

HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council held at 7.20 pm on Monday 16th March 2015 at Salwarpe Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr. P. Oakley (Chairman), Cllr. B. Meddings (Deputy Chair), Cllr. M. Armitage,
Cllr. P. Edwards, Cllr. C. Hughes, Cllr. John. Brodrick, Cllr. J. Hill. Cllr. R. Hatfield,
Cllr. James Brodrick, Cllr. D. Luscombe, Cllr. A. Thomas.

IN ATTENDANCE: E Gallagher (Clerk)
County and District Cllr. T. Miller (7.25pm)
2 Members of the Public
Prospective Parish Councillor Mr A.Thawey

Police Representation – None

No	Minute	Action
1.	Apologies: No apologies had been received	
2.	Code of Conduct & Standing Orders a) Councillors were duly reminded of the need: a) To update their register of members interest with Wychavon DC. b) To declare any relevant pecuniary interest in items on the agenda and their nature. c) To declare any other disclosable interest in items on the agenda and their nature. There were no declarations of interest in any category.	All Councillors
3.a)	Minutes The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17 th January 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.	
4)	Clerk – Progress Report on actions from Minutes 19th January 2015 Councillors requested that the Clerk to give an update on the following items from the previous Minutes a) Pershore Lane The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Mr J O’Toole, the Chief Executive of Worcester Warriors Rugby Club, regarding injurious weeds and the lack of maintenance of landscaped areas of the Rugby Club and the David Lloyd Centre. Further contact would be made if no response was received by the end of March 2015 b) Improvements at A38 Junction at Martin Hussingtree A meeting between the developers and Wychavon District Council scheduled for the 11 th of March had been cancelled by the developer The County Highways Department were still awaiting the design of the final layout of the scheme. c) Development at Copcut Rise Salwarpe Copcut Lane continued to be accessed by construction traffic. Hedges had been pruned to provide a double gated entrance in breach of planning conditions. The County and District Councillor agreed to investigate this issue as a matter of	Clerk District Councillor District Councillor

<p>d) Middleton Bank Salwarpe The County Councillor and Deputy Chair had agreed to accompany Mr D. Lavender, County Highways, on a visit to Middleton Bank in order to discuss planned work that had been outstanding for 2 years. It was also reported that the damaged bridge was now included on a scheduled maintenance plan. It was felt that this damage should be elevated and classified as an urgent repair.</p> <p>e) Chawson Lane The uneven road surface and potholes along Chawson Lane were causing problems. The ditch on both sides was blocked and failing to allow surface water run off to dissipate. The District Councillor agreed to speak with Tony Jones, Wychavon Land Drainage Officer, to request that the landowner be alerted to the problems with the ditch. Councillor Thomas offered to look at the ditch to check whether he could help with remedial action.</p> <p>f) Middle School Merger Consultation This consultation exercise had now been quashed.</p> <p>g) Notice Board at Newland Manor Bellway Homes had now transferred ownership and an official hand over of the notice board to the Parish Council had taken place on 16th March 2015.</p> <p>h) Memorial Land: Possessory Title 2024 Possessory Title to be finalised with the Land Registry in 2024. Draft Standing Orders had been amended and the item would be carried forward in the Annual Meeting minutes until completion of the transfer of title.</p>	<p>urgency keeping the Parish Council involved at all stages.</p>	<p>District Councillor/ Deputy Chair</p> <p>District Councillor/ Cllr Thomas</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Annual Minutes 2016</p>
<p>5. Chairman Reports</p> <p>Community Levy The Chairman had attended a seminar on Monday 9 March 2015 at Worcestershire County Council's offices regarding the infra-structure of a proposed Community Levy which was now at the consultation stage. The levy would be introduced to help fund extra houses and essential strategic structure and facilities. It was confirmed that Wychavon District Council's current 5 year housing plan was robust. The proposed Levies flexible start date had been mooted as March 2016. Each Council would determine their own levy. Parish Councils would be awarded a share of the levy raised, this being variable and at a higher level if a Neighborhood Plan was in place. New rules on affordable housing would be introduced. The levy would replace the New Homes Bonus. S106 payments however would remain. The Chairman agreed to circulate the seminar event documentation to Councillors.</p>		<p>Chairman</p>
<p>6. Deputy Chair Report</p> <p>a) New Homes Bonus – The Deputy Chair informed the meeting that the New Homes Bonus had been suspended pending the forthcoming elections and the formation of a new Government. Further information would be available as to whether this Bonus would be reinstated after this event.</p> <p>b) Election Nomination Procedure Nomination Packs had now been delivered to candidates. The Deputy Chair explained the procedure for completion and deadlines for submission. She would deliver her completed form by hand to the Showell Room at Wychavon District Council Offices at Pershore on 24th March. She offered to act as the nominated person for other candidates if they were unable to deliver their completed forms themselves. She specified that Election Cost forms must also be submitted even if these forms showed a nil return. The web address for information www.wychavon.gov.uk/currentelections</p>		

