# HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Salwarpe Village Hall

### The Parish Council meeting convened at 7.15pm Following Public Question Time which commenced at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr B Meddings (Chairman), Cllr M Armitage, , Cllr P Edwards,

Cllr R Hatfield, Cllr C Hughes, Cllr D Luscombe, Cllr P Oakley. Cllr Jim Brodrick, Cllr John Brodrick. Cllr J Hill. Cllr A Thomas

**IN ATTENDANCE**: E Gallagher (Clerk)

No	Minute	Action
1.	Apologies: District Cllr. A Miller	
2.	Code of Conduct & Standing Orders Councillors were duly reminded of the need to: a) To update their register of members interest with Wychavon DC b) To disclose any relevant pecuniary interest in items on the agenda and their nature No personal interests were declared.	
3.	Minutes	
a)	The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2013 were approved and signed as being a correct record.	
b)	The draft minutes of the 2013 Annual Parish Meeting were unavailable. The Chairman hoped that these minutes would be ready for presentation at the November scheduled meeting.	Chairman
4.	Clerk – Progress Report on actions from Minutes 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	
a)	Highways.Hedges.Potholes.Bridges	
i)	Pershore Lane & Hindlip Lane It was agreed that the Chairman arrange a meeting with the new Chief Executive of Worcester Rugby Club to discuss poor maintenance of the landscaped areas located within the Green Belt. Ragwort continued to be a problem.	Chairman/ ongoing
ii)	Severn Trent Works/Salwarpe Canal Bridge Parish Councillors had attended an open event held by Severn Trent Works on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of September. The event was well attended and consisted of a site visit and the viewing of the schedule of works for extended facilities. Severn Trent confirmed that there would be capacity for the proposed new build.  Tony Bierne of Halcrow had reported that the mortar pads monitoring movement on	

Salwarpe Canal Bridge were to be removed and replaced. There was still no definitive explanation as to why movement of the bridge had occurred.

Closed

#### iii) Dog Waste Bin,Salwarpe village

A replacement dog waste bin had been installed at the original site on Salwarpe Bridge and the resultant invoice had been paid. A sum of £200 had been received from Worcestershire County Council into the bank account on 17<sup>th</sup> September thus ensuring the provision for the full cost of the replacement bin.

Closed

It had been noted that churchyard flowers had been disposed of in Parish Council litter bins and it was agreed that Cllr Luscombe would liaise with the church warden for rectification of the problem.

Cllr .Luscombe

#### iv) Middleton Bank

Clearance of damaged overhanging trees and soil slippage had been carried out under the Lengthsman grant scheme in order to keep the highway clear. it was agreed that the Chairman would contact Cllr. Miller to ensure that this issue was brought to the attention of the relevant Officer.

Chairman/ongoing

It was also noted that an invoice for £120 had been issued for the clearance of debris on the road/bank. This invoice had not been paid and it was agreed that the Chairman remind the recipient that this issue had not been resolved.

Chairman/ongoing.

#### **Trees & Footpaths**

#### v) Access through Hindlip Estate (The Sling)

An informal meeting to discuss access, ownership and the maintenance of Sling Lane took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 between Estate Managers of West Mercia Police, Parish Councillors B. Meddings, Jim Brodrick and M. Armitage and other interested parties.

It was agreed that Sling Lane had become degraded and over grown but it was unclear as to who should take responsibility for the maintenance of the lane as there was some confusion as to where boundaries began and ceased.

Councillor Brodrick discussed issues raised at this meeting. These included, maintenance relating to hedges and verges, possible covenants, byways, and Traffic Regulation Orders relating to this track. The potential development at Court Farm and the resultant implications for increased traffic and footfall requiring access via the Sling was also discussed.

It was agreed that the Chairman should speak with District/County representatives and legal representatives to establish relevant byways/green lane.

Cllr. Jim Broderick agreed to investigate traffic regulation orders and will review the Wychavon statement on the Honeybourne case and produce a report on the details.

Other interested parties in attendance on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September (West Mercia Police Estates Managers, North Claines Parish Council Clerk, Mr M Lovatt –maintenance) had agreed their own follow-up actions.

