

# HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Hindlip Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at Salwarpe Village Hall.

### Public Question Time – 6 members of public in attendance

#### The Parish Council meeting convened at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr B Meddings - Chairman;  
Cllr M Armitage; Cllr Jim Brodrick; Cllr John Brodrick; Cllr P Edwards;  
Cllr R Hatfield; Cllr C Hughes; Cllr J Hill; Cllr D Luscombe; Cllr A Thomas

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs E Meredith (Clerk)  
District Councillor A Miller

#### 1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr George Harrison

#### 2. Declarations of Interest:

Councillors were reminded of the need to:

- a. update their register of interest
- b. to declare any Personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature
- c. to declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

#### 3. Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 17th January 2011 were approved and signed as being a correct record.

#### 4. Clerk

##### a) Progress Reports on actions from minutes 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011

##### i. Insurance damage claims The Green

Accident 10th Nov 2009. Clerk still chasing recovery of £125.00 excess from insurers, Allianz.

The Chairman noted the forthcoming renewal of the Council insurance and requested the Clerk check the renewal documents, in particular in relation to any required declarations for Councillors over the age of 75 years.

##### ii. Highways, Hedges, Potholes

- a) Grit Bins - In preparation for the coming winter the Clerk is to request councillors to identify locations of existing grit bins and new bins, to see if they meet the WCC criteria for issue of free bins and if not ascertain costs to the Parish Council.
- b) Pear Tree Inn at Smite - No response from hotel owners received to date. Clerk to write, Recorded Delivery, to Owners and if no response, then to refer the matter to Highways Dept at Worcs County Council.
- c) Overgrown hedgerow Pulley Lane – The land in question to north side of Pulley Lane, is owned by the Woodland Trust and is within Droitwich Town boundary. Clerk to refer matter to Clerk of Droitwich Town Council.

Hindlip Lane junction with Pershore Lane – Action brought forward from previous minutes. Clerk to pursue Highways on the continuance of double white lines up to the lane junction to prevent cars overtaking as cars pull out of the lane.

Middleton Bridge – Clerk to follow up with Highways Team the required repair works to the posts and barriers.

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- iii. **Lengthsman Scheme** – Clerk provided an update on work carried out to date under the Lengthsman Scheme. Some final invoicing for the current financial year still to be received to cover works carried out in recent weeks. Clerk to submit invoice to Worcs CC to recover costs within the grant allowance of £2,517.
- iv. **Court Farm – Enforcements** – It was agreed the District Councillor should take up the matter of long outstanding Enforcements and ineffective resolution of the issues.  
IN/09/02978/LB - Court Farm Dairy Building Listed building  
IN/09/00577 - Court Farm removal of tiles, deteriorating of buildings within the curtilage of the Dairy Listed Building.
- v. **Worcester Rugby Club Signage** – A retrospective planning application has now been received for the advertising hoarding. Councillors expressed their concern over the poor quality of the documents forwarded by the Wychavon Planning Dept.
- vi. **Parish Council Elections** - The Chairman drew attention to the Qualifications and Disqualifications regarding nominations for election of a Parish Councillor.
- vii. **Royal Wedding Celebration 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011** - P.Cllr D Luscombe reported on the joint committee arrangements for the celebrations from 10am to 4pm. Due to generous donations from two local residents all costs of hire of hall, marquee and live big screen are covered. It was felt that parking would not present a problem.

There will be no charge but residents need to apply for tickets to establish numbers for insurance and capacity regulations. The broadcast of the wedding commences at 11 am in the marquee and all bring their own picnic lunch.

At 3pm everyone to assemble into the village hall where the W.I. will provide tea and cut a large tiered Wedding Cake and serve Ice cream. Music will be provided by local musicians 'Finesse'.

## b) New items

### i. **Dog Control – Public Rights of Way**

Complaints had been received from Walkers with dogs on Public Rights of Way crossing private land. Public must be aware of the landowners rights for their animals.

Dogs must be under control on a lead by the side of the owner and not allowed to run free, foul or stray off the designated footpath. To take or allow dogs to stray onto surrounding private land constitutes trespass.

The matter cannot be dealt with by the Parish Council as it is a legal issue between the individual private parties.

### iii. **Droitwich Area Partnership**

P.Cllr P Edwards reported on a meeting attended on 16th February 2011. It is a Strategic Partnership with £30,000 funded annually by Wychavon District Council to support grants to voluntary organisations to engage within the wider public in Droitwich and the surrounding 28 parishes.

