

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 19th September 2011 at Salwarpe Village Hall.

The Parish Council meeting convened at 8.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr B Meddings - Chairman;
Cllr M Armitage; Cllr Jim Brodrick; Cllr P Edwards;
Cllr R Hatfield; Cllr C Hughes; Cllr J Hill; Cllr P Oakley;
Cllr A Thomas

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr D Luscombe, Cllr John Brodrick

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

Councillors were duly 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.

Personal Interests Declared:

Cllr A Thomas Copcut Rise development Farming of land covered by planning application

3. **Minutes:**

- a. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 18th July 2011 were approved and signed as being a correct record.

4. **Clerk – Progress Report on actions from minutes 18th July 2011**

a. **Highways, Hedges, Potholes**

- i. Grit Bins – Deadline for submission of request for additional grit bins is 30/09/11. Clerk requested urgent notification by all Councillors of desired locations. Details will then be submitted to Worcs County Council for consideration and costing.
- ii. Hindlip Lane junction with Pershore Lane – Clerk to request Highways investigate the continuance of double white lines up to the lane junction.
- iii. Salwarpe Bridge – Mortar pads were placed on sections of the bridge at the beginning of July, to monitor any movement. Cllr P Oakley reported there are already signs of movement showing in the mortar pads. Clerk to send photos to Worcs Highways Team and request a further inspection and report.

b. **Court Farm – Enforcements** – Chairman has now made contact with Jim Burgin, Heritage Manager at Wychavon District Council expressing the Parish Council concerns on the lack of preservation of the Listed Dairy Building. Awaiting response from Mr Burgin.

c. **Worcester Rugby Club** – The Chairman, Cllrs C Hughes, M Armitage, and P Edwards, and the Clerk attended a meeting on 8th August 2011, with Charlie Little, Managing Director of Worcester Rugby Club, where he outlined plans for the future development of the site.

Subsequent to the meeting a new planning application was submitted for the building of a new sports and leisure centre to the site between the East Stand and Pershore Lane – W/11/01699/PN. See appendix 2.

d. **Gloverspiece, Salwarpe**

District Cllr Tony Miller advised that no planning application had been forthcoming to date. Cllr Miller to follow up local residents complaints and report back to next meeting.

e. **Old Poultry Farm, Drury Lane**

No update available from the landowners agent of planning proposals for the site.

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f. Access through Hindlip

Chairman reported the Footpath Officer had inspected footpath no. 555, running from the A38 to the houses at the Sling, alongside the estate drive, and had reported no blockages to hinder access.

The Footpath Officer confirmed there is no officially recorded Bridleway running in the same direction as the public footpath.

g. Governor to Hindlip First School

District Cllr Miller confirmed the requirement for representation of a Parish Councillor on the Hindlip 1st School Board of Governors had now ceased. In his own capacity as a Governor, D. Cllr Miller confirmed the matter would be raised on the agenda at the next Governors meeting to be held on 3rd October 2011.

h. Parish Plan

Cllrs M Armitage and D Luscombe to present a report to the November 2011 meeting.

i. Hindlip Lane

Matter remains with Worcs CC Highways team who are reviewing signage to eastern end of Hindlip Lane.

j. Applications for Grant for Powerpoint Equipment

3 quotations have been obtained for the purchase of a laptop, printer/scanner/copier, overhead projector and screen, plus supporting cabling etc. It is anticipated total cost would be in the region of £1,500 net of VAT.

County Cllr Tony Miller to investigate if funds may be available under the County Councillors discretionary grant fund, for equipment to be used for community purposes.

k. Copcut Elm - Copcut Lane Parking

Incidents have again been reported of inconsiderate and potentially dangerous parking by customers of the Copcut Elm, on Copcut Lane and around the Bus Stop area on the A38 frontage.

District Cllr Miller to request Highways review safety measures that may be instigated.

l. South Worcestershire Development Plan

Details of the Village and Town Consultation Roadshows was now available as follows:

Salwarpe Village Hall on Saturday 8th October 2011,
Fernhill Heath Memorial Hall on Saturday 15th October 2011,
Droitwich Spa, St Andrews Parish Centre

It was agreed that if possible a notice should be included in the PCC Community News, alternatively Clerk to arrange for flyer to be distributed to all properties in the parishes.