Chairman

Cllr. Jim Broderick

Chairman/Cllr Armitage/Cllr. Broderick

#### Other

#### vii) Smite Gypsy Site

There had been further reported incidents involving horses and quadbikes on land adjacent to the Smite Gypsy site and beyond. It was agreed that the Chairman contact Police Commissioner Bill Longmore, and the Chief Constable, requesting support and action. It was also agreed that a site visit be arranged to resolve the on-going issues.

viii)	<b>Newland Road/Tagwell Road junction</b> An overgrown hedge required to be cut back by Highways to improve visibility at the dangerous junction.	Clerk
ix)	Salwarpe Fete It was noted that the Salwarpe Fete had been extremely successful and funds raised was all-time record with an attendance level of over 1000 visitors. It was agreed that a police representative be invited to the November meeting of the Parish Council to discuss expectations/police role in respect of community public relations at public events in the parish.	Cllr Hughes
b)	Clerk The Clerk reported that there were no new items for discussion.	
5	Localism.Neighbourhood Planning.New Homes Bonus.	
а)	<b>Memorial Land and Fencing</b> The scheduled work to the base of the memorial monument had been carried out on 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2013 and the second element of the grant had been released by the District Council. Town & Country Stonemasons had yet to invoice the £3600 (£3000 net) for the work involved.	
	The replacement of stolen fencing was discussed. Both wooden and metal fencing and the cost implications of both were considered. Cllr Oakley compared the cost of wooden picket fencing (tender price c£1000) with a metal installation (tender price c£2800) Theft (desirability), durability and health and safety compliance were all factors for consideration. Palisade (park/estate) lightweight metal fencing was considered to be a durable affordable option and Cllr Oakley agreed to investigate its feasibility. It was noted that there had been a low response to original tenders.	Cllr. Oakley
	It was agreed that the community needed to be consulted prior to any decision being made and it was suggested that a magazine article might be a way forward in eliciting the resident's views.	Clerk
6.	Chairman Reports	
а)	Community Magazine It was agreed that the subscription to place articles in the community magazine should continue for a further year. It was also agreed that the format and layout of the article could be reviewed.	Cllr Armitage/Clerk/ Cllr.Luscombe
b)	Finance Committee It was agreed that the Finance Committee should meet to discuss the forthcoming precept at Salwarpe Village Hall at 6.00pm on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October. Cllr. Luscombe offered apologies in advance. It was also agreed that the clerk should meet with the internal auditor prior to this date.	Chairman/Cllr. Oakley/Cllr Hughes/Cllr Luscombe/Cllr Thomas
с)	Staffing Committee Report A meeting had been scheduled for the Staffing Committee on Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October at 5pm. The clerk had been requested to attend at 5.30pm to discuss progress to date.	Chairman/Cllr. Hughes/Cllr. Armitage/Cllr. Oakley
	Other	Januay
d)	Remembrance Sunday Cllr. A Thomas agreed to lay the Wreath at Salwarpe Memorial Site on Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November at 8.30am. The Chairman agreed to collect the wreath from the British Legion on Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November.	Cllr. Thomas/ Chairman

#### Yew Tree Developments Appeals.

There had been notification that appeals would be held in 2014 and take place over a 10 day period. The Parish Council's intention was to make representations at the appointed time. Clarification was required as to whether access to the two sites would be within the Parish. Some concern was expressed regarding the raising of objections if the site access points were deemed to be outside the Parish boundary. The Chairman re-stated the reasoning behind the Parish's points of objection.

Chairman

The two sites would be linked and assessed on their cumulative impact. The size of the development meant that the appeals would be overseen by the Secretary of State. Wychavon Planning Committee had unanimously refused the two applications and Droitwich Town Council, Tibberton Parish Council and this Parish Council had strongly opposed the developments.

It was noted that County Highways had stated there were no grounds for objection in relation to highway issues.

No information had been released as to the venue for the Public Inquiry. Councillors were at liberty to attend the inquiry as observers.

#### **Planning Procedural Changes**

Procedural changes had been postponed until April 2014 and the District Council would continue to send out paper plans until this date. The high cost of these plans was discussed. The current rate of £7 per plan was considered to be too high and it was felt that an increase in the precept may be required if this rate was not reduced. The involvement of CALC was discussed and it was agreed that if all Parish Councils as a combined body made representations against the procedural changes a compromise might be achieved. It was agreed that large plans needed to be in paper form but some smaller applications might, in the right circumstances, be manageable on-line.

The Chairman had submitted a report to District Councillor Audrey Steel, Cabinet member for Localism who was leading the review on the implications of the proposed changes on Town and Parish Councils should cessation of hard copies of plans be implemented.

Chairman

C.Cllr Miller, at a previous meeting, had suggested that the I.T measuring tool would need to be improved and be made available before any changes were made He also suggested that Wychavon District Council be approached with a request for an amendment to their application form proposing that the onus be on the applicant to provide a hard copy of plans and the applicant be charged if a Parish Council required plans for residents consultation on an application. It was agreed that an Extra-Ordinary Council meeting to review Standing Orders might need to be called should procedural changes take place.

Clerk

#### 8. Finance

The Clerk reported the 2013-2014 financial position comparing actual expenditure against budget.

#### a) Pay Award

The National pay award that had increased the clerks pay from £8.344 per hour to £8.428 per hour was approved.

