Packington Parish Council

LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME FOUNDATION

Minutes of the Meeting of Packington Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.00pm at Packington Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs Chris Miles (Chair), Robert Martin (Vice-Chairman), Keith Goodwin, Paul Fleetham, Russell Powell and Bryan Smith.

In attendance: Clerk to the Council, Victoria Webster

There were 4 members of the public present.

216/24 Questions from members of the public

A member of the public asked about the progress on Little Lane since it was reported 6 months ago. It is overgrown, muddy and slippy. This is Couty Highways responsibility.
Resolved: Report to LCC and ask them to attend to this.

A member of public asked if the Parish Council are aware of water trickling down Hall Lane. The water is running off gardens and underneath the retaining wall as there is no drainage. As there is no pavement it is becoming muddy and dangerous.
Resolved: Report to LCC

A member of public attended to discuss their intentions to comment on a planning application which affects them directly but are not objecting.

217/24 To receive apologies for absence and to note acceptance by the Council

Resolved: Council received and accepted apologies from Cllr Smith.

218/24 To note Declarations of Interest both Personal and Prejudicial on items within the agenda.

Cllr Fleetham declared an interest in item 8f.
Cllr Goodwin declared an interest in item 8d.

219/24 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2025

Resolved: All Councillors agreed to approve the minutes. The minutes were signed.

220/24 Questions to and reports from County and District Councillors

No County or District Councillors present.

221/24 To receive a Police report.

A general police report has been received for the local area, but no incident report has been received specially for Packington. This was circulated to the village and Councillors.

222/24 Financial Matters

a. To approve the payments for February, sign the Schedule of Payments and note income received.
A Councillor requested confirmation as to what the Rhino invoice was for exactly. Mole traps on the recreation ground.
Resolved: Pay the Rhino invoice out of Parish Council funds.
Resolved: Payments approved by all Councillors.

V. Webster	Clerks' salary	£587.03
V. Webster	Expenses	£33.10

Rhino	Mole Traps	£70.00
V. Webster	Printer Ink Cartridge	£15.98
HMRC	PAYE	£146.08
Greenscape Energy Ltd	Memorial Hall Grant – Solar Panels	£6716.16

b. To review, approve and sign the bank reconciliations.
A query was raised in relation to the £6000 transferred out of Unity Deposit Account and which account it had been paid into.
Resolved: The Clerk to look into this and report to Councillors asap.

223/24 Planning

To discuss and note planning applications, planning consultations and listed building consent from NWLDC. Those highlighted in **bold** are new since the previous meeting:

a. **25/00294/HRN. Pipeline Route B - Land to The East of Ashby Road, Measham. Removal of 5 sections of hedgerow with individual lengths of 20 metres (m), 30m, 40m and 2 sections of 35m. No decision has been made yet.**
Councillors believe hedges and fences will have to be removed to enable this work to be carried out but would like to see them reinstated upon completion.
Resolved: Submit comment stating we hope to see everything reinstated upon completion.

b. 25/00291/HRN. Pipeline Route A - Land to The South of Measham Road, Packington Measham Road Packington. Removal of 6 sections of hedgerow with individual lengths of 25 metres (m), 30m, and 4 sections of 40m. No decision has been made yet.
Resolved: Same comment as above.

c. 5/00229/FUL. 6 Normanton Road. Removal of existing single storey garage areas to side, erection of a two-storey side extension with associated alterations, new entrance canopy, alterations to window openings, external render finish and amended vehicular access. No decision has been made yet.
Resolved: Noted.

d. 25/00224/FUL. Land off Century Drive. Erection of 9 dwellings and garaging with associated access, drainage and green infrastructure. No decision has been made yet.
The Parish Council oppose this application for many reasons, old pipe work, the village already being over developed, pressure on infrastructure, the village is close to losing its identity, additional traffic and flooding.
Resolved: Submit objection comments.

e. 24/01425/VCI. Land West off Ashby Road. Amendments to condition 5 of planning permission 22/00546/OUT (Erection of up to seven dwellings) to change boundary treatment to plot 6. No decision has been made yet.

