

**MINUTES OF THE SWINFEN AND PACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT CONFERENCE CENTRE, HMP SWINFEN ON
WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2026 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Barnes in the Chair
Councillors Dyott, Loescher and Perks

In attendance:

Ms J Minor, Parish Clerk

PARISH FORUM

No members of the public were present.

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Armstrong (Dispensation)
Councillor Phillips
Councillor Pope

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

24. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 May 2026 (Minute Nos. 1-21) as circulated, be approved as a correct record.

25. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishops Landscapes

Following previous discussions and a site meeting with Councillor Loescher, Members discussed a quotation which had been received from Bishops Landscapes in the sum of £1,145 plus VAT (fitting bridle path gate on Jerry's Lane - £600; gate and fast set concrete, labour and machinery - £320; drainage on A51, digger and labour - £225).

RESOLVED That the quotation be approved.

Further to previous discussions, it was agreed that a quotation be obtained from Bishops Landscapes to clear the brambles around the bus stop on the A51 opposite the barracks and a quotation for straightening the mileage marks on the A51. Councillor Loescher agreed to email and provide photographs to Bishops Landscapes.

Planning application No. SCC/25/0091/VOC planning permission to not comply with (to vary) conditions 4 (cessation of working and restoration operations) and 5 (removal of all buildings, structures, plant, machinery,

**stockpiles and hardstanding area) of planning permission L.19/04/805-808
MW at Hints Quarry, Watling Street, Hints, B78 3DH**

Following on from numerous emails and discussions, it was agreed that the following concerns be emailed to Catherine Wooldridge, Principal Planning Officer, Planning Policy & Development Management, Staffordshire County Council:

- It is our understanding that original planning permission for restoration of the Hopwas Quarry (Charity Land) was granted in approx. 1985. It now appears as though the restoration is being carried out according to a planning permission granted in 2016. Please see attached plan. Could you confirm when the last planning permission was granted and in what ways did it deviate from the original planning permission granted in approx. 1985?
- We appreciate that may be Tarmac and Cemex are separate companies. However, the attached plan (HD/NEW/2) included with the Tarmac application in Hints (Hints Quarry - SCC/25/0091/VOC) identifies the Hopwas Quarry as being under the same control of the applicant of the Hints Quarry, i.e. Lafarge Tarmac. Could you investigate and explain please? We struggle to understand how Cemex can be responsible for the restoration of a quarry that is "under the control" of Tarmac?
- What is the long-term plan for the Hopwas quarry once restored? It seems to be being restored to some sort of "environmental area".
 - Who is it envisaged will be responsible for maintaining the site in the long term once it "restored"?
 - Who will pay for this maintenance once it is restored and how will this funding be secured?

**Staffordshire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended),
Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, Temporary Prohibition of
Traffic, Flats Lane & Jerry's Lane, Whittington Heath**

Following on from numerous emails and discussions, and the fact that the Parish Council had not received a copy of the Order, it was agreed that an email be sent to Darryl Evers, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Economy, Infrastructure and Skills, Staffordshire County Council informing him that Flats Lane and Jerry's Lane is not in Whittington Heath but is in fact in Packington and therefore falls within Swinfen and Packington Parish Council's boundary.

SPCA Training

Councillor Loescher informed Members that he had recently attended an on-line training session.

26. THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL PLANS

Following on from numerous emails and discussions, the next meeting will be:

Date: Wednesday 22 July 2026

Time: 11:00-12:30

Location: Balfour Beatty VINCI Cappers Lane Office, Cappers Ln, Lichfield WS14 9TU (Parking available)

HS2 Attendees:

- Paul Marshall - Head of Delivery
- Richard Callaghan - Senior Project Manager
- Victoria Roberts - Senior Engagement and Interface Lead
- Thomas Crosby - Engagement and Interface Manager

Attendees from SPPC:

- Councillor Richard Barnes
- Councillor Jonathan Loescher
- Councillor Richard Dyott

It was agreed that Councillor Loescher would email the relevant papers (our initial submission on 31 January 2026; BBV/HS2 inadequate and late response on 29 May and our comments on the BBV/HS2 response sent 17 June 2026) prior to the meeting.

27. CIL MONIES

RESOLVED That the CIL unspent to date totalling £1,980.22 be noted.

28. GRIEVANCE POLICY

RESOLVED That the Grievance Policy be approved and adopted.

29. HOMEWORKING POLICY

RESOLVED That the Homeworking Policy be approved and adopted.

30. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME – EMPLOYER PENSION DISCRETIONS POLICY

RESOLVED That the Local Government Pension Scheme – Employer Pension Discretions Policy be approved and re-adopted.

31. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – MODEL COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT 2020

RESOLVED That the Local Government Association – Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 be approved and re-adopted.

32. MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED That the Model Financial Regulations and Local Councils Scheme be approved and re-adopted.

33. FINANCIAL UPDATE ON INCOME AND EXPENDITURE COMPARED TO BUDGET

RESOLVED That the financial update on income and expenditure compared to budget April to July 2026 be approved.

34. 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.

35. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLVED That cheques be drawn in respect of the Parish Clerk's June 2026 [cheque number 100799] and July 2026 [cheque number 100801] salary, Staffordshire Pension Fund – June 2026 [cheque number 100800] and Staffordshire Pension Fund – July 2026 [cheque number 100802].

36. DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED That:
Wednesday 16 September 2026
Wednesday 18 November 2026
Wednesday 13 January 2027
Wednesday 17 March 2027
Wednesday 19 May 2027

All meetings will commence at 6.00 pm.

[The Meeting closed at 6.53 pm]

Signed

Dated