

**HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE  
PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council  
held at 7.00pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at Salwarpe Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. P. Oakley (Chair) Cllr. A. Thawley. Cllr. R Hewitt. Cllr. J Brodrick  
Cllr. B. Meddings. Cllr. A Thomas. Cllr. M. Armitage. Cllr. A. Phillips. Cllr A  
Johnson. Cllr. J. Clarke. Cllr J. Hill (7.05pm)

**IN ATTENDANCE** E Gallagher (Clerk).  
County Cllr. M. Bayliss  
District Councillor D. Birch

PC. L Bullock (7.25pm)  
PCSO B. Mawby (7.25pm)

Three residents of the Parish

No	Minute	Action
1.	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies had been received from District Councillor N. Wright and PCSO. P. Holland	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest/Code of Conduct</b>  <b>To Declare any interest</b> Non declared  <b>To Declare any Dispensations</b> Cllr. M. Armitage. Court Farm Anaerobic. 23/00007/CM Dispensation granted until November 2024 May participate in discussion but may not vote.  <b>To note the Code of Conduct and requirements of the Transparency Regulations</b> Noted: The Parish Council was now classified intermediate category with greater than £25,000 turnover.  <b>To note the Right to Record meetings:</b> Noted.  <b>To confirm any necessary update to the Register of Interests</b>	
3.	<b>Minutes</b> Councillor B. Meddings proposed that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 15th July 2024 be accepted as an accurate record, Councillor A Thawley seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> July were therefore approved as being a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	

<p>4. a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p><b>Progress on Items from Minutes 15<sup>th</sup> July not otherwise not covered by the agenda – Chairman/District &amp; County Councillors</b></p> <p><b>County Cllr Bayliss – Action List 5(c) 15/7/2024 -Speed Restriction Ladywood Road</b> Discussion referencing a written request by residents of Ladywood Road took place. The request asked for consideration of an imposition of a 40mph speed limit along Ladywood Road. Councillor Bayliss had been provided with a copy of the email at the time of receipt and some investigation along this road had already taken place. Data suggested that there was no evidence of increased speed and so the police were not in favour of a reduced speed limit. They had concluded that there was no evidence to support speed reduction measures (recorded evidential based accident record of deaths /near misses and 85 percentile of motorists speeding) Councillor Bayliss however agreed with councillors that some areas along this road were not suitable for the national speed limit. He therefore confirmed that he was prepared to support the initiative and would recommend that a formal consultation process be instigated. He agreed to contact the resident groups spokesperson to discuss. The Clerk agreed to resend relevant contact details. Councillor Meddings asked for copies of the results of the June 2024 Ladywood Road speed monitoring checks</p> <p><b>County Cllr Bayliss – Action List 7 (b) 13/5/2024 – Unauthorised Footpath Copcut Rise</b> There was some uncertainty regarding ownership of the land but the County Council has agreed to construct a permanent footpath to link the Copcut Rise estate with Copcut Lane. It was agreed that it was necessary to address the risk of injury which may occur as a result of unauthorised use of the existing slope by Copcut Rise residents. The work has been scheduled for February 2025.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 7.20pm for a resident question relating to the specifics of this work and was reconvened at 7.22pm</p> <p>County Councillor Bayliss addressed the Chair to ask permission to cover items scheduled at item 8, out of order, as he was unable to remain for the duration of the meeting</p> <p>The Chairman agreed to this request and suggested that all County and District items could be covered in this section (item 4)</p> <p><b>County Cllr Bayliss Reported the following new items: (proper to item 8)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overspend in Social Care. Commitments on hold until spend under control</li> <li>• County Hall under repair as a result of aerated concrete. Staff sited in Wildwood or working from home. Anticipated cost of up to £2m for repairs</li> <li>• Copcut traffic lights. - Engineers had noted problems. No ideal solution</li> <li>• New Housing Targets – Added pressure on roads and services</li> <li>• Additional 60 houses to be built at Copcut Rise (40 plus 20 configuration)</li> <li>• Schools straddle both 2 and 3 tier systems. Added pressure on parental choice</li> <li>• Gully Emptying Programme- Councillors to inform Cllr. Bayliss of habitually blocked gullies</li> <li>• Drury Lane No Right Turn - Signage too high for good visibility- Noted</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Bayliss left the meeting 7.30pm</p>	<p>Cnty. Cllr Bayliss/ Clerk</p> <p>Cnty Cllr. Bayliss</p> <p>In abeyance</p> <p>Councillors CC Bayliss</p>
	<p><b>Meeting adjourned for public participation. (7.30pm)</b></p> <p><b>District Councillor D. Birch</b> spoke about Wm Davis' plans for Copcut Rise. Three applications would be presented which in total would amount to a proposed additional sixty house construction. There was a suggestion that a community building, gifted for</p>	