The full Public Consultation Document was available for Councillors to review, and also available on line.

The deadline for responses must be submitted to the SWDP Plan Team no later than 18th November, after which they cannot be considered as part of the consultation. All councillors to forward their comments to Clerk as soon as possible.

m. New initiative by Wychavon DC supporting Community purchase of heating oil

Cllr P Oakley to attend one event and report back on the details at November 2011 meeting.

n. Notice of review of Polling district and places

Cllrs responses have been forwarded to the Electoral Services Office.

2 Councillors did not submit a response, with a result of a 5 to 4 vote in favour of changing all polling to Salwarpe Village Hall for all 3 parishes.

o. Hole in fencing – Gypsy site Pershore Lane

Clerk to establish point in question to enable report to be made to Gypsy Liaison Officer and WCC Highways Team.

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p. Ladywood Sewage Treatment Works

The unacceptable levels of odour emitting from the Ladywood Sewage treatment works were reported to Toni Ainscough, Environmental Health Officer at Worcestershire Regulatory Services and Ian Harrison Regional Asset Manager – South, at Severn Trent water Authority.

A report has been received from Severn Trent that sets out steps that have already been undertaken to manage the fly and odour situation and also gives further plans to be implemented in the near future.

Assurances have been given that significant time and money is being given to this matter to address the concerns raised, and that the matter will continue to be taken very seriously.

Severn Trent advised the site is being correctly maintained at present, and will continue to be so. However, they state that 'by the very nature of the product we are dealing with, it is often challenging to ensure no nuisance is generated'.

Severn Trent also advised that with regard to planning matters, Water Companies are not statutory consultees during the planning process. Even where existing works are unable to cope with the increase in population, Water Companies cannot object and would be obliged to make extensions to a treatment works site in order to continue to fulfil their statutory obligations.

q. Ragwort on Pershore Lane

Worcs CC Highways have confirmed treatment will be undertaken to control the large areas of ragwort growing in Pershore Lane. Clerk to confirm WCC Highways will continue an annual programme of maintenance.

Cllr James Brodrick advised that Natural England has written to WCC Highways Dept requesting action is taken by 30th September 2011.

Owners of Court Farm land have confirmed that appropriate spraying for control of ragwort was carried out on 28th April 2011.

r. West Mercia Police HQ – New Drive

Clerk to write to West Mercia Police expressing concerns that vehicles are exiting the new entry road to the on Pershore Lane without stopping. Also that emergency police vehicles displaying flashing blue lights are not using the new drive and still exiting onto Hindlip Lane.

s. Hazards from Chinese Lanterns and Police Flares

Wychavon DC has confirmed they will be raising public awareness of the dangers of fire resulting from the use of Chinese Lanterns. Publicity will be given to the issue on local radio and in local newspapers.

West Mercia Police advised that appropriate risk assessments had been conducted and all control measures applied, had been complied with. No complaints from local residents had been received. They noted that training of this nature would normally take place in wetter winter months, but the needs to deliver this fire arm training at this time during the summer had been driven by specific operational needs.

t. Train horn noise – Ladywood/Middleton Bank

Local residents have complained of excessive train horn noise along the main Worcester to Droitwich track through the Ladywood and Middleton Bank area. Excessive horn noise is being experienced from horns sounding as early 05:40am and as late as 23:35pm.

Initial enquiries indicate new whistle boards have been installed requiring drivers to sound horns at points where footpaths cross the track.

The train operator London Midland has investigated the matter and reported that while it is their drivers sounding the horns, installation of the whistle boards is the responsibility of Network Rail.

Toni Ainscough, Environmental Health Officer at Worcestershire Regulatory Services has been contacted and confirmed the Parish Council should pursue this matter through Network Rail.

Clerk to contact Network Rail.

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u. Remembrance Sunday Service

Thanks were expressed to Cllr A Thomas who kindly agreed to represent the Parish Council at the Remembrance Sunday service to be held on Sunday 13th November 2011.

v. Hatchery Planning Breach & Enforcement IN/11/00405

3 new extractor flues were installed in buildings on the Old Hatchery site in Drury Lane (Sterling Business Centre). The Matter was referred to Enforcement Officer 22/08/11 who confirmed such flues required planning permission. The flues have subsequently been removed and replaced by extractor grills.