<p>7</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p>District and County Councillor Reports</p> <p>Communications/Community Grant The District Councillor confirmed that an additional non ring-fenced grant of £1000 had been awarded to the Parish Council. It was suggested that a percentage of this grant could be used to replace notice boards which were beyond repair. The District Councillor discussed a scheme designed to curb prisoner re-offending, introduced by Bill Longmore West Mercia Police, whereby prisoners from Long Lartin Prison would make the notice boards at an advantageous cost. All monies made by this scheme would be reinvested into prisoner rehabilitation. Enquiries with specifications should be directed via the District Councillor.</p> <p>Blue-Light Services Administration Merger Talks were taking place regarding the merger of police and fire brigade control room services. The merger would only involve the administration element of the blue-light services. A possible location could be West Mercia Headquarters at Hindlip.</p> <p>Council Tax Service Provisions It was noted that some elements of council tax service provision appeared to have been removed by the District or County Council (womens charities etc). These services had not been withdrawn but would now be funded by police/health authority budgets</p>	
<p>8.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>To Review Year to date expenditure compared to budget including payments and receipts (Appendix 1) The payments and receipt record was scrutinised without query.</p> <p>To Review the predicted expenditure for the 2014/15 financial year compared to budget No queries</p> <p>To review insurance for the war memorial (current level £31,000) It was agreed that the Deputy Chair should approach the War Memorial Trust for advice on specialist insurers and realistic valuations.</p>	<p>Deputy Chair</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Planning Consultations & Enforcement (Appendices 2 – 4) No queries</p>	
<p>10.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p>	<p>Items for Future Agendas/Action</p> <p>Church Lane Overflowing Ditch Councillor Luscombe and Councillor Thomas to check and if necessary report to the Lengthsman</p> <p>Martin Hussingtree Junction with Drury Lane An application for no right hand turn sign had been made. Cllr.Edwards Requested that she be invited to meetings relating to the signage.</p> <p>Village Fete The fete was scheduled for 22nd August 2015.</p> <p>Shelton & Lines Illegal Position of Advertising Material Drury Lane The illegal positioning of advertising hoarding was damaging the road name plate of Drury Lane. The District Councillor agreed to take this issue up with the agents responsible.</p> <p>Damage to Verges by Construction Vehicles at Court Farm The Clerk to write to the developers</p> <p>Proposed Storage of New Vehicles at Court Farm Site District Councillor to be informed.</p> <p>Cllr Hill left the meeting 9.10pm</p>	<p>Cllr Luscombe/Cllr. Thomas</p> <p>Contact Cllr. Hughes</p> <p>District Councillor</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Councillors/ Clerk</p>

<p>g) Increase in Fly-tipping It was felt that the Wychavon web reporting system was not adequate and instructions were not clear for this type of reporting.</p> <p>h) Remedial Works to Ground at Salwarpe Bridge It was agreed that the Lengthsman should repair this ground from the 2014/2015 budget.</p> <p>i) Letter of Thanks To J. Grotefield Parish Path Warden The Clerk was requested to draft a letter of thanks to Mrs Grotefield for her services to the Parish and the Community.</p>		Clerk
<p>12. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>The date of the Annual Council Meeting was approved as Monday 18th May 2015 at Salwarpe Village Hall to commence at 7.00pm.</p>	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.

Signed Date 18th May 2015 Chairman