

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT  
CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN  
ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2015 COMMENCING 7.15 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor R Barnes in the Chair  
Councillor Armstrong, Dyott and Elliott

(**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors J Barnes and Mrs Harrison).

**In attendance:**

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

**1. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 May 2014 (Minute Nos. 1 - 4) as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Parish Council's year has again been dominated by the threat of HS2; the reality of which looms ever larger. The Council continues to meet at HMP Conference Centre Swinfen Hall, courtesy of the Prison Governor, to whom we are extremely grateful.

Our clerk, Ms Jayne Minor, continues to run an efficient and cost-effective organisation.

With a little forward planning, identifying future meeting dates, we have secured good attendance at meetings by Councillors and also by our representatives in other arenas; notably, Mr Matthew Ellis, Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner in May 2014. We have also had regular attendance by our District Councillor Brian Yeates.

Whilst we have been unsuccessful thus far in our lobbying against HS2; this Council in co-operation with the Police and management at Cemex have had more success in curbing the trespass nuisance at the disused Hopwas Quarry however this is still a continuing problem.

I am pleased to report that we have co-opted Mr Les Armstrong to the Council.

I am sad to report that with effect from May 2015 (following the elections) Councillor Simon Stubbs and Councillor Bert Stowe will be standing down from the Council. Their support and commitment to the Council over many years has been invaluable however we are confident of replacing the members we have lost.

We look forward to the coming year's deliberations and, as ever, are extremely grateful for all Jayne Minor's hard work in keeping the Council the vibrant entity that it is.

**3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT/PRECEPT**

A detailed breakdown of the income and expenditure for 2014/2015 was given by Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk which was received and noted.

**4. ANY OTHER ITEMS AS NOTIFIED**

None were received.

(The Meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.)

Signed .....

Dated .....