	<p>management by the Parish Council, could be situated next to the site of a twenty-house configuration.. There had been a delay in application submission as a result of consultation period issues.</p> <p>New Wm Davis contractors were due to start on the 30/09/2024 in an attempt to speed up outstanding works. It was anticipated that all Copcut Estate roads would be adopted by February 2025 (subject to meeting the requisite County Council standards). A resident requested the installation of new speed bumps to limit problem speeding motorists. Poor lighting at Centenary Way was also highlighted. It was mooted that better lighting might inhibit anti-social behaviour. District Councillor Birch confirmed that additional lighting was planned. He agreed to take all suggestions to WM Davis on the resident's behalf. He also confirmed that It was now uncertain whether the original planned LEAP would be included in the new plans. It was thought that this site might now be replaced by the proposed community building. Further details to follow at a future date.</p> <p>District Councillor Birch then gave an update on the Copcut Rise Memorial Garden. J. Witton Landscaping Ltd had provided free landscaping services. Webbs Garden Centre had offered a 50 percent discount on plants and the Parish Council had purchased plants under this offer to the value of £254. These had been gifted to the resident's association for planting in the memorial garden. The Parish Council offered to provide additional plants at a later stage, if required. The grandparents of Alfie Steele were grateful and supportive of the exercise and had thanked all involved in the project for their input.</p> <p>Other issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gloverspiece potential enforcement case – District Council seeking resolution</li> <li>• Planning – District Council seeking to protect the Green Belt as far as possible</li> <li>• Solar Farms – Considered a fire risk in certain situations.</li> <li>• Self-Build Applications – Complex rules. Loopholes noted</li> <li>• Clarification by resident of issues relating to a household planning application</li> </ul> <p><b>Police Report - PC Bullock, West Mercia Police</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salwarpe Bridge/Church – Youths reported playing in river</li> <li>• Hindlip school – Parking issue. Traffic enforcement officer involved</li> <li>• Copcut Rise– Anti-social behaviour under reported. Residents were encouraged to report issues as they occurred. PCSO Holland was aware of issues. PC Bullock agreed to speak with her involving Walsall Housing Group and District Councillors in any discussion</li> <li>• Salwarpe Bridge drug dealing – ongoing investigations</li> <li>• Recently introduced speed restrictions – No impact noted</li> </ul> <p>PC Bullock and PCSO Mawley left the meeting, accompanied by residents, for private discussion</p> <p>Meeting reconvened 8.00pm</p>	<p>Dist. Cllr Birch</p>
<p><b>5. Chairman's Report</b></p> <p><b>a) Copcut Rise. Notice Boards &amp; Memorial/Coronation Benches</b></p>	<p>Installation of noticeboard, benches and litterbin completed. Positive comments from residents had been received.</p> <p><b>b) Maintenance/Lengthsman Works</b></p> <p>A resident had complained about surface water along Church Lane. It was agreed that it was the residents' responsibility to clear ditches situated on their land. A request had been made however for the Lengthsman to clear gullies along this stretch of road.</p>	<p>Dismissed</p> <p>Chairman</p>