### iv. **Planning documentation changes**

In line with E-Government guidelines the Local Planning Authority is obliged to receive applications in CD or Paper format or electronically through the planning portal. The Local Authority is unable to force Agents/Applicants to submit hard copy documents.

It was felt that the District Council has a responsibility to consult Parish Councils on planning matters and that major or contentious developments cannot be dealt with by councillors viewing individually a set of compact discs. The council does not have the financial resources to own IT PowerPoint equipment and has to hire its meeting room. Hard copies of plans are required to display for Public meetings and Exhibitions and would not be able to carry out its duties of public transparency on planning matters.

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The Clerk has responded requesting the District Council to provide hard copy planning documentation. It is obvious that the future will see an increase in the use of IT by developers; the Clerk was requested to explore options.

## 4. Chairman

- a), MP Peter Luff was invited to discuss with Salwarpe Parish Councillors how best we could  
b) invoke his support in our endeavours in objecting to major development proposals impacting on  
& c) Salwarpe Parish.

Discussed: (1) Copcut, (2) Yew Tree Hill, (3) Tagwell Heights with two Barrett Homes sites off Jackdaw Lane and land alongside M5 motorway at Clink Gate, (4) Newlandhurst Home and grounds. All the proposals will access onto lanes within the parish and the infrastructure required will lead to over development of the Droitwich southern area with a loss of its distinctive character.

A meeting with respective Planning Officers, District and Parish Councillors has been arranged for 25th March at Pershore to discuss the issues involved.

### d) Gloverspiece, Salwarpe

P.Cllr D Luscombe reported on a meeting with the Chairman and residents on 15th February 2011 regarding the increased activities, structures and fencing, since planning permission W/07/01766 with conditional approval to preserve the amenities of the locality being used only privately and not used for trade or business. The issues and concerns will be investigated.

### e) National Speed Limit Survey

D Cllr Miller reported that the County Council Highways had undertaken a survey of roads and had incorporated the A38 and surrounding roads in our area, it being a requirement to provide infrastructure for future developments to 2030, the report has been delayed until June 2011.

### f) Old Poultry Farm, Drury Lane

The report by the Vice Chairman on recent communications with Agents acting on behalf of the owners of the site had been covered by the Chairman's report that following circulation of a questionnaire to residents a Public Meeting had been arranged by the Agents on 14th April 2011.

Details of the Public Meeting will be reported at the next Council meeting.

## 5. Correspondence

Date	From	Topic	Action
04/01/2011	Royal British Legion	Great Poppy Party Weekend	Information only
13/01/2011	N Fletcher, Transport, Worcs County Council	Review of Subsidised Public Transport	Not applicable to MH, H & S PC
30/12/2010	Worcs County Council	A4538 Pershore Road, Temporary Closure Notice	Information only
13/01/2011	Worcs County Council	C2086 Copcut Lane, Temporary Closure Notice	Information only
21/12/2010	Worcs County Council	Worcs Waste Core Strategy - First Draft Submission	Information only
01/01/2011	Peter Luff MP	Localism Bill - information and outline of parliamentary process	Copies of documents to be circulated to all Councillors

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## 7. District Councillors Report

- i. D Cllr Tony Miller was requested to look into the basis of how a grant was given by the Droitwich Area Partnership to an individual in the parish.
- ii. Wychavon Housing provision figure up to 2030 is expected to be 20% less than previously quoted however the Local Authority has not achieved the required provision of a 5 year housing land supply and provide deliverable sites up to 2020.
- iii. The abolishing of the WM Regional Strategy had left an interim period not covered by the existing Local Plan up to 2011 and the replacement South Worcs Development Plan which has yet to be approved by 2013.

The Localism Bill will not come into force until 2012. Developers are taking advantage of this unplanned gap by submitting major planning applications putting pressure on the Parish Councils having to deal with the consultation process.

- iv. The Land Drainage Inspector had been requested to investigate the source of sewerage draining into Martin Brook within Martin Hussingtree.

## 7. Finance

- i. The Clerk presented a review of receipts/payments made since last meeting. See Appendix 3.

## 8. Development Control Consultations

- i. Planning Applications – see Appendix 1:

**W/11/ 00120/AA – Worcester Rugby Club** – It was noted this retrospective planning application does not include the erection of wooden fencing or the wooden video analysis buildings.

- ii. Enforcements – See Appendix 2:

**IN/09/00472 - Ashford House, Martin Hussingtree**

The Enforcement Officer has been in dialogue with the new owner of Ashford House and has confirmed she has been advised that the unauthorised storage container will be removed by the middle of April.

Clerk to continue monitoring activities at Ashford House and enforcement action.

