

HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe held at 7.00pm on Monday 19th March 2018 at Salwarpe Village Hall

Present	Cllr. B. Meddings (Presiding Chair), Cllr. M. Armitage, Cllr. A. Thawley, Cllr. C. Hughes, Cllr. A. Phillips, Cllr. J. Clarke, Cllr D. Luscombe,
In Attendance	E Gallagher (Clerk). Cnty/Dist Cllr. Miller District Cllr. Duffy Gerry Brienza County Highways Police Representation – None
Public Attendees	2.

No	Minute
1.	Apologies: Cllr. P. Oakley Cllr. J. Hill. Cllr. A. Thomas. Cllr. J Brodrick Mr & Mrs Adams (Parish Path Wardens Salwarpe.) Mrs Bevan-Smith (Parish Path Warden Martin Hussingtree) Mr R Meredith (Parish Tree Warden)
2.	Minutes The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 20 th March 2017 were approved and signed as a true record of events.
3.	Presiding Chairman's Address See attached appendix A
4.	Reports of Parish Path Wardens i) <u>Parish Path Wardens Report March 2018 for Martin Hussingtree (Mrs. A. Phillips)</u> Mrs Phillips gave the following report: 'The majority of the footpaths have been walked since my appointment in April 2017. Many of the waymarks have been replaced. Footpath MH 513 through the chick hatchery in Drury Lane has been cleared by the council and lengthsman. In February it was fenced off from the hatchery buildings by the landowner. Several stiles on Knoll Farm (MH508) and Oaktrees Farm are in poor condition. Metal kissing gates have been requested for Knoll Farm but have not been issued/installed yet.' The Presiding Chairman read the following reports. ii) <u>Parish Path Wardens Report March 2018 for Salwarpe (Mr & Mrs D. & P. Adams)</u> 'We have endeavoured to walk all the paths at least once in the past year and generally the paths were found to be in good order needing only minor clearing work. The following should be noted: Footpath SA-532 from Newland lane towards the Droitwich water tower which last year was found to have

	<p>been blocked by the Persimmon development. Who then applied and were granted a temporary closure order. Is now open and the path now continues through the housing estate.</p> <p>Footpath SA-533. The new wooden fence constructed at its junction with Newlands Road does allow access, but if replaced by a standard stile or gate would make this easier.</p> <p>We have received no feedback in regard to footpath SA-517 which the landowner has refused to allow access to since 2006.'</p> <p>iii) <u>Parish Path Wardens Report March 2018 for Hindlip (Mrs E. Bevan-Smith)</u></p> <p>'Pathways walked by Warden. Electronic reports of foliage, signage and hazards made to council where issues apparent. Minor pathways clearance conducted on many pathways during warmer months.</p> <p>Inspections continue to be made of reported pathway issues and reported to County Council where replacement styles required. Pathway 500. 2 styles inspected and found to be unsafe. Two requests for new styles made to County Council. Pathway 539, style going onto road unsafe and new styles requested from County Council.</p> <p>Pathway 504: Where it meets pathway 505/506 there is excessive foliage blocking entrance to path which requires clearing. Footpath sign broken and non functional – another sign requested twice from County Council. Apparently the Council short of money for replacement styles and prioritise highly used pathways first. Where paths underused by public generally become overgrown quickly.</p> <p>Apologies to the council that the pathways clearance organised didn't occur as only a couple of people volunteered and there was bad weather.'</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Public Question Time</p> <p>Two members of the public were present.</p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding Pulley Lane infrastructure issues. Persimmon Homes were not complying with planning conditions. Traffic management systems were chaotic and dangerous and ninety homes had been built and were occupied prior to the end of the mitigation scheme. The residents had contacted the council and the developer in writing many times but had not received any form of satisfactory response. Clarification of departmental responsibility and contact details of senior officer for the scheme were requested.</p> <p>The residents expressed their frustration and anger at the lack of communication between residents and council and the lack of council control over the developer who was clearly breaching agreed conditions. They expressed concern over the poor standard of work. Traffic management systems were ineffective and did not follow the agreed scheme. Heavy goods vehicles were traversing Pulley Lane in both directions causing chaos and damaging verges. Signage to restrict traffic flow was being ignored. Agreed hours of work and speed limits were also being ignored.</p> <p>The County Councillor reported that impending High Court action was in process against Persimmon Homes for breach of conditions. MOVA traffic management systems including location and planned installations, the effect of the M6 planned junction works on Pulley Lane scheme and specific detail relating to the road widening scheme were discussed. The County Councillor agreed to contact the relevant senior officers in the County Highways Department and Traffic Control Officers and respond to the residents queries in writing. It was agreed that the Presiding Chairman and the District Councillor would contact Nigel Huddleston (M.P) to request that the issue of non-compliance be flagged to the Secretary of State.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Community Police Report</p> <p>Councillors had been provided with a copy of a police report provided by Droitwich West and Rural West SNT prior to the meeting. There were no issues to be discussed.</p>

