

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE BARN RESTAURANT, HEART OF ENGLAND
CRAFT FARM, SWINFEN ON WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2010
COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor Stubbs in the Chair
Councillors J Barnes and Stowe

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

WEB SITE PRESENTATION

Mr Ian Smith, Managing Director, Newfangled Media Limited gave a presentation on the development of a Parish Council website.

Members discussed Newfangled Media Limited's credible credentials and their close proximity to Swinfen and the Parish Clerk for in-house training purposes.

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded by Councillor J Barnes and

RESOLVED (1) That Newfangled Media Limited be formally appointed to create a website using something similar to that of the Hammerwich Environment Group as the basis, with scope to grow in the future.

(2) That the Parish Clerk be asked to obtain any grant aid towards the website costs via the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

(3) That monies be transferred from the 'deposit' account into the 'current' account to take account of this expenditure.

(4) That the domain swinfenandpackington.org.uk be used.

62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Armstrong and R Barnes.

63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

64. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 July 2010 (Minute Nos. 38 - 61) as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

65. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

66. STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded by Councillor J Barnes and

RESOLVED That a resolution be passed

"3. PROPER OFFICER

b. The Council's Proper Officer shall do the following:

- i. **Sign and serve on Councillors by delivery or post or email at their residence a summons confirming the time, date, venue and the agenda of a meeting of the Council at least three clear days before the meeting."**

67. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded by Councillor J Barnes and

RESOLVED That the Financial Regulations be adopted.

68. MAJOR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT – GUIDANCE FOR ELECTED MEMBERS

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded by Councillor Stowe and

RESOLVED That the Major Incident Management – Guidance for Elected Members be received and noted.

69. LOCAL RESIDENTS OPEN FORUM

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That the Parish Clerk be nominated as the Parish Council representative at the 'Community Surgery' to be held at the Swinfen Hall Conference Centre on Wednesday 06 October 2010 and that the Parish Clerk report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

70. STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-2015

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded by Councillor J Barnes and

RESOLVED That the Staffordshire County Council – Strategic Plan 2010-2015 as circulated to all Members present at the meeting be received and noted.

71. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

Councillor J Barnes gave an updated verbal report on the High Speed Rail Plans. Councillor J Barnes indicated that the Government were still committed to the High Speed Rail Plans; that over 200 farmers/landowners would be affected; that only 50 million was in the compensation fund and that a proposed public consultation would take place next year.

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded by Councillor J Barnes and

RESOLVED That the updated verbal report by Councillor J Barnes be noted and that an item on the High Speed Rail Plans continue to be included on the next agenda.

**72. SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON -
PLANNING APPLICATIONS 10/00816/FULM AND 10/00817/LBC
PACKINGTON HALL, TAMWORTH ROAD, WHITTINGTON HEATH**

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded by Councillor J Barnes and

RESOLVED That the Local Planning Authority be asked to ensure that all Green Belt criteria is adhered to when considering this application.

**73. STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL -
NEW NUMBER FOR COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES**

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That the new number for the County Council Services be received and noted.

**74. STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE -
SAFETY PLAN NEWS SUMMER 2010**

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service – Safety Plan News Summer 2010 as circulated to all Members present at the meeting be received and noted.

75. RURAL MASTER PLANNING PROJECT: CONSULTATION

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That the Rural Villages Questionnaire and Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form as circulated to all Members present be completed and forwarded to Lichfield District Council by Friday 08 October 2010.

76. 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.

77. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded by Councillor J Barnes and

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's August 2010 (**cheque no. 100111**) and September 2010 (**cheque no. 100112**) salary and Inland Revenue (**cheque no. 100113**) and Staffordshire Pension Fund (**cheque no. 100114**).

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

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded and

RESOLVED (1) That Wednesday 17 November 2010 at The Barn Restaurant, Swinfen commencing 7.00 p.m. be confirmed as the next Parish Council meeting.

(2) That PCSO Kevin Stackhouse be asked to attend the next Parish Council meeting but if unable to attend that PCSO Stackhouse be asked to contact Councillor Stowe regarding anti social behaviour and vandalism at the playing fields on the Swinfen Estate.

(3) That in view of Councillor Stubbs' pending resignation as Chairman of the Parish Council with effect from May 2011, that Ms K Clark-Smith, Skills for Life/Quality Manager, HMP/YOI be approached as to the Conference Centre availability for future Parish Council meetings and that the Parish Clerk report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

(The Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.)

Signed

Dated