A local resident has written to the Parish Council raising concerns over external lighting, the business activities being carried out at the site, and noise and pollution generation from the new extractor grills. Clerk to refer matter to Enforcement Officer for response.

5. Reports of County & District Councillors

County Cllr T Miller reported on the New Homes Bonus Scheme that was being launched.

Other reports contained under relevant headings in minutes.

6. Finance

- a. Payments made and received since the last meeting were reviewed and approved (see Appendix 1)
- b. Report on External Audit 2010/11 – The clerk advised the Annual Accounts to 31st March 2011 had received a full and clean audit statement from the external auditor, Clement Keys.
- c. Clerk to circulate potential dates for a meeting of the Finance Group and circulate current financial statements to attendees prior to the meeting.

7. Planning Consultations

- a. Planning Applications – see Appendix 2
- b. Enforcements – See Appendix 3

8. Correspondence

No matters arising.

9. Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas:

- a. Cllr M Armitage noted a traffic count being carried out in Hindlip Lane, near to the signs at Court Farm. Clerk to establish the purpose of the count from the ask Highways team.
- b. Cllr M Armitage enquired if the Lengthsman could be employed to trim the overgrown hedging at the top of Hurst lane. Clerk to arrange.
- c. Cllr M Armitage observed that while there was an approved Gypsy site in Pershore Lane, little contact was made with residents of the site. Item may well fall into the scope of the potential Neighbourhood Plan that is currently be considered. Item to be discussed at next meeting.
- d. Cllr A Thomas reported the poor state of the road surface on the north side of Middleton Bank and that the ditch was blocked by debris from a fallen tree. Clerk to report road surface to Highways, Lengthsman to be employed to clear ditch.
- e. Cllr Oakley reported overgrown hedging at the corner of Chawson lane and Copcut Lane. Clerk to write to landowner.
- f. Cllr Hughes requested the Parish details on the Wychavon Hub website be updated with current councillor details. Clerk to action.

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 21st November 2011 at Salwarpe Village Hall.

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There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.25pm

Signed Date: 21st November 2011

Name Chairman

NOTES OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A Salwarpe resident expressed concern on safety for drivers swinging out of Chawson Lane into the path of oncoming vehicles proceeding to Salwarpe Village Hall and the village of Salwarpe.

ATTENDANCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER ANDREA LESLIE

CSO Andrea Leslie gave an informative account of crime and police activity within the area.

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APPENDIX 1 Agenda Item 14 (b)

Payments 8th July – 9th September 2011

PAYMENTS		Current Account		
Date	Chq no	Payee	Description	Amount
31-Jul-11	101385	Salwarpe PCCC	Additional Burial Grounds Contribution	50.00
31-Jul-11	101386	Salwarpe Fete	Section 144 - Fete	250.00
31-Jul-11	101387	Mrs E Meredith	July Salary & Expenses	288.01
31-Jul-11	101388	HMRC	PAYE July 2011	55.98
31-Jul-11	101389	Top Cut Mowing Services	July invoice	180.00
31-Jul-11	101390	Clement Keys	External Audit	162.00
31-Aug-11	101391	Mrs E Meredith	Aug Salary & Expenses	292.31
31-Aug-11	101392	HMRC	PAYE Aug 2011	59.48
TOTAL				1,337.78

Balances as at 19th August 2011	
Current Account	1,291.90
Deposit Account	11,164.17
Total Reserves per bank	<u>12,456.07</u>

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APPENDIX 2

Planning Consultations (8th July 2011 – 8th September 2011)

