

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON  
WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2023 COMMENCING AT 6.46 PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Dyott in the Chair  
Councillors Mrs Phillips and Mrs Pope.

**In attendance:**

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk  
Mr A Perks

**PARISH FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

**20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Armstrong, Barnes and Loescher.

**21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**22. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 May 2023 [Minute Nos. 1-19] as circulated, be approved as a correct record.

**23. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In the absence of Councillor Barnes there was no Chairman's Announcements to report.

**24. CO-OPTION**

The Parish Council informed Members that if the vacancy was of a result of the 04 May 2023 elections, then the Parish Council does not need to publish a notice and can just co-opt.

**RESOLVED** That Mr Alastair Perks be co-opted onto the Parish Council with effect from 19 July 2023. Mr Perks signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed his Register of Members Interests Form, the latter of which would be forwarded to Lichfield District Council.

**25. RENOVATION OF THE PARKING AREA OPPOSITE HOPWAS WOODS**

Members noted that Councillor Barnes had inspected the completed works on 22 May 2023.

**RESOLVED** Members respectively approved the payment to C T Petford in the sum of £16,000 plus VAT [**cheque no. 100690**].

**26. THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL PLANS**

Members noted that Aoinne Conway, Community Engagement Specialist [Sub-Lot 8], Balfour Beatty Vinci had left on 10 July 2023 and any questions or queries going forward should be directed to:

- tahir.ahmed@balfourbeattyvinci.com or
- rosie.windsor-price@balfourbeattyvinci.com

**27. CIL MONIES**

**RESOLVED** That the CIL unspent to date totalling £2,555.22 be noted.

**28. CODE OF CONDUCT**

**RESOLVED** That the Parish Council re-adopts the Code of Conduct.

**29. THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

**RESOLVED** The Parish Council resolves from 19 July 2023, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council (i.e. May 2027), that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.

**30. BOTANY BAY SIGNAGE**

**RESOLVED** In the absence of Councillor Loescher that this item be deferred until 13 September 2023.

**31. PLANNING APPLICATION 23/00747/ABN – MESSRS J & H BARNES  
LAND NORTH OF PACKINGTON HOUSE, JERRYS LANE  
AGRICULTURAL DETERMINATION: ERECTION OF GENERAL PURPOSE  
AGRICULTURAL BUILDING**

**RESOLVED** No objection.

**32. 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.

**33. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY**

**RESOLVED** That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's June 2023 [**cheque number 100686**] and July 2023 [**cheque number 100688**] salary, Staffordshire Pension Fund - June 2023 [**cheque number 100687**] and Staffordshire Pension Fund - July 2023 [**cheque number 100689**].

**34. DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED** That:  
Wednesday 13 September 2023  
Wednesday 08 November 2023  
Wednesday 17 January 2024  
Wednesday 27 March 2024  
Wednesday 15 May 2024

All meetings will commence at 6.00 pm.

[The Meeting closed at 6.25 pm]

Signed .....

Dated .....