

**HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE
PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council
held at 7.25 pm on Monday 17th March 2025
at Salwarpe Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllr. P. Oakley (Chair) Cllr. B. Meddings. Cllr. A Thomas. Cllr. M. Armitage. Cllr. A. Phillips.

IN ATTENDANCE E Gallagher (Clerk).
District Councillor D. Birch (7.45pm)
District Councillor N. Wright

No	Minute	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr J. Hill, Cllr. R. Hewitt, Cllr. A. Thawley, Cllr. J. Clarke Absent – Cllr. J. Brodrick	
2	Declarations of Interest/Code of Conduct To Declare any interest None declared To Declare any Dispensations Cllr. M. Armitage. Court Farm Anaerobic. 23/00007/CM Dispensation extended until November 2025 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. a)	Minutes Councillor A. Phillips proposed that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 20th January 2025 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 20 th January were therefore approved as being a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	

<p>4</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p> <p>g)</p>	<p>Progress on Items from Minutes 18th November not otherwise not covered by the agenda Chairman/District & County Councillors – Action List (20/01/2025)</p> <p>40MPH Speed Restriction Order – Ladywood Road The Ladywood Road Speed Restriction Order had been granted and would come into force on 20th March 2025. County. Cllr Bayliss would confirm further details of other Orders when available</p> <p>Middleton Bank Road Surface - An updated report to incident reference 68764 was not available. County. Cllr Bayliss agreed to investigate and report back to Cllr. Meddings. Clerk to send report details to County Cllr. Bayliss</p> <p>Worcester Warriors Application W/24/02613/OUT No further update currently available</p> <p>Anaerobic Digester - 23/000007/CM The Planning Officer was awaiting further information from the applicant and so no further update was available. The earliest possible Committee Date for consideration of this application would be July 2025</p> <p>New Issues</p> <p>County Councillor Bayliss Councillor Bayliss agreed to investigate and to progress resurfacing work to the A38. He informed the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election in the forthcoming May elections. He would however remain in the post of Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner. Cllr Thomas proposed a vote of thanks for the County Councillor's hard work in supporting the Parish Council</p> <p>Budget The County Council budget for 2025/26 had been approved in February 2025 with an extra £34 million additional borrowing applied.</p> <p>Unitary Authority Elections to the Unitary Authority would be held in 2027 with a shadow council in operation for one year. No decision had yet been taken on whether there would be one or two Unitary Authorities although it was felt that greater financial savings would be achieved through a one Unitary system.</p> <p>Raven Hotel – Droitwich Asbestos found. Further hurdles to overcome.</p> <p>A38 Addyes Way to Copcut Rise Estate: . Dangerous drop-kerb pedestrian pavement. Hinton Developments had identified the gradient as being too steep for wheelchair users. District Cllr. Wright to investigate.</p> <p>Copcut Rise Issues District Councillor Birch had attended a Copcut Rise residents meeting. The lack of maintenance of pathways, signage and road resurfacing were identified as being problematic issues. County It was noted that the Costa Coffee Lighting application had been approved</p> <p>Meeting With M.P Nigel Huddleston – Catchment Feeder Schools District Councillor Birch was in talks with Nigel Huddleston's Office, for the purpose of arranging a meeting, to be attended by himself along with Councillor Hewitt and a resident</p>	<p>Cnty. Cllr Bayliss</p> <p>Cnty. Cllr Bayliss/Clerk</p> <p>Dist Cllr. Wright</p> <p>Cnty Cllr Bayliss</p>
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	of Copcut Rise. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss unfairness in the current catchment feeder system	Dist Cllr. Birch/Cllr. Hewitt
5. Chairman's Report		
a) Highways Covered at 4(a)		
b) Councillor Co-option There had been no interest shown in the councillor vacancy for Salwarpe Parish. District Councillor Birch had spoken to various residents of Copcut Estate without obvious success. Suggestions were made to leaflet all houses on Copcut Rise and re-advertise the vacancy on both the Parish Council's and the Copcut Rise Facebook pages. It was felt that leafleting all properties would probably be a futile exercise. The vacancy had previously been advertised on all noticeboards, Facebook and the Parish Council's website	Cllr. Hewitt	
c) Salwarpe Village Hall Carpark Works All works to the Village Hall Car Park had been successfully completed		
d) S137 Report and Applications A report had been received from Chawson First School highlighting the successful use of 2024/25 s137 grant monies. A further application to continue the project had been made for the year 2025/26 (£7100). The out of hours reading club had enabled parish students, needing extra support, to attain grades which they would not have reached without the support of the s137 grant. Councillor Armitage spoke of the intention of Hindlip First School to also apply for continued s137 funding. Their application would be submitted in time for consideration at the May 2025 meeting. It was agreed that both applications should be considered at the same time and so a decision on Chawson School's application would be deferred until the next meeting		
e/f) Anaerobic Digester - 23/000007/CM/ Worcester Warriors - W/24/02613/OUT See 4 (c) & (d)		
6. Deputy Chair Report Apologies received		
7. Councillor Reports		
a) Hindlip First School – Cllr. M. Armitage See 5(d)		
b) Possessory to Absolute Memorial Land Title progress – Cllr. B. Meddings Councillor Meddings was progressing the Land Registry application. It was noted that the photocopied Title Deeds were in a poor state and so she would make a request to County Hall to supply the original Deeds.	Cllr. Meddings	
c) VE Day Events The Parish Council was intending to quietly mark VE Day by placing Union flags at the War Monument fronting the WWII inscription to the Rector of Salwarpe. The flags would be in place from Saturday 3rd May to Tuesday 6th May. A sum of £250 had automatically been granted to all Parish Councils by Wychavon District Council for the purpose of assisting in the costs of holding VE Day events. As no Parish event had been planned, it was agreed that Cllr Hewitt should advertise the availability of this grant on the Parish Council Facebook page	Cllr Hewitt	