New Applications				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Council	Response
W/11/ 01490/PP	Elmhurst, Ladywood Road, Martin Hussingtree, WR3 7SX	Single storey rear extension to existing dwelling	Martin Hussingtree	General observations
W/11/ 01292/AA	Court Farm, Hindlip Lane, Hindlip, Worcester, WR3 8SS	Advertisement consent for 2 no. temporary pole mounted signs. Re-submission following application W/10/02821/AA.	Hindlip	Object
W/11/ 01491/PN	Caulin Court, Porters Mill Lane, Ladywood, Salwarpe, WR9 0AL	Replacement of residential courtyard barn with new barn for ancillary tractor & storage barn with gym above, and replacement of tractor & storage barn permitted under W/10/01661/PN with residential annexe accommodation.	Martin Hussingtree/ Salwarpe	Under consideration by Parish Council
W/11/ 01699/PN	Worcester Warriors Sixways Stadium, Warriors Way, Hindlip, Worcester, WR3 8ZE	Erection of Sports and Leisure Building comprising 3 indoor tennis courts, fitness rooms, swimming pool and associated facilities with 5 outdoor courts and swimming pool.	Hindlip	Support proposal

Awaiting Decisions – Pending Consideration by Wychavon District Council				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Council	Response
W/06/02244	Old Forge, Brown Heath	Conversion of the Old Forge into a single residential unit	Martin Hussingtree	Support
W/10/02896/OU	Land Between Roman Way and, Copcut Lane, Salwarpe	Mixed use development 740 homes & employment premises	Salwarpe	Object
W/11/00078/ET	Cummins Farm, Hindlip Lane, Hindlip, Worcester, WR3 8ST	Extension of Time application for permission W/06/00612/CU	Hindlip	Support
W/11/01073/OU	Land North of Pulley Lane and, Newland Lane, Newland, Droitwich Spa (Yew Tree Hill)	Outline planning application for units for Pulley Lane, Newlands Road and Primsland Way, Droitwich Spa, Worcs	Droitwich Town	Object
W/11/01229/LUE	Davids Nurseries, Ash Lane, Martin Hussingtree, Worcester, WR3 8TB	Application for a Certificate of Lawful development for an activity in breach of condition 3 of outline planning permission W/89/0162 (restricting occupancy of dwelling)	Martin Hussingtree	Object

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Decisions				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Council	Decision
W/11/01023/CU	Leatherbarns, Copcut Lane, Salwarpe, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7JB	New access road and parking and garden area to part of existing paddock. (retrospective) Erection of new entrance porch and raised terrace.	Salwarpe	Refused
W/11/ 01292/AA	Court Farm, Hindlip Lane, Hindlip, Worcester, WR3 8SS	Advertisement consent for 2 no. temporary pole mounted signs. Re-submission following application W/10/02821/AA.	Hindlip	Approved
W/11/ 01490/PP	Elmhurst, Ladywood Road, Martin Hussingtree, WR3 7SX	Single storey rear extension to existing dwelling	Martin Hussingtree	Approved

APPENDIX 3 Enforcements (10th May 2011 – 7th July 2011)

Enforcements				
Enforcement No.	Location	Description of alleged breach	Parish	Status
IN/09/00577	Court Farm	Listed Dairy Building. Removal of roof tiles	Hindlip	No further action being taken
IN/10/00500	Court Farm	Planning Application (Retrospective) W/10/02821/AA - 2 pole mounted signs, 2 wall mounted signs. Refused 21/02/2011	Hindlip	Planning App. W/11/01292/A A – now approved 2 pole mounted signs
IN/10/00623	Sterling Business Park Drury Lane Martin Hussingtree	Container Compound and refused application W/10/02351 and Shipping Containers	Martin Hussingtree	Active
IN/10/00610	Worcester Warriors Sixways Stadium	Unauthorised fencing around the Warriors training pitch - W/11/00119/PN – Refused 09/03/11	Hindlip	Active
IN/10/00610	Worcester Warriors Sixways Stadium	Unauthorised advertising hoarding and flagpoles - W/11/00120/AA Refused – 30/03/11	Hindlip	Active
IN/11/00034	Worcester Warriors Sixways Stadium	Breach of landscaping condition 4 of approval W06/01164 landscaping condition submitted and approved on the 18 September 2007.	Hindlip	Active
IN/11/00234	Unauthorised Signage	Unauthorised Signage, Gunshop Advertisement	Martin Hussingtree	Container now removed – no further action
TBC	Court Farm, Hindlip	Unauthorised felling of trees to rear of Woodside Cottages	Hindlip	Active
TBC	Sterling Business Park Drury Lane Martin Hussingtree	Erection of 3 flues at site	Martin Hussingtree	Active