Closed

#### b) Tourism Contribution - S144

The continuation of the S144 tourism contribution to the Salwarpe Village Fete was approved. An amount of £350 would be allocated from the 2014/2015 precept and this would contribute towards the hire of the hall for visitors to use the facilities in additional to the provision of outdoor seating. The 2013 fete had attracted 1100 visitors into the parish and it was agreed to report this aspect of tourism in the community magazine.

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9.	Planning Consulations & Enforcements Appendix 2 – No queries.	
а)	Upper Smite Farm – Change of Use W/13/00507 Temporary Permission had been granted for a log cabin for agricultural tenants. To expire in 2015.	Clerk- in 2015
b)	Enforcement Warndon Depot Temporary permission for 5 years for a portacabin had expired on 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2012. Clerk to action.	Clerk
c)	Jackie Smith Police Training Centre. Temporary permission for 3 portacabins was due to expire October 2013. Failure to remove the cabins would be referred to the Enforcement Officer.	Clerk
d)	Sterling Business Centre, Drury Lane A Certificate of Lawful Use had been granted allowing 7 containers to remain.	Closed
е)	Offerton Farm – Certificate of Lawful Use for Construction of Soil Bund A General Observations response had been sent to the District Council on 5 <sup>th</sup> September regarding this application which could not be judged on its planning merits.	Closed
f)	Offerton Farm Change of Use Retrospective permission for residential units remained in abeyance. Clerk to contact the Planning Office .	Clerk
g)	Churchfields Farm Salwarpe An open event for residents to view plans and express views would be held in Salwarpe Church on the 18 <sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. Parish Councillors would be in attendance.	Councillors
h)	Court Farm The Chairman agreed to check S106 Affordable Housing stipulations.	Chairman
10.	Correspondence The following correspondence had been received: Resident enquiry – Lighting at the Swan Inn, Martin Hussingtree -Clerk response made. Resident enquiry – Lighting and bat foraging at Newland Hurst – Clerk response made Resident enquiry - Court Farm proposals enquiry –Clerk response made Hartlebury Parish Council – Invitation to view a film relating to incinerators – Clerk response made	Closed
11.	Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas	
a)	Pershore Lane – Replacement vergemasters.	
b)	Hindlip Lane / Pershore Lane - Resurfacing required	Cllr Jim Broderick/Clerk
c)	Canal Bridge – Obsolete Laser advert signage to be removed in the vicinity of the canal bridge	C.Cllr A Miller.
d)	Porters Mill Lane/Canal – Uneven road surface had been created by installation of replacement water mains near the Ladywood sewage works	Chairman/Peter Cowl.
e)	Appointment of a Cycling Officer  Cllr.Armitage requested a future agenda item on the issue of moving around the parishes by cycle. An initial assessment would need to be undertaken to look into the	

	possibilities of a scheme similar to the parish footpath system.	Chairman
f)	Parish Council Website Cllr, Hughes requested an investigation into the presentation of the Parish Council website as it currently was out of date.	Clerk/Chairman
12.	County & District Councillors - Actions carried forward from previous meeting (15/7/2013).	
а)	Hedgerow opposite the Swan Inn.  C.Cllr Miller confirmed that it was the householder's responsibility to keep the hedge in good order however as there appeared to be a dispute over ownership he agreed to look into the matter and would deal with the issue if the hedge proved to be the responsibility of the County Council	C.Cllr Miller
b)	Hazardous junction Drury Lane C.Cllr Miller agreed to action a highways amendment to allow only left hand turn from the part of Drury Lane not controlled by traffic signals onto the A38. Turning right from this junction was considered to be hazardous.	C.Cllr Miller
c)	A38/Pershore Lane Slip Road Adjacent Swan Inn C.Cllr Miller had agreed to look into modifications of the junction and slip road in view of a recent spate of accidents. All the land was Parish Council registered common land and compensation would be sought for any loss	
d)	Notice Boards The Clerk voiced concerns over the state of the notice boards. Cllr. Miller agreed to enquire if a grant could be obtained for the costs of replacement or repair.	C.Cllr Miller  C.Cllr Miller
13.	Date of Next Meeting The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was approved as Monday 18th November 2013 at 7.00pm.	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

Signed	Date 18 November 2013
Barbara Meddings : Chairman	

#### NOTES OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Two members of the public were in attendance at the meeting. The Parish Council were questioned on the following matter:

Court Farm Hindlip: Planning applications: W/13/01607/CU; W/13/01608/LB; W/13/01593/PN

Residents expressed concerns:

Highways Issues. Increased traffic movements on rural lanes. Highway visability. Site access arrangements.

