 7 May 2021.

*Following the meeting, the Parish Clerk asked that consideration be given to changing the AGM from Wednesday 19 May to **Wednesday 5 May** to allow this meeting to be virtual due to the continued threat of Covid and the lack of vaccination for the under 50s.]*

(The Meeting closed at 7:27 pm)

Signed

Dated