## 10. Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas

- i. P.Cllr John Brodrick will provide an ecological report on hedgerows which may assist with the Pulley Lane hedgerow issue.
- ii. P.Cllr R Hatfield reported fly tipping adjacent Smite Traveller site.
- iii. P.Cllr Jim, Brodrick requested that a visit be made to access Hindlip Church Burial Ground and experience the difficulties of traffic circulation and road markings affecting visitors to the Church grounds.

## 11. The date of the next meeting:

Monday 16th May 2011 at Salwarpe Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15pm

Signed .....

Date: 16th May 2011

Name ..... Chairman

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## NOTES OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Some residents from Church Lane, Martin Hussingtree expressed concerns about building works, intrusive lighting and general noise from Ashford House, Droitwich Road. Also the delay in enforcement action being taken regarding the removal of the storage container from the site.

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## Appendix 1 - Development Control (8<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011)

New Applications				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Council	Action
W/11/ 00120/AA	Worcester Warriors Sixways Stadium	Advertising hoardings, 22 flagpoles, and repositioning Totem pole	Hindlip	Object

Awaiting Decisions				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Council	Action
W/06/02244	Old Forge, Brown Heath	Conversion of the Old Forge into a single residential unit	Martin Hussingtree	Support
W/10/02268/LUE	David's Nurseries, Ash Lane	Application for Certificate of Lawful Use	Martin Hussingtree	Support
W/10/02896/OU	Land Between Roman Way and, Copcut Lane, Salwarpe	Mixed use development 740 homes & employment premises	Salwarpe	Object
W/10/02854/PN	Cummins Farm, Hindlip Lane, Hindlip, Worcester, WR3 8ST	Construction of 202 berth canal boat marina basin	Hindlip	General Observations

Decisions				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Council	Action
W/09/01357	Four Acres Nursery	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new two storey dwelling	Martin Hussingtree	Approved
W/10/02432/PN	Martin Motors, Droitwich Road	Removal of existing container & erection of 2 storey warehouse	Martin Hussingtree	Approved
W/10/02579/PP	Pandey House, Droitwich Road	Erection of 3 free standing columns to house security lights and CCTV cameras	Martin Hussingtree	Approved
W/10/02629/PP	Barn 2, Newland Farm, Brown Heath Lane	Installation of ground source heat pump	Salwarpe	Approved
W/10/02821/AA	Court Farm	2 pole mounted signs, 2 wall mounted signs	Hindlip	Refused
W/10/02857/PN	Hindlip Hall, Police HQ	Installation of 3 electronic & 1 manual vehicle barriers	Hindlip	Approved

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## Appendix 2 - Enforcements (8<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011)

Enforcements				
Dev No	Location	Description of alleged breach	Council	Status
IN/08/00276	Copcut House, Copcut Lane	Incomplete external rendering	Salwarpe	Active – rendering underway
IN/09/00472	Ashford House, Droitwich Road	Removal of container in Conservation Area	Martin Hussingtree	Active
IN/09/00577	Court Farm	Listed Dairy Building. Removal of roof tiles	Hindlip	Active
IN/11/00034	Worcester Warriors Sixways Stadium	Breach of landscaping condition 4 of approval W06/01164 landscaping condition submitted and approved on the 18 September 2007	Hindlip	Active

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## APPENDIX 3 - Payments and Receipts 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011

<u>Payments</u>		Current Account		
Date	Chq no	Payee	Description	Amount
31-Dec-10	101352	Mrs E Meredith	Dec Salary and Expenses	456.52
20-Jan-11	101353	Royal Mail	PO Box Renewal	125.75
20-Jan-11	101354	Fernhill Heath Baptist Church	Hall hire 08/01/11	40.00
20-Jan-11	101355	P A Bowen	Lengthsman work	50.00
31-Jan-11	101356	Mrs E Meredith	Jan Salary & Expenses	624.83
31-Jan-11	101357	Salwarpe PCC	Community News	50.00
05-Feb-11	101358	Topcut Mowing Services	Lengthsman work	294.00
06-Feb-11	101359	B Meddings	Chairmans Expenses	66.17
25-Feb-11	101360	Salwarpe Village Hall	Room bookings	80.00
25-Feb-11	101361	Mrs E Meredith	Feb Salary & Expenses	347.24
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,134.51</b>

<u>Receipts</u>		Deposit Account	
04-Mar-11		Interest received	£1.99

### Balances as at 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Current Account	£1,850.31
Deposit Account	£9,162.52
Total Reserves per bank	£11,012.83
Less Uncleared Cheques	-£80.00
Actual Reserves	£10,932.83

Statement date - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011