

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD AT SALWARPE VILLAGE HALL  
MONDAY MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> 2008**

**Present:** Cllrs John Brodrick (acting Chairman) Mrs M Armitage,  
J.Hill, R.Hatfield, G Harrison, A Thomas, Ms P Edwards,  
James Brodrick

**In Attendance:** County Councillor E Sheldon,  
District Councillor T. Miller.  
Mrs S Harfield (Clerk)  
Mr Showell (Tree Warden)  
9 members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Chairman Ms. B. Meddings, Vice Chairman C Hughes, District Councillor A. Fisher.  
Mr David Cullum (Footpath Warden)

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the meeting appointed Cllr John Brodrick to take the Chair

**2. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007 were approved and signed.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Every meeting commences with a period of Public Question Time at which residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues affecting the three Parishes. A few Parishioners have exercised this right throughout the year. It can only be concluded that Residents are satisfied with the work that the Council has undertaken on behalf of the community. I highlight the Council's strenuous involvement in major planning development proposals, namely:

- Park & Ride at the Rugby Club, Hindlip
- Extensive development of Worcester Rugby Club itself with extending amateur pitches opposite on Offerton Lane fields, and involving major road works on Pershore Lane to the Motorway.
- West Mercia Police H.Q. new car park, gatehouse and driveway onto Pershore Lane opposite Smite Lane.
- Live/Work Units on two sites, the Hatchery and Poultry Houses Drury Lane, Martin Hussingtree, the subject of Appeal.

Councillors have attended various County and District Councils Committee meetings on these matters. Fifty Planning applications have been dealt with throughout the year.

The Parish Council has been represented at meetings regarding the West Midlands Regional Strategy being actively involved in the future planning for Housing, Transport and Infrastructure for the years 2011 – 2026, thereby ensuring no unfavourable impact on the three Parishes

The Parish Council thanks our volunteers:

- Footpath Officer – David Cullom – for actively walking and protection of our Parish footpaths.
- Tree Warden – Ted Showell – ensuring our trees are preserved.

Finally, I thank, The Vice Chairman, Carol Hughes for her invaluable support and Councillors for their hard work throughout the year.

#### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr E Showell (Tree Warden) reported that there are 6/7 TPO's in the Parishes, copies to be sent to the Clerk.

The applicant for a removal of an Agriculture Occupancy reported on the case.

Residents of Drury Lane expressed concern about storage containers at the old First Poultry site.

The Clerk reported on actions taken re: overgrown hedges, Pulley Lane; Repairs to Ladywood Bridge, clearance of gutters and safety checks of rails; Salwarpe Bridge noise at night.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55 pm