# APPENDIX 2 Planning Consultations (9<sup>th</sup> July – 30 August 2013)

New Applications					
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Council	PC Response	
W/13/01773/PP	Woodbury View, Ladywood Road, Martin Hussingtree, Worcester, WR3 7SX	Single storey rear extension and new block paved driveway	Martin Hussingtree	Pending	
W/13/01783/LU E	Offerton Farm, Offerton Lane, Hindlip, WR3 8SX	Certificate of lawful use existing for construction of soil bund	Hindlip	Pending	
W/13/01607/CU & W/13/01608/LB	Court Farm, Hindlip Lane, Hindlip, Worcester, WR3 8SS	Conversion of the existing vacant farmhouse and outbuildings, including the listed Dairy, to provide 7 new residential units.	Hindlip	Pending	
W/13/01593/PN	Court Farm, Hindlip Lane, Hindlip, Worcester, WR3 8SS	Outline planning application for 6699sq.m of new B1 floorspace through replacement/redevelopment of existing redundant buildings and extensions to buildings F,H and M. A multi-purpose building (L1) of 474sq.m to accommodate B1,D1 or D2 activities. Altered vehicle access with internal roads and part surface, part underground parking facilities. Full planning application for change of use and alterations to 3 no. traditional buildings (F,H and M) to provide 1249sq.m of B1 floorspace.	Hindlip	Pending	

Awaiting Decisions – Pending Consideration by Wychavon District Council						
Dev No	Dev No Location Proposal Parish PC Response					
W/11/00078/ET	Cummins Farm, Hindlip Lane, Hindlip, WR3 8ST	Extension of Time application for permission W/06/00612/CU	Hindlip	Pending		
W/13/01499/PN	Coneybury Wood Tibberton	Wind Turbine 50m	Hindlip	Objections		

Decisions				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Parish	Decision
W/13/00835/PP- Householder planning	Maytree Farm, Porters Mill Lane, Ladywood, WR9 0AL	Front extension	Salwarpe	Approved
W/13/00964/PN- Non-householder planning application	Land adjoining, Cyrena, Ladywood Road, WR9 0AJ	Outline application for the erection of 1no. 5no. bedroom house and office/garage (re-submission of planning application W/13/00159/OU)	Salwarpe	Refused
W/13/01158/AA- Advertisement	Worcester Warriors Sixways	Proposed advertising hoarding. the proposed advertisement is intended	Hindlip	Approved

	Stadium, Hindlip, WR3 8ZE	to replicate existing advertising on the application site.		
W/13/01161/AA- Advertisement	Worcester Warriors Hindlip, WR3 8ZE	Proposed advertising hoarding adjacent to Warriors training pitch. the proposed advertisement is to be erected on the rear of an existing advertising hoarding. no extension of the existing is proposed.	Hindlip	Refused
W/13/01304/AA- Advertisement	The Swan, Droitwich Road, Martin Hussingtree, WR3 8TE	1 x externally illuminated Marston's logo 1 x externally illuminated individual letters with rounded edges 1 x externally illuminated pictorial post sign 2 x externally illuminated double sided twin post signs 1 x non illuminated double sided twin post sided twin post signs.	Martin Hussingtree	Approved
W/13/00311/CU- Change of use	Offerton Farm, Offerton Lane, Hindlip, WR3 8SX	Retrospective application for 5 no flats.	Hindlip	Approved
W/13/00214/LUP	Sterling Business Centre Drury Lane Martin Hussingtree	Certificate of Lawful Use. Siting 7 Storage Containers	Martin Hussingtree	Certificate Granted

# APPENDIX 3 Current Enforcements

Enforcements					
Enforcement No.	Location	Description of alleged breach	Parish	Status	
IN/12/00547	Worcs CC Maintenance Depot, Warndon Highways Depot	Retention of building longer than allowed on planning permission.	Hindlip	Awaiting update from Enforcement Officer.	
IN/13/00209	The Swan, Droitwich Road, WR3 8TE	Unauthorised illuminated advertisement and external lighting	Martin Hussingtree	Planning application now received.	
IN/13/00081	Offerton Farm	Change of Use – Agricultural to Storage & Distribution	Hindlip	Awaiting submission of planning application.	
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	Appeals					
Dev No.	Location	Proposal	Parish	Notes		
W/12/02336/OU	Yew Tree Farm North of Pulley Lane Peisimmon Homes Ltd.	Development of 265 dwellings. Access & infrastructure.	Salwarpe	Planning Inspectorate Ref:App/H1840/A/ 13/2199426.		
W/11/01073/OU	Yew Tree Hill North of Pulley Lane Barberry Ltd.	Development of 500 dwellings, 200 unit care facility. Mixed use. Local Centre.	Salwarpe	Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/H1840/A/13/ 2199085		