

**MINUTES OF SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN
ON WEDNESDAY 08 JANUARY 2014 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor J Barnes in the Chair
Councillor R Barnes

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk
Mr R Dyott
District Councillor B Yeates

PUBLIC FORUM

No questions were raised.

71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Armstrong, Mrs Bennett, Stowe and Stubbs
Ms J Cross, Community Engagement Manager, Swinfen Prison

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

73. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 November 2013 (Minute Nos. 55 - 70) as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

74. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr Les Armstrong

Councillor R Barnes informed Members that Mr Les Armstrong who resides in the Parish has shown an interest in becoming a Member of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED That the Parish Clerk writes to Mr Armstrong inviting him to the next Parish Council Meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 05 March 2014.

Water on Road on the A51 top of Botany Bay heading towards Tamworth

Councillor R Barnes circulated to Members photographs that he had taken of the surplus water problem on the A51 top of Botany Bay heading towards Tamworth. Councillor R Barnes informed Members that staff had dug a trench to get rid of the water off the pig field (Mercer Farming of Blakehall Park, Barton under Needwood).

RESOLVED That the Parish Clerk writes to the Highways Department of Staffordshire County Council enclosing the photographs.

Mr Richard Dyott - Co-option onto the Parish Council

RESOLVED That the Parish Clerk writes to the Elections Department of Lichfield District Council to ascertain what the procedure is with regard to co-opting Mr Dyott onto the Parish Council.

75. HOPWAS QUARRY

Members had received via the email from the Parish Clerk an email from Staffordshire County Council in respect of planning application L13/03/805-808 (application for extension of time until 31 December 2016) setting out their report to the Planning Committee on 05 December 2013. Members were informed that the situation at the moment was that Staffordshire County Council are waiting for an amended Section 106 Agreement to be completed before the planning permission can be issued for the development.

Members were informed that since PCSO Stackhouse and Sergeant Fairhurst's visit on 13 November 2013 there continued to be security/trespassing problems at the Quarry. It was proposed by Councillor J Barnes, duly seconded and

RESOLVED (1) That an email be sent to PCSO Stackhouse asking that the Police patrol every weekend as Sunday seems to be the busiest day and enforces the powers the Police have in dealing with this matter.

(2) That an item on Hopwas Quarry continue to be included on the next agenda.

76. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

Mr Dyott and Councillor J Barnes updated the Parish Council on 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.

77. CLERK'S MANUAL

It was proposed by Councillor J Barnes, duly seconded and

RESOLVED That a cheque be drawn (**cheque no. 100261**) in respect of the Society of Local Council Clerks - Clerks Manual.

78. 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.

79. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

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

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's December 2013 (**cheque number 100262**) and January 2014 (**cheque number 100263**) salary, HMRC - February 2014 (**cheque number 100264**), Staffordshire Pension Fund - February 2014 (**cheque number 100265**), HMRC - March 2014 (**cheque number 100266**) and Staffordshire Pension Fund - March 2014 (**cheque number 100266**).

80. DATE, VENUE AND TIME FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

RESOLVED That Wednesday 05 March 2014 and Wednesday 14 May 2014 in the Conference Room 1, Conference Centre, HMP Swinfen commencing 7.00 p.m. be confirmed as the next Parish Council meetings.

Members were informed that Matthew Ellis the Police Crime Commissioner would be attending the 14 May 2014 meeting.

(The Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.)

Signed

Dated