<p><b>c) Highways/Footpaths</b> Copcut Lane improvement work had been scheduled. This would involve resurfacing and not would not include footpath widening.</p> <p><b>d) Tree Survey Report – J. Grove, Tree Surgeon - 14/09/2024</b> A summary notation in the inspection report of trees located within the three parishes by J. Grove, (Tree Surgeon), was as follows:</p> <p>‘The trees are of varying ages and, in my opinion, all in healthy condition, with no sign of disease or decay. However, some trees require the removal of deadwood and some require general maintenance. There are a few immature trees that are growing beneath larger canopies and have little light. It would be my recommendation that the young trees are removed as it would be beneficial to the larger trees’.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to approach J. Grove to request a quotation for work suggested within this report.</p>	<p>Dismissed</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>6. Deputy Chair Report - None</b></p>	
<p><b>7. Councillor Reports</b></p> <p><b>a) Remembrance Sunday – Wreath Laying/Memorial Cleaning – Cllr B. Meddings</b> Salwarpe church would hold a regular service at 8.30am with wreath laying in the church at 9.15am. An Act of Remembrance would be held at the Memorial Ground at 9.30am with Councillor Thomas laying a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillor Johnson was asked if he would lay a wreath on behalf of residents. He agreed to confirm whether this would be possible at a later date. Cleaning was generally carried out on a voluntary basis by residents of Salwarpe parish. The clerk was asked to ascertain whether this would still be the case</p> <p><b>b) Registration – Possessory Title - Cllr B. Meddings</b> In abeyance until November 2024 meeting.</p> <p><b>c) Hindlip First School Breakfast Club – Cllr M. Armitage</b> An OFSTED inspection in June had graded the school as outstanding. Standards in reading were consistently high. The inspectors were impressed with breakfast club’s facilities and the Head’s effort in pursuance of the s137 grant. An email had been sent to parents of September 2024 (new starters) advertising the breakfast club. The Chairman thanked Councillor Armitage and the Clerk for their efforts in assisting with providing the necessary details to enable the grant for the club to be brought to fruition. It was anticipated that government funding for breakfast clubs would not generally be available until Summer 2025. A small trial, of a sample of schools, was expected to take place in April 2025.</p> <p><b>d) Facebook – Councillor R. Hewitt</b> Councillor Hewitt had been liaising with the Clerk and consistently updating the Parish Council’s facebook page. An increase in membership had been noted.</p>	<p>Cllr.Thom as Cllr. Johnson</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Nov 2024 Agenda</p>
<p><b>8) District Councillor Reports – See Item 4 and PQT</b></p>	

<p><b>9.</b></p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p><b>Salwarpe Village Hall – Cllr. J. Hill</b></p> <p>Committee meeting due 25/9/2024 – No prior updates available.</p> <p><b>Rural Grant – Update by Chairman – Cllr. P. Oakley.</b></p> <p>It was mooted that a Rural Grant, applied for by the Village Hall, had been successful. The Village Hall Committee had not formally been notified as yet. The Parish Council had agreed, at its meeting of 18/3/2024, to provide support in principle by gifting cycle racks and E.V charging points. The cost of providing these gifts would be in the region of £7000. Quotations for their provision had been included in the grant application process. There was therefore no need for the Parish Council to invite tenders. The Chairman asked the meeting whether the in-principle decision could now be formalised or whether the meeting no longer wished to support this initiative.</p> <p>Councillor A. Phillips proposed formalising gifting support for the project. Councillor Thawley seconded, and the motion was passed by 10 votes for with 1 councillor abstention, The motion was therefore passed.</p> <p>The Chairman offered to contact the Chair of the Village Hall Committee</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>Review of Payments Made and Received Since the Last Meeting (see Appendix 1)</b> Noted</p> <p><b>Report on Year-To-Date Expenditure Compared to Budget</b> Noted</p> <p><b>Monitoring Officer to Confirm Accuracy of Bank Payments</b> Confirmed</p> <p>Councillor Johnson asked for details of available alternative investment/banking institutions investigated by the Clerk since the last meeting. The Clerk agreed to forward these details to Cllr. Johnson</p>	<p>Clerk/Cllr Johnson</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p> <p>a)</p>	<p><b>Planning Consultations - Appendix 2-4</b></p> <p><b>Planning Applications</b> No progress on Anaerobic Digester Hindlip Lane. Update due end September 2024 Screening Application submitted for Worcester Warriors 23/9/2024 (not consulted)</p> <p><b>Enforcements and Appeals</b> Noted</p> <p><b>Temporary Granted Permissions</b> Cherry Lane Advertising Hoarding extended until May 2026</p>	
<p><b>12)</b></p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p><b>Councillor Reports and Items for Future Agendas</b></p> <p><b>Bursary – Matt Richerds – Olympic Swimmer – Cllr. M. Armitage</b></p> <p><b>Chawson First School – Update s137 grant – Cllr A. Johnson</b></p> <p><b>Copcut resident requests 40mph VAS systems – Cllr. Johnson/C.Cllr. M Bayliss</b></p>	
<p><b>17.</b></p> <p>a)</p>	<p><b>Items Carried Forward for Noting</b></p> <p><b>Defibrillator</b></p>	

	<p>Renewal of Battery due November 2027. (ii) Pads expiry date July 2025 (iii) Warranty of AED expiry April 2023.</p> <p><b>b) Memorial Land.</b> Possessory Title 2024. Possessory title to be finalised by registration of ownership with Land Registry.</p> <p><b>c) Pensions Regulator.</b> Auto enrolment compliance. Re-declaration made 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Next redeclaration due February 2026</p> <p><b>d) Cherry Lane Advertising Hoarding</b> – May 2026</p>	
17.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> The next meeting of the Parish Council was scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.00pm in the Main Hall of Salwarpe Village Hall</p>	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

Signed..... Date

Chairman