

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 **Conference Room 1, Conference Centre, HMP Swinfen on Wednesday 25 January 2012 commencing 7.00 p.m.** at which the business set out below will be transacted.

Yours sincerely

**Jayne Minor (Ms)
Parish Clerk**

AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

A maximum of 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 (see notes at the end of the Agenda).

- 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 16 November 2011 (Minute Nos. 54 - 71) (**CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING**).

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**5. PLANNING APPLICATION 11/01009/FUL – MR R MERCER
PACKINGTON FIELDS FARM, TAMWORTH ROAD, LICHFIELD**

Further to Minute No. 60 refers, Members are requested to note that the **PLAN CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING** shows post and rail fence and hawthorn hedge to four sides but no additional trees.

**6. THE A38 TRUNK ROAD (A5148/A5206 ROUND ABOUT, LICHFIELD)
(DE-RESTRICTION) ORDER 20XX**

Members are requested to receive and note that the Secretary of State for Transport proposes to make the above Order, draft copies of which will be **CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING** together with a copy of a plan illustrating the proposal and a statement explaining the Secretary of State's reasons for proposing to make the Order.

**7. STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION
DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER**

Members are requested to receive and note the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association Newsletter dated December 2011(**CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING**).

8. TRANSFER OF MONIES

Members are requested to consider the transfer of monies (£500) (**PRO FORMA CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING**).

9. 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.

"Express and Star – Tuesday 10 January 2012

The controversial £17 billion HS2 high speed rail project between London and Birmingham was being given the green light by the Government today. Transport Secretary Justine Greening was approving the London-Birmingham first phase of the HS2 line which will run through Staffordshire countryside and reduce journey times to the capital to 49 minutes. Work on the 100 mile route will not start until 2016 and no passengers will be carried until at least 2026. The overall cost will then rise to £32 billion after a second Y-shaped extension to Manchester and Leeds, with the Government expecting £44 billion of benefits to the economy over 60 years. The line promises 22,000 jobs for the West Midlands as a result of businesses moving to

the region. But it comes despite objections from Staffordshire County Council and Lichfield District Council amid fears the countryside will be torn up to make way for tracks and a viaduct. The proposed route passes close to the villages of Whittington, Streethay and Hints, where residents and businesses say their lives will be devastated. Miss Greening was expected to announce more measures to mitigate the worst effects of the line which will see passengers travelling at 225 mph as the London to Birmingham journey times come down to just 49 minutes, a saving of just under 25 minutes on current speeds from Birmingham International. Two new stations will be built in Birmingham – one by Birmingham Airport and another in the eastside of the city centre. Staffordshire cabinet member for transport Mike Maryon said: “The business case does not stack up for us from the Staffordshire perspective. We were not convinced that the benefits it would bring could offset the environmental costs. The Government will take a decision based on what it regards as the national interest.” But Birmingham City Council Leader, Councillor Mike Whitby said “HS2 will provide a vital catalyst to job creation and the future economic competitiveness of not only Birmingham, but the wider region and country at large”.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman will move:

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.

11. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

Members are requested to approve the payment of the Parish Clerk's December 2011 and January 2012 salary (**PINK ENCLOSURE**).

12. DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Further to Minute No. 92 - 17 November 2010, with effect from May 2011 Parish Council meetings will be held in the Conference Room 1, Conference Centre, HMP Swinfen.

PUBLIC FORUM SESSION AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Residents of Swinfen and Packington Parish Council have an opportunity to speak at each Parish Council meeting:

- 1. The Public Forum session will usually be the first item on the Agenda.*
- 2. The Public Forum will last up to 15 minutes and members of the public can ask the Parish Council a question (or make a statement).*

3. *Your statement or question must relate to a matter of special relevance to Swinfen and Packington or within the responsibility of the Parish Council.*
4. *Matters relating to the conduct of any individual councillor or officer will not be permitted – in such circumstances you should write to the Parish Council.*
5. *You will be allowed to speak for up to 3 minutes and you can raise more than one issue within the overall limit of 3 minutes allowed to you.*
6. *After each speaker the Chairman of the Parish Council (or his/her representative) will answer the question or give notice that he/she will provide a written answer as soon as possible.*

If a written answer is to be given this will be sent to you at your stated address.