

# HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT SALWARPE VILLAGE HALL MONDAY MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011

**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:** District Councillor A Miller  
Mrs E Meredith (Clerk)  
Mr E Showell (Tree Warden)  
Mr D Cullom (Footpaths Officer)  
6 Members of the public

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Cllr George Harrison

### 2. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were approved and signed.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman presented the following report and circulated a detailed of the issues that have been dealt with by the Parish Council during the year. This list is included as Appendix 1 to these minutes.

## 1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Public Question Time has been held throughout the year prior to the commencement of Council meetings for residents to express their concerns and question the Parish Council on issues arising within the three Parishes.

The Parish Council has kept the community fully informed on major development issues and potential impact, through a series of Public Meetings, Exhibitions displaying planning documents, Leaflet drops and Posters on notice boards.

The positive role over the year has drawn the attention of residents to the work undertaken on their behalf.

The issue that has dominated the year following the General Election has been the abolition of the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy and its replacement by new Legislation and a South Worcs Development Plan for 2011-2026, to replace the existing Local Plan expiring in 2011, with the need for Public consultations on Preferred sites for Housing and other Land allocations that affect the three parishes.

Highlighted: The Council's involvement in development issues:

- a) Appeal representations on the demolition of Caulin Court, Salwarpe, on the replacement dwelling and additional buildings.
- b) West Mercia Police Headquarters new drive onto Pershore Lane, coupled with public footpaths diversions.
- c) Development proposals for: The former Poultry Houses, Drury Lane, Copcut site in Salwarpe and Marina in Hindlip.

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- d) Consultations with MP Peter Luff on potential development for a Sports Village in Hindlip along with other development in and around Fernhill Heath village impacting on Hindlip and Martin Hussingtree parishes.
- e) Traveller encampments on Pershore Lane; A38 Sandy Way, and junction of Hindlip/Hurst Lane.
- f) Three Road Traffic accidents, one a fatality. Ensuing restoration of damaged areas of the Green, Martin Hussingtree.
- g) Acceptance of administering a Lengthsman Scheme for minor works within the three parishes.
- h) The Parish Council was:
  - Consulted on: 22 Planning applications
  - Responded on: 1 Planning Appeals:
    - Caulin Court
  - Initiated: 7 Enforcement Actions – 4 cases pending

**Tribute:** On the death of County Councillor Edward Sheldon MBE.

**Appreciation:** Appreciation is expressed for the support given to the Parish Council by District Councillors Tony Miller and Alan Fisher.

**Congratulations:** Congratulations are extended to Tony Miller on his election as a County Councillor

The Parish Council thanks our volunteers:

**Parish Path Wardens** For protecting and walking our Parish Public Rights of Way and completing surveys on all the footpaths within our parishes:  
David Cullom covering Salwarpe and Martin Hussingtree Parishes.  
Janet Grotefeld covering Hindlip Parish.

**Parish Tree Warden** Ted Showell - **ensuring** protection of trees, upholding Tree Preservation Orders and mapping out all TPO's within our three Parishes.

**Clerk to the Council:** Mrs Elaine Meredith completed her probationary period and a Contract of Employment was issued. This years unprecedented weather conditions were challenging but administration services were maintained throughout. A special thanks is given.

I thank,

The Vice Chairman Mrs Carol Hughes for her invaluable support and representing the Chairman at several meetings and functions.

Finally, I thank,

The Parish Councillors, all have been actively involved with the Council's extra-ordinary work load on varied issues that have arisen throughout the year.

Their team work, without doubt contributed to the Parish Council's many achievements over the year.

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## 2. PARISH PATHS WARDENS REPORTS

### **Parish Path Warden Report 2010-2011 (Salwarpe and Martin Hussingtree) Presented by Mr David Cullom**

Regular inspections of Rights of Way were carried out through the year with the exception of the prolonged winter and severe snow and ice conditions.

Annual growth around styles and gates was cut back and signposts and gates damaged or missing were reported to the County Countryside Service.

Liaison with landowners was carried out to resolve occasional access problems.

### **Parish Path Warden Report 2010-2011 (Hindlip) Written Report by Mrs Janet Grotefeld.**

A written report was read out on inspections carried out with specific attention to signposting of Rights of Way at Smite Lane and Pershore Lane and locked gates at Offerton.

Understanding the need for security and protection of farm buildings and land with increased thefts and fly tipping throughout the parishes alternative methods could allow access by walkers.

