

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 18th January 2010 at Salwarpe Village Hall.

Public Question Time – No members of public attending

The Parish Council meeting convened at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors:
Ms B Meddings - Chairman;
Mrs C Hughes; Mr J Hill; Mrs M Armitage; Mrs P Edwards; Mr G Harrison;
Mr R Hatfield; Mr D Luscombe; Mr John Brodrick; Mr Jim Brodrick

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

1. Apologies:

Were received from County Cllr E. Sheldon, Cllr A Thomas

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.

Interests declared: NONE

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2009 were approved and signed as being a correct record.

4. Progress Reports:

a. Clerk:

i. Insurance damage claims The Green

- a) Accident 5th Oct 2009. The cost being lower than the excess the Clerk is pursuing a claim for reimbursement via the Company that owned the vehicle and their Insurers.
- b) Accident 10th Nov 2009. Our Insurers have accepted our reimbursement claim of £327.75, less an excess of £125. A further £78.00 is being claimed for administration costs and is still under consideration by the Insurers.
- c) Incident 18th Nov 2009. Damage costs of £65 by persons unknown for replacement of a post and reinstatement of the ditch embankment is to be taken from the Councils contingency fund.

ii. Tree Report

- a) The District Tree and Landscape Officer appraisal of the Oak trees on the Green and on Salwarpe Memorial land, found the trees appeared to be in an adequate condition.

It was considered the Council had taken due care in carrying out the inspection of the trees. Having been reviewed with due diligence, it was proposed and agreed that the no further action would be taken on the matter.

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b) Oak Tree, Sandy Way:

The tree had been reported as distressed due to the drop in water levels resulting from the deep ditches on the highway verge. It was agreed that it is a matter for the County Council.

iii. **Highway Issues**

- a) Traffic light timing: The County Highways Department confirmed that the time between Pershore Lane or the A38 losing green, and Drury Lane gaining green (known as the intergreen time) was 6 seconds but has now been increased to 9 seconds. This will improve safety for drivers leaving Drury Lane.

Traffic flows and green times for the A38 and Pershore Lane are correct for normal traffic conditions. A more sophisticated form of control to handle times when there may be problems with the M5 would cost in the region of £100k to install.

- b) Road Maintenance: The Clerk reported on the new Online Reporting system requiring accurate locations to insert on a road map.

County Highways had notified the Council that following the recent bad weather extra road defects gangs are being utilised on a find and fix basis.

vi. **PO Box**

A new Post Office Box address has been set up for Parish Council correspondence at a cost of £125.75. This assists in protecting the clerk's private address.

b. **Chairman**

- i. The Chairman gave details of the SWJCS/SHLAA meeting being held in February, to discuss the next stage of Public consultations covering Fernhill Heath village and surrounding rural areas. Full details for residents will be posted on notice boards, the community magazine and the Parish Councils Website.
- ii. An effluent tanker had been reported to the Environment Agency for discharging liquids into the hedgerows on Pershore Lane. Their investigations had traced the Company and dealt with the matter.
- iii. Footpath - A38: Pedestrian difficulties had been reported regarding the deep kerbs on an uncompleted new access entrance across the highway verge. The provision of ramped kerbs had been requested to be considered at the next County Highways site meeting.

c. **Vice Chairman**

- i. Councillors were reminded of Standing Orders that circulation of planning documents under the 'brown envelope system' must not be delayed beyond three days per councillor consulted. Any difficulties or delays must be reported to the Clerk to ensure the Parish Council's responses are recorded within the stipulated time limits.
- ii. Staffing committee to convene to appraise the new Clerk's mid probationary period of service.

5. **Correspondence**

- i. A letter of condolence was sent to the wife of Reg Fildes, former Chairman of Salwarpe Parish Council.
- ii. A request had been received from Macmillan Cancer for a grant / donation. The Council's policy is that public funds will not be used to support any one charity.
- iii. Davids Nurseries on trading activities and business rates. The matter was deemed to be beyond the remit of the Parish Council.

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- iv. The Parish Council had received an invitation to attend an information evening on the legalities of Traveller encroachments, to be held on 24th February. Councillors expressed an interest in attending in view of our own incidents in July 2009.

