

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
THE BARN RESTAURANT, HEART OF ENGLAND
CRAFT FARM, SWINFEN ON WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY 2011
COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor Stubbs in the Chair
Councillors J Barnes, R Barnes and Stowe

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk
Ms K Clark-Smith, HMPS Learning and Skills Manager
Mr N Cox, Planning Policy Manager, Lichfield District Council
Two Members of the Public

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments or questions were raised.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Councillor Stubbs welcomed Mr Neil Cox, Planning Policy Manager, Lichfield District Council to the meeting, who in turn explained the development of a Core Strategy for the Lichfield District up to 2026.

Councillor Stubbs thanked Mr Cox for his presentation.

103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Armstrong.

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

105. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 November 2010 (Minute Nos. 79 - 102) as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

106. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

107. LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL – PARISH FORUM – ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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

RESOLVED That the leaflet detailing the upcoming changes to the Flood Warnings Service and 'What to do before, during and after a flood' booklet, as circulated at the meeting, be received and noted.

108. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

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

RESOLVED That the 'Executive Briefing for Partners' dated November 2010 together with the Staffordshire Police Statement, as circulated at the meeting, be received and noted.

**109. STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2010**

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

RESOLVED That the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association Newsletter dated December 2010, as circulated at the meeting, be received and noted.

**110. SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON -
PLANNING APPLICATION 10/01496/COU**

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

RESOLVED That the Local Planning Authority be informed that the Parish Council is not comfortable with this application and trusts that the Planning Officer/Committee make the right decision regarding Green Belt regulations/criteria.

111. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

RESOLVED That the planning application decisions in respect of Packington Moor Farm, Jerrys Lane, Lichfield; Packington Hall, Tamworth

Road, Whittington Heath and Packington Fields Farm, Tamworth Road, Lichfield be received and noted.

112. COMMUNITY SURGERY

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

RESOLVED That this item be held in abeyance until such time that it is felt that a Community Surgery is needed in the interests of the residents of the Swinfen Estate.

113. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

Councillors J and R Barnes gave a verbal updated report on the High Speed Rail Plans. It was proposed by Councillor J Barnes, duly seconded by Councillor Stubbs and

RESOLVED (1) That all members of the community be encouraged to sign the petition (<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/stop-hs2.html>) as 100,000 signatures are needed before it can go to Parliament.

(2) That an item on the High Speed Rail Plans (HS2) continue to be included on the next agenda.

114. 2011/2012 BUDGET

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

RESOLVED That the Parish Clerk's report detailing Actual to Date figures and the forecast for the 2011 financial year be received and noted.

115. PARISH CLERK'S TRAINING

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

RESOLVED That a cheque be drawn made payable to "Society of Local Councils Clerk" in respect of the Parish Clerk's training (**cheque no. 100122**).

116. 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.

117. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's December 2010 (**cheque no. 100120**) and January 2011 (**cheque no. 100121**) salary and Inland Revenue (**cheque no. 100119**) and Staffordshire Pension Fund (**cheque no. 100118**).

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

It was proposed by Councillor Stubbs, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That Wednesday 23 March 2011 at The Barn Restaurant, Swinfen commencing 7.00 p.m. be confirmed as the next Parish Council meeting.

(The Meeting closed at 8.06 p.m.)

Signed

Dated