MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM 1, CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON WEDNESDAY 05 NOVEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.03 PM

PRESENT

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

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

PUBLIC FORUM

No questions were raised by member of the public.

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

28. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 04 July 2018 [Minute No. 16-25] be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Clerk informed Members that a Mrs G Pope of Pipistrelle Barn, Packington Lane, Hopwas had shown an interest in becoming a Councillor on the Parish Council. Unfortunately, Mrs Pope was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to prior commitments, however, it was hoped that Mrs Pope would attend the 07 November meeting.

The Parish Clerk informed Members that Mr J Loescher was not currently on the Electoral Role but had shown an interest in becoming a Councillor on the Parish Council. Councillor J Barnes stated that Mr Loescher was currently in the process of moving into the Parish [October 2018] – The Steadings, Jerry Lane, Packington.

Councillor R Barnes stated that the new housing at Botany Bay looked more attractive than anticipated.

Packington Hall

Councillor R Barnes informed Members that Packington Hall was still with the planners and that there was no work taking place on site at this moment in time.

Bus Shelters

The Parish Clerk informed Members that the repair to the wooden bus shelter [from Tamworth to Lichfield on the A51] had been completed and that the invoice in the sum of ± 300 had been paid [**cheque number 100464**].

Councillor R Barnes informed Members that the area needed for the bus shelter on the A51 would be cleared on Thursday 06 September.

30. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS

Councillors J Barnes and Dyott updated Members on the current situation and Councillor J Barnes stated that HS2 are currently undertaking a lot of bat surveys.

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

31. 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.

32. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's August 2018 [cheque number 100465] and September 2018 [cheque number 100466] salary, HMRC – October 2018 [cheque number 100467], Staffordshire Pension Fund – October 2018 [cheque number 100467], HMRC - November 2018 [cheque number 100470] and Staffordshire Pension Fund - November 2018 [cheque number 100469].

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

RESOLVED (1) That Wednesday 07 November 2018 in the Conference Room 1, Conference Centre, HMP Swinfen commencing 7pm be confirmed as the next Parish Council meeting.

(2) That Mrs Pope and Mr Loescher be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council as observers only.

(The Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.)

Signed

Dated