6. District Councillors Report

- i. Caulin Court: The third application W/09/02321 had been approved on 14th January 2010 following the Appeal on the first application being allowed by the Inspector.
- ii. The Development Control Committees site visit (W/09/02584) to view the location of a barn in a field, Ladywood, Salwarpe had been deferred due to the severe weather conditions.

7. Finance

- i. Review of receipts/payments made since last meeting –please see Appendix 1

8. Development Control Consultations

- i. Updated applications – see Appendix
- ii. Enforcements:
 - 1. IN/08/00132 Court Farm. Unauthorised activities.
 - 2. IN/08/00142 Court Farm. Storage of road planings.
 - 3. IN/08/00276 Copcut House LB. Incomplete external rendering.
 - 4. IN/09/00472 Ashford House. Removal of container in Conservation Area.
 - 5. IN/09/00577 Court Farm. Listed Dairy Building. Removal of roof tiles.
- iii. Appeals:
 - 1. W/09/00001/PN Caulin Court allowed. Permission granted in lieu W/09/02321
 - 2. W/09/00211/PP Newland Farm Barn. Dismissed. Details of notification of appeal had not been received.

9. Councillors Reports & Future Agenda Items:

- i. Councillors reported that two parishioners had voluntary undertaken tasks. A litter pick in Copcut Lane and Middleton Bank, Salwarpe and blocked gullies in Church Lane, Martin Hussingtree. The Parish Council records its thanks for their efforts on behalf of the community.
- ii. Councillors identified Overhanging Trees, Hedges and Verge side objects within the three parishes and listed for the Clerk to action.
- iii. Cllr John Hill proposed the provision of roadside gravel/sand boxes which were needed for the untreated lanes in the Brown Heath and Newlands areas during the recent severe weather conditions. The matter would be investigated.
- iv. Cllr Carol Hughes reported on the burst mains water pipe on A38 on 31st December being left to run down Church Lane to Orchard Manor, Martin Hussingtree. This resulted in flooding within the Conservation area with vehicles severely damaging the verges and ditches until pipe work was carried out on 2nd January 2010.

10. The date of the next meeting:

Monday 15th March 2010 at Salwarpe Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.15pm and this will be immediately followed by the Council Meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

Signed Date: 15th March 2010
Ms B Meddings, Chairman

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Development Control Appendix (8th November 2009 – 8th January 2010)

New Applications				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Council	Action
W/0902548/LB	Worcestershire Wildlife Trust	To add timber shutters on the exterior of the building to cover glazed doors and windows	Hindlip	Support proposal
W/09/02584/PN	Field, Ladywood	Barn for storage and keep of animal foods, ground implements, animals bedding, tractor and extension to stable (retrospective)	Salwarpe	Object
W/09/02630/PP	The Mill, Upper Smite Farm	Part two storey, part single storey extension	Hindlip	General observations
W/09/02654/CU	Upper Smite Farm, Smite Lane	Stablesx3, tack room and hay store. Change of use from Agricultural to equestrian	Hindlip	General observations
W/09/02889/OU	Land adjacent 4 Drury Lane	Outline application for two 3 bedroom properties	Martin Hussingtree	Object
W/09/02786/PP	Court Farm	Demolition of Listed dairy building	Hindlip	Under consideration

Amended Applications				
None				

Decisions				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Council	Action
W/09/02460/PN	The Jacky Smith Training Centre	Alteration to roof	Hindlip	Approved
W/09/02476/AC	Jessamine Cottage	Vehicular Access	Martin Hussingtree	Approved
W/09/02549/AA	Worcester Warriors	Advertising Signage	Hindlip	Refused - Large Totem Pole only
W/09/02583/PN	Lower Smite Farm	Workshop Alteration	Hindlip	Approved
W/09/02622/PP	Harvest Barn	Replacement garage doors with french doors and conversion of garage to study	Hindlip	Approved
W/09/02630/PP	The Mill, Upper Smite Farm	Part two storey, part single storey extension	Hindlip	Approved

Appeals				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Council	Action
W/09/00001/PN	Caulin Court	Demolition of existing building and erection of replacement dwelling	Salwarpe	Appeal allowed
W/09/00211/PP	3 Newland Farm, Brown Heath Lane	Link extension between dwelling and detached garage	Salwarpe	Appeal dismissed