MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

Councillor R Barnes in the Chair Councillor J Barnes, Dyott and Mrs Harrison

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Armstrong and Elliott.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 04 May 2016 (Minute Nos. 1-18) as circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

22.1 Packington Hall

The Chairman informed Members present that he had grave concerns regarding the condition of Packington Hall which was Grade II listed. Planning permission had been granted last December for 25 houses which included the restoration of the Hall. Mr Green, the owner of the site, had removed all the floors and vandals had trashed the historic building smashing pretty much all of the glass and totally trashing the cottage at the rear of the site.

RESOLVED That a letter emailed to the Parish Clerk from Councillor R Barnes be forwarded to District Councillor Brian Yeates.

23. HOPWAS QUARRY

Councillor R Barnes informed Members that the quarry had been less active recently however, the quad bikes were still present.

RESOLVED That an item on Hopwas Quarry continue to be included on the next agenda.

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24. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

Councillor J Barnes gave an update on the HS2.

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

25. 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.

26. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's June 2016 (cheque number 100375) and July 2016 (cheque number 100376) salary, HMRC - August 2016 (cheque number 100377), Staffordshire Pension Fund - August 2016 (cheque number 100378), HMRC - September 2016 (cheque number 100379) and Staffordshire Pension Fund - September 2016 (cheque number 100380).

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

RESOLVED That Wednesday 14 September 2016 and Wednesday 09 November 2016 in the Conference Room 1, Conference Centre, HMP Swinfen commencing 7.00 p.m. be confirmed as the next Parish Council meetings.

(The Meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.)

Signed
Dated