

HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hindlip Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 18th March 2013 at Salwarpe Village Hall.

The Parish Council meeting convened at 7.37pm

PRESENT: Cllr B Meddings (Chairman), Cllr M Armitage, Cllr Jim Brodrick, Cllr P Edwards,
Cllr R Hatfield, Cllr C Hughes, Cllr J Hill, Cllr D Luscombe, Cllr P Oakley,

IN ATTENDANCE: E Meredith (Clerk)
District Cllr A Miller – joined the meeting at 7:48pm

1. **Apologies:** Cllr A Thomas, Cllr John Brodrick

2. **Code of Conduct & Standing Orders**

Councillors were duly reminded of the need to:

- a) To update their register of members interest with Wychavon DC
- b) To disclose any relevant pecuniary interest in items on the agenda and their nature

Personal Interests Declared:

Cllr A Thomas W/10/02896/PN Copcut Rise development - Farming of land covered by planning application.

Cllr R Hatfield W/12/01235/OU Upper Smite Farm, Hindlip – Non pecuniary interest, neighbouring land owner

3. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 28th January 2013 were approved and signed as being a correct record.

4. **Clerk – Progress Report on actions from minutes 28th January 2013**

a. **Highways, Hedges, Potholes, Lengthsman**

i. Clerk to follow up:

Highways team

- Request member of Highways team to walk lanes with a Councillor to highlight urgent repairs required.
- Vergemaster marker posts in Pershore Lane require repair/reinstatement.
- Highways maintenance of vegetation on Pershore Lane (Ragwort) - check satisfactory actions are in place within the WCC maintenance schedule.
- Potholes along Strand Lane, Ladywood Road, on Middleton Bank to be reported again.
- Banks on either side of the road at Middleton Bank needed reinforcing.

Lengthsman

- Miscellaneous works continue under the Lengthsman Scheme. The full year allowance of £2,771.70 will be fully utilised during this financial year 2012/13.

Land Owner

- Overgrown hedge on paddock, Ladywood – owner established: **Chairman to follow up.**

ii. **Salwarpe Canal Bridge** – Cllr Oakley reported there is still no conclusive reason for why the bridge was moving and the parapet cracking and as such repair work cannot be instigated. The movement to the bridge will continue to be monitored by the Highways Team. **Matter ongoing.**

b. **Planning and Enforcement**

i. **Court Farm** – Owners of the site have now informed the Parish Council of their intention to submit a planning application for the development of the site. The agent to the landowners requested a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council to present outline plans prior to these being issued for formal consideration by Wychavon DC. An informal meeting was held with the developers on 14th March 2013 with 5 parish councillors attending, along with 2 representatives from the bordering North Claines Parish Council. No further action on this matter pending a completed planning application being submitted.

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i. South Worcestershire Development Plan

The Chairman gave a brief update on progress of the SWDP. **No further action.**

c. Localism, Neighbourhood Planning, New Homes Bonus

i. New Homes Bonus

The Chairman reported on a recent event at Wychavon DC attended by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Information was given on awards made to date under the scheme and the new procedures to be followed for future grant submissions. **No further action.**

ii. Memorial Land

The Chairman reported on progress of works at the Memorial land site. A decision has yet to be made on the type of replacement fencing to be used following the theft of the old metal railings. **Matter ongoing.**

iii. Community purchase of heating oil

Parish Council to consider matter further in future months. **Matter carried forward.**

d. Trees and Footpaths

i. Access through Hindlip

Footpath access between the Drive and Sling Lane - route of Footpath No. 555. Further discussions held on whether the lane was a byway or was access only. Matter held in obedience pending further information being available. **Chairman to follow up.**

e. Other

i. Smite Gypsy Site - Pershore Lane

Information has now been received on incidents reported to West Mercia Police on horses grazing on neighbouring fields and roaming loose on roads. Due to the high risk of accidents occurring the matter to be referred to the new Police Commissioner for comment. Pending this response, advice to be sought from the RSPCA and Trading Standards. **Clerk to action.**

ii. Red telephone box at the top of Copcut Lane – now removed. Matter closed.

iii. West Mercia Police HQ: Residents complaints re new lighting

The Enforcement Officer confirmed he would investigate the concerns regarding intrusive lighting – awaiting an update. **Clerk to follow up.**

iv. Court Farm Safety Barriers

The safety barriers currently positioned on the corner of Court Farm, at the junction of Hindlip Lane and Sling Lane were still considered to be a hazard to motorists due to the close proximity to the highway and that they impaired visibility on the corner. Matter carried forward - **Clerk to report to WCC Highways Team.**

v. Copcut Elm Pub Fallen Elm

The fallen elm tree in the hedgerow on the left hand side of the A38 travelling southbound opposite to the Copcut Elm pub and just below the Car Sales premises was still reported as being a hazard. Matter carried forward - **Clerk to report to WCC Highways Team.**

vi. Resignation of New Clerk

The Vice Chairman informed Councillors of the resignation of the newly recruited Clerk, Elspeth Fry, with effect from 22/02/13. As an emergency measure, the previous Clerk, Elaine Meredith has agreed to come back to the role until a new Clerk can be recruited. Adverts for the vacancy will be published as soon as possible. **Clerk to Action.**

vii. Droitwich Sewage Treatment Works Agents requested to meet with the Parish Council. The Clerk is awaiting a response from the agent. **Clerk to follow up.**

viii. Noise disturbance from leisure shooting on Sundays

No major problems have been established – matter to be monitored. **Matter closed.**

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5. Reports of County & District Councillors

County Cllr Tony Miller gave a brief summary of general matters of interest.

County Council elections are due to take place on Thursday 2nd May and the Chairman thanked Cllr Miller for his support and hard work during his current period of office.

