

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
HELD AT CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON
WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Dyott in the Chair
Councillors Loescher and Mrs Phillips

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Armstrong, Barnes, Perks and Mrs Pope.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

30. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 July 2024 [Minute Nos. 17-27] as circulated, be approved as a correct record.

31. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Dyott referred to email correspondence which he had had with Councillor Barnes regarding flooding on the A51 and confirmed that he will take suitable photographs (this will go into abeyance until we have a downpour) so that the defect can be reported to Staffordshire County Council as Highway Authority. We are still awaiting a site visit with County Councillor Alan White regarding the junction of Lichfield Road, coming out of Whittington, with the A51 Lichfield - Tamworth Road.

Councillor Dyott referred to the letter received via an email dated 12 September 2024 from Lichfield District Council relating to an enforcement appeal which had been lodged against an Enforcement Notice that had been served by Lichfield District Council in respect of Swinfen Hall Hotel, The Drive and was considered unacceptable to the Council for the following reasons:

- a. The unauthorised engineering operation to create an earth bund.
- b. The unauthorised engineering operation to create an outdoor swimming pool.

- c. The unauthorised operational development to erect ornate metal pillars and gates over 2 metres in height.
- d. The unauthorised use of an existing flat roof (above the existing cocktail lounge) as a balcony.

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council sends a general comment to The Planning Inspectorate – That the Parish Council supports Lichfield District Council in maintaining the integrity of the Listed Building.

32. THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL PLANS

Councillor Loescher confirmed that he together with Councillor Barnes had met with representatives from HS2 and Balfour Beatty Vinci on Tuesday 09 July 2024 to chase up answers to and reiterate the points raised previously. It was **agreed** that Councillor Loescher would draft an email to BBV reminding them of their promises.

33. CIL MONIES

RESOLVED That the CIL unspent to date totalling £1,980.22 be noted.

34. IMPASSABLE FOOTPATH

Councillor Loescher referred to an impassable footpath (Heart of England Way). It was **agreed** that Councillor Loescher would provide a map and photograph(s) so that this could be forwarded to Staffordshire County Council, as Highway Authority in the first instance.

35. 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.

36. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's August 2024 [**cheque number 100729**] and September 2024 [**cheque number 100731**] salary, Staffordshire Pension Fund – August 2024 [**cheque number 100730**]and Staffordshire Pension Fund – September 2024 [**cheque number 100732**].

37. DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED That:
Wednesday 15 January 2025
Wednesday 12 March 2025
Wednesday 14 May 2025

All meetings will commence at 6.00 pm.

[The Meeting closed at 6.22 pm]

Signed

Dated