

MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2012 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk
Ms K Clark-Smith, HMPS Learning and Skills Manager

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apology for absence was received from Councillor Armstrong.

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

74. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 November 2011 (Minute Nos. 54 - 71) as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

75. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

75.1 Whittington Barracks - Carillion

The Chairman announced that Tarmac ready-mix lorries were using Jerry's Lane, Packington on their way to Whittington Barracks, as a consequence considerable damage was being done to the verges. It was proposed by Councillor J Barnes, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That the Parish Clerk writes to Staffordshire County Council (as Highway Authority) suggesting an alternative route be used and report back to the next Parish Council Meeting on the County Council's response.

75.2 Hopwas Quarry

Councillor R Barnes produced a plan dated 03 December 1986 showing Hopwas Quarry. It was proposed by Councillor R Barnes, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That the Parish Clerk writes to Lichfield District Council (as Local Planning Authority) to ascertain the exact conditions relating to Hopwas Quarry as it was understood that the restoration works should have been completed within 15 years and report back to the next Parish Council Meeting.

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

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Bennett, duly seconded by Councillor R Barnes and

RESOLVED (1) That the plan circulated at the meeting showing post and rail fence and hawthorn hedge to four sides but no additional trees be received and noted.

(2) That the dissatisfaction of the Parish Council be minuted as it was felt that this planning application should not have been dealt with under delegated authority by a Planning Officer and that additional trees should have been included within the conditions.

**77. THE A38 TRUNK ROAD (A5148/A5206 ROUNDABOUT, LICHFIELD)
(DE-RESTRICTION) ORDER 20XX**

It was proposed by Councillor J Barnes, duly seconded and

RESOLVED (1) That the proposed above Order which was circulated at the meeting be received and noted.

(2) That the Parish Clerk writes to the Highways Agency stating the Parish Councils dissatisfaction regarding the short consultation period.

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

It was proposed by Councillor J Barnes, duly seconded by Mrs Bennett and

RESOLVED That the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association – December 2011 Newsletter, as circulated at the meeting, be received and noted.

79. TRANSFER OF MONIES

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

RESOLVED That the sum of £500 be transferred.

80. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

Councillor J Barnes gave a verbal updated report on the proposed timetable of events regarding HS2. It was proposed by Councillor J Barnes, duly seconded and

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

90. 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.

91. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

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

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's December 2011 (**cheque no. 100165**) and January 2012 (**cheque no. 100166**) salary and Staffordshire Pension Fund – February 2012 (**cheque no. 100167**), Inland Revenue – February 2012 (**cheque no. 100168**), Staffordshire Pension Fund – March 2012 (**cheque no. 100169**) and Inland Revenue – March 2012 (**cheque no. 100170**).

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

RESOLVED (1) That Wednesday 14 March 2012 in the Conference Room 1, Conference Centre, HMP Swinfen commencing 7.00 p.m. be confirmed as the next Parish Council meeting.

(2) That due to Audit requirements that Wednesday 02 May 2012 in the Conference Room 1, Conference Centre, HMP Swinfen commencing 7.00 p.m. be confirmed as the Annual Parish Council meeting.

(The Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.)

Signed

Dated