

SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Members of the Parish Council

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the Barn Restaurant, Heart of England Craft Farm, Swinfen on Wednesday 19 January 2011 commencing 7.00 p.m. at which the business set out below will be transacted.

Yours sincerely

Jayne Minor (Ms)  
Parish Clerk

AGENDA
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PUBLIC FORUM

15 minutes will be allocated prior to the commencement of the meeting when members of the public may put questions/comments on any matter in relation to which the Parish Council has powers or duties which affect the area.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Mr Neil Cox, Planning Policy Manager, Lichfield District Council to give a presentation on the Local Development Framework.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on the Agenda in accordance with the Parish Town Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007.

3. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 November 2010 (Minute Nos. 79 - 102) (ENCLOSURE)

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL – PARISH FORUM – ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Following on from the District Council's Parish Forum meeting held on 23 November 2010, Laura Palmer the Environment Agency Officer who gave a presentation on the changes to the Flood Warning Services, has asked that the following documents be forwarded to all Parish Councils:

- a. Leaflet detailing the upcoming changes to the Flood Warnings Service
- b. 'What to do before, during and after a flood' booklet

Members are requested to receive and note the enclosed documentation (CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING).

6. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

Members are requested to receive and note the 'Executive Briefing for Partners' dated November 2010 together with the Staffordshire Police Statement by Chief Constable Mike Cunningham and Mr David Pearsall, Chair of the Police Authority, on the force's Government funding settlement (CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING).

7. STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2010

Members are requested to receive and note the SPCA Newsletter dated December 2010 (CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING).

8. SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON -  
PLANNING APPLICATION 10/01496/COU

Members are requested to consider the following planning application:-

Application No.	Location	Proposal
10/01496/COU	Mr E McMahon Horsley Brook Farm Tamworth Road	Change of use of existing agricultural building to form accommodation for

Whittington Heath

work riders

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members are requested to receive and note the following planning application decisions:-

Application No.	Location and Description of Development	Results
10/01234/COU	R H Barnes and Sons Packington Moor Farm Jerrys Lane Lichfield  Change of use of farm shop and tea room to holiday accommodation and farm office (extension of time for application 07/00811/COU)	Granted
10/00817/LBC	Parking Facilities DPS Packington Hall Tamworth Road Whittington Heath  Works to listed building to enable the demolition of factory and conversion of Packington Hall into 10 no. apartments including new garage block and tennis court together with enabling works involving a new barn style dwelling and reuse of boundary wall outbuildings for garage	Withdrawn
10/00816/FULM	Parking Facilities DPS Packington Hall Tamworth Road Whittington Heath  Demolition of factory and conversion of Packington Hall into 10 no. apartments including new garage block and tennis court together	Withdrawn

with enabling works involving  
a new barn style dwelling and  
reuse of boundary wall  
outbuildings for garage

10/00763/OUT      Mr R Mercer      Granted  
Packington Fields Farm  
Tamworth Road  
Lichfield

Erection of a permanent  
agricultural worker's dwelling  
(outline: layout and access)

10. COMMUNITY SURGERY

Further to Minute No. 91 – 17 November 2010, Members are requested to debate the below suggestion following a request by PCSO Stackhouse that a 'multi-agency' meeting to include officers/Councillors from Lichfield District Council, Staffordshire County Council etc might be of benefit to the community.

A "Community Surgery" was held at the Swinfen Hall Conference Centre on Wednesday 06 October 2010 from 6.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. In attendance was the Parish Clerk, Katie Clark-Smith, Community Liaison Officer, Brian Norris, Deputy Governor and Tom Watson, Governor of HMP Swinfen Hall and PCSO Kevin Stackhouse.

Local residents were invited to come along to discuss any issues of concern. Unfortunately, no members of the public attended.

11. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

Members are requested to debate the impact of the High Speed Rail plans and the impact thereon to Swinfen and Packington.

Lichfield and Burntwood Chronicle dated 30 December 2010 stated –

Bittersweet victory on high-speed route – campaign on HS2 to continue

The campaign against HS2 will continue in the New Year despite news that the proposed route has been moved further away from Lichfield.

It was a bittersweet victory for Staffordshire residents opposed to the scheme, with people in Whittington discovering the line could be one mile closer to their village.

Transport Secretary Philip Hammond announced the revised route last week, removing the threat of a 685 metre viaduct past Boley Park and Streethay. However, it will still go through Whittington Heath Golf Course before crossing the A38 just north-east of Streethay and swinging back to join the West Coast Main Line between Elmhurst and Handsacre. A five month public consultation will take place from February, during which time those still affected by HS2 can argue for another alternative line or the cancellation of the project altogether.

Lichfield Action Group has fiercely opposed HS2 since its formation earlier this year but they pledged to continue the fight. "We are pleased that the Minister has listened to the people of Lichfield," a spokesman said. "But Mr Hammond should take note of the fact that the vast majority of people have let us know that they don't want HS2 anywhere. What's good news for Lichfield is bad news for Whittington, Curborough and Fradley and there will be bad news to come for Armitage, Kings Bromley, the Ridwares, or wherever the extension of HS2 goes through Staffordshire to the north of Lichfield in the future." Lichfield Action Group plans to hold a roadshow and rally in the New Year to show its continued opposition to the whole project.

Whittington Ward Councillor Robert Strachan, of Lichfield District Council, said the village was already seeing a negative impact from the scheme, despite work not due to start on it until 2017. "I've heard of property sales falling through because of it," Councillor Strachan said. "The blight is already there and I'll continue to oppose it on absolutely every level."

City MP Michael Fabricant said many in Lichfield and Whittington would regard the latest news as a victory. "I am aware that this new route will still cause huge difficulties for those in its path, but it greatly minimises the effect on residents of Lichfield District," he said.

12. 2011/2012 BUDGET

Further to Minute No. 94 – 17 November 2010 Members are requested to receive and note the Parish Clerk's report detailing Actual to Date figures and the forecast for the 2011 financial year (ENCLOSURE).

13. PARISH CLERK'S TRAINING

Further to Minute No. 10 – 12 May 2010, Members are requested to consider payment of an invoice from the Society of Local Council Clerks in connection with the Parish Clerk's training.

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman will move:

That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (Section 2) (and as amended 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.

15. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

Members are requested to approve the payment of the Parish Clerk's December 2010 and January 2011 salary. (ENCLOSURE)

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