	Councillor Meddings report - attached to the minutes.	
8.	Salwarpe Village Hall – Cllr. J. Hill Apologies received	
9.	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review of Payments Made and Received Since the Last Meeting (see Appendix 1) Noted b) Report on Year-To-Date Expenditure Compared to Budget Noted c) Monitoring Officer to Confirm Accuracy of Bank Payments To be confirmed w/b 24/03/2025 d) Payments Authority Councillor Armitage agreed to authorise payments along with Councillor Meddings and the Chairman during the absence of Councillor Thawley e) Burial Grounds A report had been received giving details on how the Parish Councils grant monies had been spent on the maintenance of the burial ground 	
10.	Planning Consultations - Appendix 2-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Planning Applications W/24/02312/FU Land at Church Lane Martin Hussingtree - Live/Work Unit. Concern was expressed regarding inaccurate information in the planning application. An objection had been submitted. W/23/00893/FUL Land at East Side Martin Hussingtree – Proposed Solar Park – Committee 27/03/2025 Enforcements and Appeals Noted Temporary Granted Permissions Noted 	
11.	Councillor Reports and Items for Future Agendas None	
12.	Items Carried Forward for Noting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Defibrillator Renewal of Battery due November 2027. (ii) Pads expiry date July 2025 (iii) Warranty of AED expiry April 2023. b) Memorial Land. Possessory Title 2024. Possessory title to be finalised by registration of ownership with Land Registry. c) Pensions Regulator. Auto enrolment compliance. Re-declaration made 28th February 2023. Next redeclaration due February 2026 	

d)	Cherry Lane Advertising Hoarding – May 2026	
13.	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council was scheduled for 19 th May 2025 at 7.00pm in the Main Hall of Salwarpe Village Hall	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.25 pm.

Signed..... Date
Chairman

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VE DAY MONDAY 5th MAY 2025

The Parish Council will not be arranging a community event for VE Commemoration Day on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May.

1): However, for the Commemoration period Sunday 4th May to Tuesday 6th May, the Parish Council will erect Union Flags at the West Plinth of Salwarpe War Monument. Where there is an inscription

1939 – 1945

***The Rector of Salwarpe, Reverend William Heading Mitchell
Chaplain Royal Naval Reserve, 23rd October 1943***

[Background details: Age 39 killed in the sinking of his ship HMS Charybdis, torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of France].
For public interest posters of the details will be displayed on the frontage of the memorial land.

2): A poster will also be displayed in the Copcut Rise noticeboard drawing residents' attention to the details of Rector of Salwarpe and that two Roads are named in remembrance of his sacrifice:

Reverend Close and Mitchel Road

3): I have asked if Salwarpe Church will fly a Union Flag from the Church tower during the VE commemoration period.

4): I have enquired whether Salwarpe Village Hall committee were planning any event. It is to be discussed at their next meeting.

5): Wychavon District Council has awarded £250 as a contribution toward any event.

6): It is not known at this stage if the association of Copcut Residents will be planning any events. If so, the £250 contribution could be made.

5): I have arranged for an article on the Rector of Salwarpe be inserted in the April/May issue of the Community Magazine.

Barbara Meddings
Parish Councillor

17.03.2025