

# HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT SALWARPE VILLAGE HALL MONDAY MARCH 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012

### The Annual Parish Meeting convened at 7.15pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr B Meddings - Chairman;  
Cllr M Armitage; Cllr P Edwards; Cllr R Hatfield; Cllr J Hill; Cllr P Oakley;

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs E Meredith (Clerk)  
District Councillor A Miller  
Mr R Meredith (Tree Warden)

#### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Brodrick, C Hughes, D Luscombe, A Thomas

#### 2. **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 were approved and signed.

#### 3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Chairman presented the following report and circulated a detailed list of the issues that have been dealt with by the Parish Council during the year. This list is included as Appendix 1 to these minutes.

### 1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Throughout the year residents have used Public Question Time to express their concerns to the Parish Council.

May 2011 was Election year. Hindlip and Martin Hussingtree Parish Councillors were returned unopposed and Salwarpe Parish was contested with Messrs Hill, Luscombe, Thomas and Oakley elected. The new 4 year Term of Office commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> May and Philip Oakley was welcomed as a newly elected Councillor.

The issues that have dominated the past year have been consultations on the South Worcs Development Plan for the period 2011 to 2026 replacing the current Local Plan. Public Exhibitions and Consultations on Preferred Sites for Housing and Land Allocations involving all three parishes specifically the major site at Copcut and one impacting on Salwarpe parish boundary in Droitwich Town Yew Tree Hill.

**Highlighted:** The Council's involvement in development issues:

- a) Former Poultry Houses, Drury Lane, Martin Hussingtree.
- b) Sterling Business Centre, Drury Lane, Martin Hussingtree.
- c) Sports and Leisure Complex, Sixways Rugby Club.
- d) Rugby Club & Offerton Amateur sites. Breach of Landscape conditions.
- e) Waste Strategy. Proposed sites for a Waste Unit adjacent Hindlip boundary on Shire Business Park, Warndon.

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- f) Ladywood Sewage Treatment Works discharge and odour problems, Environmental Health Officers called in. Concerns expressed on its capacity for future development proposals.
- g) Wind Turbine at Junction 6, M5 motorway on Tibberton side, impacting on Hindlip and Brown Heath.
- h) Schools Catchment Area review affecting Salwarpe children and their attendance at Hindlip School.
- i) Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries for 2014 General Elections. Proposals to dissolve Mid-Worcs with loss of our MP Peter Luff with our three parishes merging into Malvern and Ledbury Constituency. A response was based on the interests of our residents best served by merging into the Worcester Constituency with current MP Robin Walker.
- j) Network Rail investigating nuisance caused by Train Horns sounding on Worcester to Birmingham railway from Fernhill Heath to Salwarpe Bridge due to new safety regulations relating to public footpaths that cross the railway line.

## **Lengthsman Scheme:**

The adopted Lengthsman Scheme administered by our Clerk for minor works throughout the three parishes has proved effective in carrying out essential local works by our approved Contractor.

## **The Parish Council was:**

Consulted on: 21 Planning applications  
Responded on: 1 Planning Appeal: Marina, Hindlip  
Initiated: 8 Enforcement Actions  
Legal Action: Felling of TPO trees, Woodside, Court Farm, Hindlip

## **Appreciation:**

Appreciation is expressed for the support given to the Parish Council by County & District Councillor Tony Miller. Particularly in obtaining a £1000 Grant for the purchase of Power Point Equipment.

## **Parish Paths Warden:**

Thanks and appreciation to our two volunteers David Cullom and Janet Grotefeld for protecting and walking our Public Rights of Ways within our three parishes. Both look forward to future liaison with their work on our parish footpaths from the Countryside Access, Maintenance and Improvement Manager, Philip Coulson newly appointed by the County Council.

## **Parish Tree Warden:**

Ted Showell retired in 2011. Richard Meredith expressed an interest in becoming our new Tree Warden and has attended the Countryside training course, ensuring continuity in protection of trees and upholding Tree Preservation Orders within our parishes.

## **Parish Councillors** have been involved in initial schemes for:

- a) Power point equipment. Printer and Laptop for Council use.
- b) Fuel Discount Scheme
- c) Neighbourhood Plans
- d) New Home Bonus scheme

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## **Clerk to the Council:**

A special thanks is given to our Clerk Elaine Meredith who has undertaken an unprecedented workload and utilising her business expertise in refining the administrative systems.

## **My thanks go to:**

Vice Chairman Carol Hughes for her invaluable support and representing the Chairman at meetings and functions.