f. 24/01294/FUL - Land at Drum and Monkey Lane. Amendments have been made to this application. No decision has been made yet.
This has now been sent to committee on the 12th March. The Parish Council will be attending this meeting to represent.

g. 24/00791/FUL – Winterberry Cottage, Spring Lane - Change of use of outbuilding to Airbnb with associated works to include a change of use of land to garden land and installation of a package treatment plant and drainage field (revised scheme to 22/01896/FUL). No decision has been made yet.

h. 24/01537/OUT. Land off Ashby Road. Erection of up to 5 Self-Build Dwellings including installation of cesspools and associated works (Outline application - all matters reserved).

To note any planning decisions made:

a. 24/01466/OUT – 35 Normanton Road - Erection of 2 self-build detached dwellings. Amendments have been made to this application. **Refuse.**

b. 25/00078/TCA. 11 Mill Lane. Fell Silver Birch Trees. **Approve**.

c. 24/01616/PNA. Manor Farm. Prior notification approval for the conversion of existing agricultural building to create three residential dwellings. **Withdrawn.**

224/24 Situation Updates:

a. Flooding

NWLDC have been contacted in relation to the conditions of planners for sites on Babelake Street and Planning Enforcement are reviewing this.

The Parish Council have written to the local MP about the flooding in the village to seek her support with this.

During a recent meeting with the Environment Agency, it was suggested there are funds available to support the installation of a holding pond in one of the surrounding farm fields. Councillors agreed this should be pursued and a meeting should be arranged to discuss this further.
Resolved: The Clerk to speak with a parishioner who may be able to assist the Parish Council with this.
Resolved: The Clerk to request a further meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss this further.

b. Traffic Calming

A meeting is currently in the process of being arranged with EA Consultancy. Cllr Fleetham to put a pack together the all the required information for this meeting. The meeting will include a walk around of the village and then a report will be produced.

c. Community Safety and Neighbourhood Watch

There currently isn't a neighbourhood watch association in Leicestershire but one is trying to be set up. There is a meeting on Thursday the 6th for people who are interested which Cllr Smith is attending. Cllr Smith has also put himself forward to join an independent advisory group with the police.

225/24 Dog Fouling/Litter

NWLDC have been contacted, and they have requested additional information. A reminder about litter and dog fouling is to be included in the Packington Post. Individuals will be asked to report people when they see litter or dog fouling.
Resolved: Cllr Powell to put a message on WhatsApp requesting for locations of dog fouling around the village

226/24 To continue to support the Packington Horticultural Society by payment for the Annual show venue

The Parish Council have supported this for many years and all Councillors agreed that this should continue.
Resolved: The Parish Council to pay for the annual show venue.

227/24 Packington Memorial Hall AGM

Cllr Miles is unable to attend so a different Councillor is required to attend. Both Cllr Smith and Cllr Goodwin offered to attend.
Resolved: Send details of the meeting to the two Councillors.

228/24 To Consider Grant Applications

None received.

229/24 Correspondence

a. Road Closure – Lower Packington Road, Asby-de-la-Zouch. 23rd April 2025

Resolved: Noted.

b. Road Closure – Bablelake Street. 25th March 2025
Resolved: Noted.

c. Development of NWLDC Strategies Survey
Resolved: Noted.

230/24 Clerks Report

The report was distributed prior to the meeting.

The current status of the installation of the new dog waste bin was requested. LCC have confirmed they have accepted the licence, and it is now the Parish Councils responsibility to purchase and install the bin.
Resolved: Ask LCC about supplying and installing this bin and then invoice us.

231/24 Consider Confidential Material

Confidential content.

232/24 Members's Exchange

The road sign for Ashby Road has been lifted out of the ground again.
Resolved: Report to LCC.

Cllr Powell has received a query as to the cost to hire the recreation ground for playing football.

The current status of the Devolution of the local District Councils was discussed.

232/24 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st April at Packington Memorial Hall, starting at 7pm.

Meeting closed: 8.55pm