

**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 15 July 2024 at Salwarpe Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllr. P. Oakley (Chair) Cllr. A. Thawley. Cllr. R Hewitt. Cllr. J Brodrick
Cllr. B. Meddings. Cllr. A Thomas. Cllr J. Hill. Cllr. M. Armitage.

IN ATTENDANCE E Gallagher (Clerk).
District Councillor N. Wright
District Councillor D. Birch

Two residents of the Parish

No	Minute	Action
1.	Apologies Apologies had been received from Cllrs. A. Phillips, A Johnson, J. Clarke. County Cllr. M. Bayliss and PCSO. P. Holland	
2	Declarations of Interest/Code of Conduct To Declare any interest Non declared To Declare any Dispensations Cllr. M. Armitage. Court Farm Anaerobic. 23/00007/CM Dispensation granted until November 2024 May participate in discussion but may not vote. To note the Code of Conduct and requirements of the Transparency Regulations Noted: The Parish Council was now classified intermediate category with greater than £25,000 turnover. To note the Right to Record meetings: Noted. To confirm any necessary update to the Register of Interests	
3.	Minutes Councillor A Thawley proposed that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13th May 2024 be accepted as an accurate record, Councillor M. Armitage seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 th May were therefore approved as being a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	

4.	<p>Progress on Items from Minutes 13th May not otherwise not covered by the agenda – Chairman/District & County Councillors Highways (County Councillor) - Apologies received from County Cllr Bayliss</p>	
5.	<p>Chairman’s Report</p> <p>Copcut Rise. Notice Boards & Memorial/Coronation Benches</p> <p>a) The noticeboard was ready for delivery. Andy Brewer (Greenbarnes) would contact William Davis to confirm the delivery address. The clerk had asked that the parish council be kept updated.</p> <p>The suggested locations for three benches (1 memorial, 1 commemorative and 1 general) had been agreed by William Davis.</p> <p>b) Magazine Subscription The Community Magazine renewal subscription had been increased to £400 for six entries. This was considered to be excessive. Councillor A. Thawley proposed that this subscription be discontinued and instead rely upon noticeboard and social media advertising. Ad-hoc magazine articles could be published when necessary. This proposal was seconded by Councillor B Meddings and carried unanimously. Clerk to inform the editor</p> <p>c) Highway Update The implementation of a 40mph limit was progressing but a date for the implementation was not yet available.</p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding situations caused by the Copcut traffic light system. Results of the Copcut Lane and Ladywood measuring devices were not available. The Clerk was asked to contact Councillor Bayliss for an update. A petition containing twenty-seven signatures, requesting the implementation of a 40mph limit at Ladywood Road had been received by the Clerk. This had been sent on to County Councillor Bayliss for his response. The Parish Council had been pro-active in its attempt to set lower speed limits for this and other rural lanes with similar activity. These attempts had resulted in monitoring equipment being laid at several locations. Data from speed surveys, required for evidence in decision making, was not yet available for Ladywood Road.</p> <p>7.20pm -Meeting adjourned for public participation. A resident of the parish suggested that evidence of incidents recorded by residents could be shared with the Parish Council (and vice-versa) This liaison might provide a more comprehensive data set for consideration by the County Council/Police thereby assisting in their decision-making process. The meeting did not raise any objection to this suggestion.</p> <p>One resident left the meeting. The meeting resumed 7.25pm</p> <p>d) Salwarpe Village Hall Car Park – Rural Grant Application An application for a rural grant had been rejected by the District Council Appraisal Panel. Councillor Wright had arranged to discuss the reasons for this rejection with the panel on the 16th July 2024. Details of this discussion would be shared with the Chairman at an appropriate time.</p> <p>e) Martin Green Planting It was suggested that Martin Green should be planted with wildflower seeds on a regular annual basis. The existing variety of species had been praised by Tom Ward, botanist</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/Cnty Cllr. Bayliss</p> <p>Cllr. Wright/Chairman</p>

