

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

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council  
held at 7.00 pm on Monday 21st July 2025  
at Salwarpe Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. P. Oakley (Chair) Cllr. B. Meddings. Cllr. A Thomas. Cllr. A. Phillips. Cllr. J Brodrick, Cllr.J. Clarke, Cllr. M. Armitage.

**IN ATTENDANCE** E Gallagher (Clerk).  
District Councillor D. Birch  
District Councillor N. Wright  
County Councillor S. James

1 Resident of the Parish

No	Minute	Action
1.	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr R Hewitt Cllr J Hill Cllr. A. Thawley - Disqualification period extended by a further six-month period commencing 19/05/2025  <b>7.05 Meeting suspended for Public Question Time (See notes following Minutes)</b>  <b>7.15 Meeting Reconvened</b>	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest/Code of Conduct</b>  <b>To Declare any interest - None declared</b>  <b>To Declare any Dispensations</b> Cllr. M. Armitage. Court Farm Anaerobic. 23/00007/CM Dispensation extended until November 2025 May participate in discussion but may not vote.  <b>To note the Code of Conduct and requirements of the Transparency Regulations</b> Noted: The Parish Council was now classified intermediate category with greater than £25,000 turnover.  <b>To note the Right to Record meetings:</b> Noted.  <b>To confirm any necessary update to the Register of Interests</b>	
3.	<b>Minutes</b> Councillor B. Meddings proposed that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 19th May 2025 be accepted as an accurate record. Councillor A. Phillips seconded the proposal.	

	The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> May were unanimously approved as being a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>County and District Councillors</b>  <b>Progress on Items from Minutes 19<sup>th</sup> May not otherwise not covered by the agenda</b></p> <p><b>i) Unitary Authority Update</b>  A meeting would be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 where a structural decision would be taken. The results of a resident survey suggested a tendency to favour a two-authority solution It was confirmed however that the decision would be in the hands of the Minister of State. Councillor Meddings had circulated a report on the meeting held on 25 June 2025 relating to the reshaping of Worcestershire/Local Government reorganisation</p> <p><b>ii) Copcut Rise Catchment Feeder School Update</b>  A meeting had taken place involving Nigel Huddleston MP, District Councillor Birch, Councillor Hewitt, (and others) to discuss future catchment boundaries for the parish's middle schools. It transpired that there was no ridged legislation concerning catchment reviews but guidance suggested reviews be held on a seven-year turnaround. Academies were able to set their own catchment areas and Local Authorities tended to follow the seven-year guidance principles. There was no immediate plan to review catchments within the parishes however a review would be held as part of the Unitary Authority implementation. It was acknowledged that rapid development within the parishes had pressurised the need for a corresponding number of suitable school places. Nigel Huddleston MP had agreed to take this issue to parliament.</p> <p><b>iii) Planning Application W/25/00991/FUL Copcut Rise</b>  The developer had been asked to reconsider and redraft this application. It was felt that 20 additional houses at the centre of the Estate was too high in density. The planned community hall was not a facility wanted or needed by the community and the <u>original playarea</u> was considered to be a better option. The main development was not policy compliant in respect of first home allocation. There were also access issues and safety aspects concerning children's walkable route to school from the Estate. There was no school bus operating within the vicinity. William Davis had agreed to reassess the current application and make amendments.  The main development was now complete however various non-compliant issues still needed to be rectified. Enforcement action would be taken if these issues were not resolved in a timely fashion.</p> <p><b>iv) Hindlip Car Boot</b>  Thirteen sales could be held per year. It was felt that so far there had been less than ten. It was agreed that next year's sales should be more closely monitored and if necessary, enforcement action taken. There were fewer resident complaints but rubbish left on verges and parking still seemed to be the main areas of concern.</p> <p><b>v) Worcester Warriors Sixways Stadium</b>  Planners were awaiting a report by National Highways. No decision would be taken without taking this report into consideration.</p> <p><b>vi) Drury Lane Signage</b>  A resident had requested a 'no access to goods vehicles traffic' sign to be erected at Drury Lane. It was agreed that this sign would not hold any legal authority but County Councillor James suggested that Councillor Phillips approach Start Traffic to assess whether they would be willing to erect such a sign.</p>	<p>Dist Cllr  Birch</p> <p>Cllr  Phillips</p>

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<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>i)</b></p> <p><b>ii)</b></p> <p><b>iii)</b></p> <p><b>iv)</b></p> <p><b>v)</b></p>	<p><b>Chairman's Report</b></p> <p><b>Highways - Copcut Rise</b> Residents were still dissatisfied with the state of some roads. Enforcement action might be necessary. It was suggested that speed limit restrictions might be consideration for the A38 Roman Way to enable Copcut Rise children to safely traverse to school</p> <p><b>Councillor Co-option Vacancy – Salwarpe</b> No interest shown in the vacancy to date. A Copcut resident would be the preferred option due to the greater resident occupation ratio when compared to other parishes.</p> <p><b>Canal Health Corridor – see 4c(i)</b></p> <p><b>Anaerobic Digester</b> The latest consultation on this application ended on 19 June 2025. Comments from West Mercia Police and Hereford &amp; Worcester Fire and Rescue Service were still outstanding and additional time had been allowed for their response.</p> <p><b>Consideration of Change of Bank Accounts</b> HSBC, as part of their safeguarding procedures, had requested personal details of councillors who were authorised to approve payments. These details had been submitted previously and therefore this request was refused with a corresponding threat by HSBC to suspend the council's bank accounts. Parish and Town Council specific accounts required a two-person on-line authority as a minimum. General bank accounts were difficult to obtain due to a change in banking procedures which required business organisations to be registered with Companies House or registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The clerk was asked to investigate further by assessing other council's finance providers</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Deputy Chair Report</b> Apologies received</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p> <p><b>i)</b></p> <p><b>ii)</b></p> <p><b>iii)</b></p>	<p><b>Councillor Reports</b></p> <p><b>Website/gov.com Domain – Cllr R. Hewitt – Apologies received</b></p> <p><b>Social Media Policy – Cllr R. Hewitt – Apologies received</b></p> <p><b>Absolute Title - Memorial Land – Cllr. B Meddings</b></p>	<p>c/f to Sept meeting</p> <p>c/f</p> <p>Cllr. Meddings</p>