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Annual Parish meeting at 7.50pm.

SignedDate March 2019
Chairman

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**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
19th March 2018
PRESIDING CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Dominant issues: Throughout the year have been the impact of road works in connection with the provision of infrastructures for housing developments within or adjacent to our three parish wards. The unprecedented numbers of traffic diversions from road closures in surrounding areas; resulted in damage and erosion of grass verges, road surfaces, numerous potholes, blocked drains and restoration/replacement of damaged road signs, from Heavy/Light Goods Vehicles and cars, either passing each other or excessively speeding through, our narrow rural lanes.

Planning & Related Issues:

Councillors have dealt with (50) proposed and retrospective planning applications; (2) Appeals, Enforcement referrals; and related issues of Tree Preservation Orders; Premises Licences for Alcohol & Music; Street Traders consents; Absent landowners obligations; Telecommunication Masts; unauthorised roadside advertisements and Fly Tipping.

The Parish Council liaised with the District Council in Street naming proposals for the Copcut Rise Housing Development; with the road names based on the Centenary of World War 1 and the surnames of men of Salwarpe killed in the Great War, in addition to historic names of Lords of the manor and local families associated with the parish, ensuring a modern connection to the ancient past of Salwarpe.

Grants/Contributions:

A grant from the New Homes Bonus scheme enabled the purchase of additional tables and chairs for the Village Hall to provide for future increases in community activities.

A grant was given for the 25th anniversary of the Salwarpe Fete, for the use of the village hall for wet weather cover, refreshments, toilets facilities and additional seating throughout the site, for visitors and tourists attending the event.

Parish Footpaths & Tree Wardens: Our thanks and appreciation go to the four volunteers for their invaluable service to the community in maintaining and clearing the many public rights of way and protecting and conserving trees within the three parishes. The wardens have been invited to give their detailed reports to the parish meeting.

Lengthsman scheme: The County Highways scheme is administered by the Clerk for scheduled minor highway maintenance works carried out by our appointed contractor Top Cut Services. Our thanks are expressed for their high standard of work and response to emergency call outs to deal with fallen/damaged trees, flooding issues and snow blockages caused by high winds and adverse weather conditions.

Councillors:

On behalf of the Chairman Philip Oakley and I, our thanks and appreciation to each parish councillor who contributed in a variety of ways to the varied issues that required action within their parish wards and represented the Parish Council on matters over the past year; in addition to serving on delegated committees that ensures compliance with statutory Governance and Accountability requirements.

County/District Councillors:

The Parish Council express its appreciation to our District Councillors Tony Miller and Lynn Duffy for their continued support and on our behalf actively taking up issues on Development, Planning and Highways and especially to County Councillor Miller in obtaining a Defibrillator machine located outside Salwarpe Village Hall and initiating training for local people, on its use.

Clerk to the Council:

On behalf of the Council our thanks go to our clerk Elizabeth Gallager for her service to the Council on all matters throughout the year, especially ensuring continuity during the prolonged absence of the elected Chairman.

Councillor B.Meddings,
Presiding Chairman/Deputy Chair.
19.03.2018