MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON WEDNESDAY 04 MAY 2016 COMMENCING 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

Councillor R Barnes in the Chair Councillors Armstrong, Dyott, Elliott and Mrs Harrison.

(APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE was received from Councillor J Barnes).

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk R Liggins, Health and Safety Advisor, HMP Swinfen

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13 May 2015 (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.

The clerk continues to upload agendas and minutes etc to the Parish Council's website (swinfenandpackington.org.uk); hopefully this provides an insight into the working of the Parish Council.

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 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 following the elections in May 2015, Councillor Elliott and Councillor Mrs Harrison have joined the Parish Council.

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 2015/2016 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 7.10 p.m.)

Signed

Dated