County Cllr Tony Miller left the meeting at 9.05pm.

6. Finance

a. Payments since last Meeting

Payments made and received since the last meeting were reviewed and approved (see Appendix 1).

b. Notice Boards

- Hindlip: Temporary repairs to be carried out on existing board pending the redevelopment of the Woodside Cottages site. **Clerk to action.**
- Copcut: Developer to be contacted re a new double noticeboard when development gets underway.

c. Breakdown Cover for Computer Equipment

The Parish Council computer equipment was purchased on 31st March 2012 and as such is now coming up for a year old and will be out of the first year warranty period. Councillors agreed that breakdown cover for the laptop etc being offered by PC World was an unnecessary expenditure and should not be taken up.

7. Planning Consultations

a. Planning Applications - See Appendix 2

b. A letter has been written to the Head of Housing and Planning expressing the Parish Council's concerns over the high number of retrospective planning applications being submitted. **Awaiting response.**

c. Planning application W/12/02139/CU for 5 flats at Offerton Farm had been withdrawn, therefore the work had been carried out without planning permissions. A new application has now been submitted W/13/0311/CU and is under consideration by WDC. **Matter closed.**

d. Enforcements - See Appendix 3

8. Correspondence

Two letters from local residents have raised concerns over the high number of HGV lorries using Pulley Lane. The Parish Council have advised residents that as there are no highway restrictions on this road no action can be taken.

9. Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas:

a. **Cllr R Hatfield** again raised concerns over the lack of adequate maintenance on land surrounding the Sixways Rugby Club grounds, in particular the banks around the training pitch which are considerably overgrown and contain a large amount of dock weeds. Chairman to review landscape conditions of previous planning applications.

b. **Cllr R Hatfield** noted the excessive rubbish that has once again accumulated in the land surrounding the Smite Gypsy site. **Chairman to refer matter to Gypsy Liaison Officer.**

c. **Cllr John Hill** raised the issue of noise from activities in the main hall at the village hall transmitting through the connecting door to the small committee room during Parish Council meetings, which seriously affects the ability of members to hear clearly the discussions underway.

10. Date of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was approved as Monday 20th May 2013 at 7.00pm. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed

Date: 20th May 2013

Name **Barbara Meddings**
Chairman

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APPENDIX 2 Planning Consultations (12th January – 10th March 2013)

New Applications				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Council	PC Response
W/13/00056/PP- Householder planning	1 Sandyway Cottages, Droitwich Road, WR3 8TG	Single storey and first floor side extensions to form annexe accommodation.	Martin Hussingtree	General observations – Approved by WDC
W/13/00088/PN-	Sundown, Ladywood Road, WR3 7SX	Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement dwelling (amendment to permission W/12/01932/PN)	Martin Hussingtree	Approved by WDC
W/13/00159/OU- Outline	Land adjoining, Cyrena, Ladywood Road, WR9 0AJ	Outline application for the erection of 1no. four bedroom dormer bungalow.	Salwarpe	Object
W/13/00311/CU- Change of use	Offerton Farm, Offerton Lane, Hindlip, WR3 8SX	Retrospective application for 5 no flats.	Hindlip	Pending consideration

Awaiting Decisions – Pending Consideration by Wychavon District Council				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Parish	PC Response
W/11/00078/ET	Cummins Farm, Hindlip Lane, Hindlip, 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, Droitwich (Yew Tree Hill)	Outline planning for up to 500 dwellings (C3); up to 200 unit care facility (C2); provision of (Class A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1a) facilities, police post; indoor bowls facility	Droitwich Town	Object
W/12/01235/OU	Upper Smite Farm, Smite Lane, Hindlip	A permanent agricultural works dwelling	Hindlip	General observations
W/12/02336/OU – Outline Planning	Land North of Pulley Lane and, Newland Lane, Droitwich Spa	Outline planning application for the construction of a maximum of 265 dwellings with associated car parking, access, infrastructure provision and open space.	Salwarpe	Object

Decisions				
Dev No	Location	Proposal	Parish	Decision
W/06/02244	Old Forge, Brown Heath	Conversion of the Old Forge into a single residential unit	Martin Hussingtree	Approved
W/12/01724/PN- Non-householder planning application	Newland Hurst, Newland Lane, Newland, WR9 7JH	Full planning app.for the erection of 39no. dwellings, associated car parking, landscaping, public open space and associated works.	Salwarpe	Approved
12/000074/CM	Severn Trent Water Ltd, Ladywood Sewage Works	Part retrospective MCC Kiosk retention of chemical dosing unit, associated infrastructure	Salwarpe	Approved
W/12/02762/PP- Householder	Thatched Cottage, Brown Heath Lane, WR9 7JF	Removal of existing timber frame glasshouse, replace with aluminium frame glasshouse.	Martin Hussingtree	Approved
W/12/02596/PN-	Worcs Warriors Sixways Stadium	Retrospective application for a temporary (3yr) marquee	Hindlip	Approved
W/13/00005/PP -	Upper Smite Barn, Smite Lane, WR3 8SZ	Insertion of windows and rooflights to enable use of store as living accommodation.	Hindlip	Approved
W/12/02800/PP - Householder planning	Woodside Cottages, Hindlip Lane, Hindlip	Alterations and extensions to the 5 no. dwellings at Woodside Cottages, inc. new shared driveway.	Hindlip	Approved

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APPENDIX 3 Current Enforcements

Enforcements				
Enforcement No.	Location	Description of alleged breach	Parish	Status
IN/12/00547	Worcs County Council Maintenance Depot, Warndon Highways Depot	Retention of building longer than allowed on planning permission.	Hindlip	Enforcement Officer to contact Worcs CC and request removal or submission of application for retention.