## 3. PARISH TREE WARDENS REPORTS

### **Tree Warden Report 2010-2011 (Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe) Presented by Mr Ted Showell**

Inspection of trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders continued throughout the year and Parish Maps had been produced to assist the Parish Council with future planning developments.

The District Council Tree & Landscape Officer is prepared to consider a TPO on the two Lebanon Cedars located in front of the Copcut Elm Public House and it was requested that the Parish Council submit a request.

A TPO tree has been cut down adjacent to the Pond on the Copcut site and should be drawn to the attention of the Officer to establish replacement by the landowner.

A review of the hedgerow on the south side of Pulley Lane that forms the Green Belt boundary will be carried out to establish if legislation would protect it against proposed highway widening in connection with future development proposals at Yew Tree Hill.

The Paths and Tree Wardens were thanked for their work which is entirely on a voluntary basis with the Wardens being appointed by Worcestershire County Council Rights of Way Section and Countryside Department in agreement with the Parish Council.

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## 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were given copies of the List of Issues dealt with by the Parish Council throughout the past year.

A number of residents attended to voice their views of the local issue of works being carried out on property within Martin Hussingtree Conservation Area and within the Green Belt.

The Clerk reported on the change of property ownership and that the works inspected by the Planning Enforcement Officer were in accordance with planning approvals given to the previous owner three years ago. Enforcement Action IN/09/00472 for the removal of a metal container in a Conservation Area; the previous owner has been requested to remove it within the time scale agreed.

All agreed it was invaluable that the new owner had taken the time to visit neighbours and sort out disturbance problems of a caravan usage and external orange sodium lighting remaining on throughout the entire hours of darkness. A Tree and Landscape Officer is to visit the site regarding the felling of trees.

The residents thanked the Parish Council for the action taken on their behalf and the Clerk agreed to keep them informed on the results of actions taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.55 p.m.

Signed ..... Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Name **Barbara Meddings**  
Chairman

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## ISSUES DEALT WITH BY THE PARISH COUNCIL 2010 - 2011

ADVERTISING	Unauthorised signage Rugby Club & Court Farm
BRIDGES	Maintenance and repair. Salwarpe, Martin Hussingtree
BURIAL GROUNDS	Contribution for maintenance of Parish Burial grounds
CIVIC FUNCTIONS	Opening of West Mercia Police HQ Drive by HRH Duke of Gloucester Annual Remembrance Day Wreath laying at Salwarpe War Memorial Parochial Church Council Licensing of new Priest Rev. David Owen
COMMITTEES	Finance/Planning/Staffing
COMMON LAND	Protection and maintenance of: i. The Green, MH - Reinstatement due to vehicle accident damage ii. The Pond, MH - Ash Lane edge & pipe reinstatement iii. Brownheath Common, Hindlip - Overgrowth cutback
CONSERVATION AREAS	Protection - Salwarpe & Martin Hussingtree
CANALS	Canalsides Conservation areas - Salwarpe & Offerton
ENFORCEMENT	Breaches of planning controls
FINANCE	Budget 2011-2012
FLOODING	Remedial work. Landowners Riparian duties.
FLY TIPPING	Within Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree and Salwarpe
GYPSY SITE	Smite - infringement of site rules
HIGHWAYS	Defects, maintenance of roads and cycle routes
HEDGEROWS	Overgrown hedge cutback failure by landowners.
LEGISLATION	Publicising responsibilities re Dog Fouling Act 1996
LENGTHSMAN SCHEME	Administration by Parish Council of minor works within the 3 parishes
LISTED BUILDINGS	Enforcement and Obligatory Protection
MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS	South Worcs Development Plan 2011 – 2026 Sites Housing, Land Allocations Plans Copcut/Marina/Sports Village/Worcs Bosch/Waste Plant/Fernhill Heath Development impact
PUBLIC MEETINGS	Poultry Houses, Drury Lane Copcut Rise Marina Development at Cummins Farm, Hindlip
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY	Protection of footpaths, bridle paths, footbridges
TOURISM	Contribution to visitors facilities at Salwarpe Fete
TRAVELLERS	Illegal encroachment - Pershore Lane, A38 and Hindlip Lane
TRAINING	South Worcs Development Plans. Elections 2011
TREES	Tree Preservation Orders and protection
WAR MEMORIAL	Maintenance & Safety inspection
WEBSITE	Electorate communications via Parish Council websites, Email address, six Parish notice boards, and Community News magazine