All Councillors for their work which have contributed to the many achievements of the Parish Council over the past year.

## **2. PARISH TREE WARDEN REPORT**

### **Tree Warden Report 2011-2012 (Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe) Presented by Mr Richard Meredith**

Ted Showell Resigned in August 2011 and I was appointed Tree Warden in September 2011. I completed my induction at the Countryside Centre in February 2012 with Wade Muggleton. I now feel confident and have the necessary information to proceed as Tree Warden knowing that a good contact has been made and help available.

There have been some incidents to report since September.

- It was reported that some oak trees in Spellis Green were being damaged, if not killed, by the dumping of horse manure around the tree roots. This has been resolved but I do not think the trees have been saved. As they were on private land there was not much more to do other than make the landowner aware of the situation.
- I was made aware by the Clerk to the Council of the conditions of approval given for the development of the David Lloyd Centre at Sixways. This included the protection of an oak tree approximately 15m in from the road fence line. I have been on site to ensure that the developers are aware of the tree and their responsibilities and will be monitoring the progress over the next few months.
- A local resident had some concerns regarding work on the Hindlip Estate. I visited the site and met the Estate Manager and Head Gardener. I was given a guided tour and full access to all the areas where work had been or was due to start. I can report that I was satisfied that all work was done to preserve the woodlands and was completed in a very professional way with due care and attention to the long term sustainability of the site.
- I contacted Sally Griffiths in November to ask if I could have an updated copy of all TPO's in the Parishes, and an update on the process of applying for the TPO's on the Cedar of Lebanon trees at Copcut Elm, I am still awaiting her reply.

Richard Meredith  
Tree Warden  
Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree and Salwarpe Parish Council

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## 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were given copies of the List of Issues dealt with by the Parish Council throughout the past year.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.30 p.m.

Signed ..... Date:

Name **Barbara Meddings**  
Chairman

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## ISSUES DEALT WITH BY THE PARISH COUNCIL 2011 - 2012

ADVERTISING	Unauthorised signage Court Farm & Brookside Fruits
BRIDGES	Maintenance and repair. Salwarpe
BURIAL GROUNDS	Contribution for maintenance of Parish Burial grounds.
CIVIC FUNCTIONS	Retirement of West Mercia Chief Constable Paul West. Annual Remembrance Day Wreath laying at Salwarpe War Memorial. Opening Ceremony Droitwich Canal.
COMMITTEES	Finance/Planning/Staffing
COMMUNICATIONS	Parish Council Websites, six Parish Notice Boards, Community Magazine. Council Email address.
COMMON LAND	Protection and maintenance of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Green, Martin Hussingtree.</li> <li>ii. The Pond, Ash Lane, Martin Hussingtree.</li> <li>iii. Brownheath Common, Hindlip</li> </ul>
CONSERVATION AREAS	Protection - Salwarpe, Martin Hussingtree
CANALS	Canalsides Conservation areas. Salwarpe, Ladywood, Martin Hussingtree and Offerton, Hindlip.
ENFORCEMENT	Breaches of planning regulations.
FINANCE	Budget 2012-2013. WCC Power Point Equipment Grant
FLOODING	Remedial work. Middleton Bank & Ladywood.
FLY TIPPING	Within Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree and Salwarpe
GYPSY SITE	Smite - Site infringements.
HIGHWAYS	Defects, maintenance of roads, paths and cycle routes
HEDGEROWS	Overgrown roadside hedges. Notice to landowners.
LEGISLATION	Localism Bill 2012 – Neighbourhood plans. Data Protection Act. Freedom of Information.
LENGTHSMAN SCHEME	Administration by Parish Council of minor works within the 3 parishes.
LISTED BUILDINGS	Protection and Enforcement.
MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS	South Worcs Dev. Plan 2011 – 2026. Sites, Housing & Land Allocations Plans. Copcut/Hindlip Marina/Leisure Complex Rugby Club. Waste Plant Sites/Fernhill Heath Developments
PUBLIC MEETINGS	Poultry Houses Drury Lane/Copcut/Marina Hindlip/Yew Tree Hill, Pulley Lane, Salwarpe Boundary. Wind Turbine, M5 Tibberton
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY	Protection of footpaths, stiles, bridle paths, footbridges
TOURISM	Contribution to visitors facilities at Salwarpe Fete
TRAINING	Fuel Discount Scheme.
TREES	Tree Preservation Orders and protection.
WAR MEMORIAL	Maintenance & Safety inspection.