	Heart of England, but the general opinion was that the Green would benefit from the introduction of more colourful varieties. Councillor R. Hewitt proposed that £250 should be allocated for the financial year 2024/25 for the purchase of colourful selection of wildflower seeds. This proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Hill and unanimously agreed. The Chairman would inform Councillor Phillips of this decision	Chairman/ Cllr. Phillips
6.	Deputy Chair Report	
a)	Members Allowance Policy – Vote in Principle The Members Allowance Policy was discussed. A Basic Member Allowance was not currently paid. Members agreed that this non-payment should continue. Councillors were allowed to claim for receipted expenses under the adopted Financial Regulations. A Chairman's Allowance would continue to be paid at the agreed annual precepted amount. Councillor A. Thawley proposed that the non-payment of the Basic Members allowance should continue. This was seconded by Councillor M. Armitage and unanimously agreed. The Clerk was asked to remove the Members Allowance policy from the website as this was not a mandatory policy.	Clerk
b)	Model Financial Regulations April 2024 Adapted June 2024 Regulations had been circulated to all members pre-meeting. The Parish Council had reviewed and adopted revised Financial Regulations in March 2024. These adopted Regulations had since been reviewed and updated to include all statutory elements as directed in the April 2024 Model Revision. Councillor B. Meddings proposed that these newly revised Regulations be adopted. This was seconded by Councillor M. Armitage and unanimously agreed	Adopted
7.	Councillor Reports	
a)	Facebook – Councillor R. Hewitt Fifteen residents/councillors had joined the Facebook group. Councillor Hewitt proposed to advertise the site in parish noticeboards and suggested he produce an A5 laminated flyer for this purpose. He also suggested that he should hold a virtual meeting with the clerk to discuss content for the site	Cllr. Hewitt/Cle rk
b)	Street Naming – Councillor Meddings Wychavon's Corporate Database Officer had asked the Parish Council to provide suggestions for the names of streets within the Hill Top Farm development. Councillor Meddings had carried out research of the area and provided four suggestions for the meeting to consider. Councillor A. Thawley proposed that three of the four suggestions be submitted. This was seconded by Councillor P. Oakley and unanimously approved. It was also suggested that unused naming suggestions be held for future developments. Clerk to inform Wychavon's Corporate Database Officer	Clerk
8)	District Councillor Reports	
a)	Grants – Dist. Cllr Wright Legacy Grants- details due to be published shortly. Other grants were available for application.	
b)	Planning – Dist. Cllr Wright The District Council was in the process of recruiting additional planning staff. There was a 1.75% shortage of housing supply in Wychavon and The SWDP was not due to be published until 2025. The balance was therefore in favour of development. Concern was expressed over developments claiming to be self-build which did not meet self-build criteria. Councillor Meddings agreed to provide details to Dist. Councillor Wright. Councillor Wright also agreed to supply Cllr Meddings with the email address for the Head of Planning.	Cllr Meddings Cllr Wright

	<p>c) Legacy Grant Project – Dist. Cllr Birch There was an expectation that canal path improvements, including biodiversity, would be completed by August 2025</p> <p>d) Copcut Rise Residents Meeting – Dist. Cllr Birch Councillor Birch had attended the second meeting of residents. There had been long discussions on roads and policing. A PCSO would now attend the estate one day a week. A nominated resident had been appointed as a liaison person to the Officer</p> <p>e) Community Garden - Dist. Cllr Birch The memorial garden was progressing. A planting list had been devised and a discount of 50% on up to £600 value of plants had been offered by the supplier. The Chair of the Resident’s Association was currently in discussion with builders. The Committee had asked that thanks be expressed for the contribution granted by the Parish Council.</p> <p>f) Copcut Rise Revised Planning Application - Dist. Cllr Birch William Davis had finalised plans for an additional sixty-two houses (42 additional plus 20 original) There was an intention to provide ownership of an empty building to the Parish Council, or community group for community benefit. The Parish Council would be updated with progress reports from District Councillor Birch.</p> <p>g) Copcut Rise Bus Stop - Dist. Cllr Birch There had been complaints from a resident regarding noise emanating from buses using the Copcut Rise bus layby at the site entrance. The resident had requested a re-siting of the bus stop and associated shelter. The location of the existing layby had been approved in original site plans. Hinton Development did not have spare capacity for a bus layby in its current additional plans. Possible re-routing of the bus was discussed but it was agreed that this was outside the remit of the Parish Council. District Councillor Birch was corresponding with the resident</p> <p>District Councillor Birch commented that he now had a fruitful relationship with the management of William Davis (Copcut Rise) and was meeting with them on a regular basis.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>a) Salwarpe Village Hall – Cllr. J. Hill Councillor Hill commented that the Village Hall Committee were extremely concerned by the rejection of the rural grant. He asked if the Parish Council would assist financially if the meeting with the District Councillor did not prove fruitful. It was agreed that this might be an issue for a future agenda.</p> <p>b) Fly Tipped Concrete Blocks – Brownheath Common Councillor Hill agreed to locate the owner of the blocks and request their removal.</p>	<p>Cllr Hill</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Review of Payments Made and Received Since the Last Meeting (see Appendix 1) Noted</p>	

<p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p>Memorial Land. Possessory Title 2024. Possessory title to be finalised by registration of ownership with Land Registry.</p> <p>Pensions Regulator. Auto enrolment compliance. Re-declaration made 28th February 2023. Next redeclaration due February 2026</p>	
<p>17.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council had been re-scheduled and would now be held on 23rd September 2024 at 7.00pm in the main hall of Salwarpe Village Hall</p>	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

Signed..... Date

Chairman