

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
HELD AT CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON
WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Barnes in the Chair
Councillors Dyott, Loescher, Perks and Mrs Phillips

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Armstrong (Dispensation)
Councillor Pope

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

52. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 November 2024 (Minute Nos. 38-49) as circulated, be approved as a correct record.

53. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Barnes referred to previous discussions regarding the installation of bridleway posts etc and explained that this was work in progress.

With regard to Packington Hall it was noted that there was still properties for sale.

Councillor Barnes referred to previous discussions regarding blocked drains and confirmed that he had walked the route and that there were 41 drains.

Members were informed that the County Council elections would take place on Thursday 1st May 2025 (candidates unknown at this stage).

Councillor Barnes asked if District Councillor Brian Yeates could be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council (12 March 2025) so that he could update Members on District Council matters etc.

54. THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL PLANS

Councillor Loescher confirmed that an email had been sent by the Parish Clerk on 06 January 2025 reminding Balfour Beatty Vinci of their promises. However, it was noted that both William Slater and Tahir Ahmed no longer cover the Parish Council area and Rosie Windsor-Price has left BBV (Allan Fatah, Matt Price and Murray Sutherland were now the contacts). As no response had been received it was agreed that the email would be re-sent.

Both Councillor Barnes and Councillor Loescher updated Members on the current situation.

55. CIL MONIES

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

56. MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED That the Model Financial Regulations for Local Councils be received and adopted.

57. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MODEL COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT 2020

RESOLVED That the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 be received and adopted.

58. 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.

59. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's December 2024 (**cheque number 100740**) and January 2025 (**cheque number 100742**) salary, Staffordshire Pension Fund – December 2025 (**cheque number 100739**) and Staffordshire Pension Fund – January 2025 (**cheque number 100741**).

60. DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED That:
Wednesday 12 March 2025
Wednesday 14 May 2025

All meetings will commence at 6.00 pm.

(The Meeting closed at 6.35pm)

Signed

Dated