<p>iv)</p> <p>v)</p> <p>vi)</p> <p>vii)</p>	<p>The application for the transfer of Possessory Title to Absolute Title for the Memorial Land at Salwarpe had been submitted by the County's Legal and Governance Department. The cost for legal work would be £400 (due on completion).</p> <p><b>Speed Signage/Incidents Strand Lane/Ladywood Road – Cllr. B. Meddings</b> The recently installed, inappropriately located, signage (40mph) had been knocked down by a motorist. This signage had now been repositioned. Residents had raised concerns on the selected location of signage along Ladywood Road. County Councillor S. James would investigate the criteria for positioning this type of signage</p> <p><b>Remembrance Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Cllr. B. Meddings</b> Wreaths had been ordered and the organisation of cleaning the monument, prior to the Service of Remembrance, was in hand.</p> <p><b>Hindlip Lane Verges/Footpath – Cllr. J. Brodrick</b> Previous requests for the development of a footpath along this dangerous 60mph road had been rejected by County Highways. Reasons specified were an inadequate width of verge for a footpath, and, if possible, too expensive for the County to undertake a project of this magnitude. They had agreed to a compromise safety solution of keeping the grass verge cut short to enable walkers to use as much of the verge as possible. County Councillor James felt that this issue should be reinvestigated and he agreed to speak with County Highways to seek their advice and permission to proceed should a suitable funding solution be discovered. There was a suggestion of some availability within the Divisional Fund. West Mercia Police might also be willing to contribute towards a joint project. The Parish Council's ringfenced reserves for new development could also be accessed. These additional sources of finance could be used to supplement or replace any available funding from County Highways. It was agreed that County Councillor James would meet with Councillors Armitage and Brodrick on site. Mr M. Bayliss would also be invited to attend this meeting</p> <p><b>Advertising Hoardings Warriors Way – Cllr. J. Brodrick</b> As this was an internal access road, advertising hoarding was a decision made by the owners of Sixways Stadium</p>	<p>County Councillor James</p> <p>Cllr Meddings</p> <p>County Cllr. James/Cllrs Armitage/Brodrick</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Salwarpe Village Hall – Cllr. J. Hill</b> Apologies received</p>	
<p>9.</p> <p>i)</p> <p>ii)</p> <p>iii)</p> <p>iv)</p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>Review of Payments made and Received since Last Meeting</b> Reviewed/Approved</p> <p>Report on Year-to-date Expenditure Noted</p> <p><b>Monitoring Officer to Confirm Accuracy Of Bank Payments</b> In hand</p> <p><b>Defibrillator Pad Renewal</b> Chairman to action</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>10</p>	<p><b>Items for Future Agenda</b> Drury Lane Hedgerow – Cllr B Meddings To confirm appropriate lengthsman work</p>	<p>Cllr Meddings/ Cllr Phillips</p>

11.	<b>Items Carried Forward for Noting</b>  <b>Defibrillator</b> Renewal of Battery due November 2027. (ii) <b>Pads expiry date July 2025</b> (iii) Warranty of AED expiry April 2023.  <b>Memorial Land.</b> Possessory Title 2024. Possessory title to be finalised by registration of ownership with Land Registry.  <b>Pensions Regulator.</b> Auto enrolment compliance. Re-declaration made 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023. Next redeclaration due February 2026  <b>Cherry Lane Advertising Hoarding</b> – May 2026	Chairman
	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> The next meeting of the Parish Council was scheduled for Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.00pm in the Main Hall of Salwarpe Village Hall	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50 pm.

Signed..... Date  
Chairman

#### **Public Question Time**

A resident of the Parish had attended to obtain further information on the following:

#### **Court Farm Anaerobic Digester Application.**

There had been mass objection to this application and additional reports and were still being assessed by the planning officer and others. This application would be subject to a full debate and the lack of information meant that it would not be presented to the Planning Committee before November 2025 at the earliest.

#### **Copcut Traffic Lights**

The County Council was aware of major issues at the location of these lights. The major project team had agreed to work on a project at this location but funding was insufficient to embark on a remedial project of this magnitude. The Unitary Authority decision was imminent and this would also affect decision making and funding allocation.

The timing of the lights had been set to the maximum allowable limit but this had done little to resolve issues. The A38 speed limit restriction of 40mph did not appear to be working as a deterrent as there were no speed cameras on this stretch of road. County Councillor James agreed to investigate the possibility of a VAS installation.

#### **Copcut Rise New Application**

The resident was informed that the developer was in the process of re-drafting this application.