

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 20th January 2014 at Salwarpe Village Hall**

The Parish Council meeting convened at 7.40pm
Following Public Question Time which commenced at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr B Meddings (Chairman), Cllr M Armitage, , Cllr P Edwards,
Cllr R Hatfield, Cllr C Hughes, Cllr P Oakley Cllr Jim Brodrick , Cllr John Brodrick. Cllr J Hill.
Cllr A Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: E Gallagher (Clerk)

No	Minute	Action
1.	Apologies: Cllr. A Miller Cllr D Luscombe,	
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 No personal interests were declared.	
3.	Minutes a) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 18 th November 2013 were approved and signed as being a correct record.	
4.	Clerk – Progress Report on actions from Minutes 18th November 2013 a) Highways.Hedges.Potholes.Bridges i) Pershere Lane & Hindlip Lane The Clerk was tasked to contact the Chief Executive of Worcester Rugby Club in writing stating the Club's responsibility under the Injurious weeds Act 1959. Injurious weeds and ragwort on landscaped and agricultural land was an ongoing problem that had so far not been addressed by the Club. ii) Middleton Bank Mr Wood had refused to pay an outstanding invoice amounting to £120 The District Solicitor, Mr. Ian Marshall, had advised that it would not be feasible for the Legal Department to pursue this case and advised that the Parish Council write off this amount. It was agreed that the Clerk should approach Highways Department to request that, in future, Middleton Bank's verge and overhanging branches be maintained by the County iii) Trees & Footpaths Access through Hindlip Estate (The Sling) The Clerk would write to West Mercia Police Estates Department to request that they cut back verges at the bottom of Sling Lane to assist in alleviating flooding. Problems	Clerk ongoing Closed

<p>b) with pedestrian access due to flowing water and mud covering the right of way were discussed. The Clerk would also contact, the Clerk at North Claines Parish Council to discuss whether the approach to the Police Estates Dept could be tackled as a collaborative venture.</p> <p>Other</p> <p>i)</p>	<p>Smite Gypsy Site The Clerk had written to both Bill Longmore West Mercia Police, and Peter Luff MP about problems with fly grazing and had received a response from both Offices. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a further letter to West Mercia Police requesting clarification on police powers and responsibilities regarding tethered and untethered animals on public land and clearways (verges and carriageway).</p> <p>It was suggested that the Clerk contact Sir Peter Luff MP to thank him for his response and request permission to forward this response to Chief Constable David Shaw. Also a copy of the correspondence to be forwarded to the Highways Dept and Eddie Hooper, Gypsy Liaison Officer.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>5</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Localism.Neighbourhood Planning.New Homes Bonus.</p> <p>Memorial Land and Fencing The Deputy Chairman had placed a contract with Jason Giles Co. for the supply and installation of Estate fencing at a cost of £65 per metre, installed, and painted with a black enamel finish. The lengthsman had removed existing fencing and scrub and the site was now ready for installation. Landscaping the area post installation was discussed and blackthorne or quickthorne hedging were suggested as potential camouflage against the metal fencing.</p> <p>An agreement had been reached with the adjoining landowner to contribute towards an additional 8 metres of fencing where both boundaries merge to provide joint safe and secure protection from the steep canal embankment.</p> <p>The Deputy Chairman would forward the quotation/contract to the Clerk. The Clerk to contact the Insurance Company to ensure full insurance coverage on being notified that the fencing had been installed.</p>	<p>Cllr. Oakley/ Clerk</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p>	<p>Chairman Reports</p> <p>Yew Tree Developments Appeals. The Public Inquiry was due to commence on the 28th January 2014 with the Parish Council's representations scheduled for 7th February 2014. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman were working hard on preparation of supportive evidence for the Parish Council's presentation. Ownership and boundaries of the SSSI Oakley Pool was discussed and Cllr. Hill agreed to investigate a possible boundary discrepancy and report back to the Chairman prior to the commencement of the Inquiry.</p> <p>Water Pipes Renewal - Ladywood Road: Severn Trent had appointed new contractors to complete works and it was expected that work would recommence within the month of January. The Chairman had arranged a meeting with the Agents Morgan Sindall.</p> <p>Southern and North Bypass The Chairman agreed to contact District Cllr Miller to discuss the future impact of the Bypass on the District Ward of Lovett and North Claines.</p> <p>Motorbike Noise; Damaged signs and Fencing. Martin Hussingtree The continuing motorbike events held in the field alongside the A38 had been reported to the Enforcement Officer; the Clerk had been advised that the landowner was entitled to hold 14 events in any 12 month period commencing 1st January annually. The neighbouring resident had been informed and had offered to keep tally of the events. The resident had also made a complaint to Environmental Health about noise pollution. In addition, a broken footpath sign and damaged stile had been reported to</p>	<p>Chairman/Cllr. Oakley/Cllr Hill</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Chairman</p>

	the County Countryside Department. It was suggested that the Clerk look into agricultural land grants via DEFRA under the Freedom of Information facility.	Clerk
7.	<p>Report of County & District Councillor The District Councillor had submitted his apologies.</p> <p>a) Lengthsmans Scheme An additional grant of £250 had been received to supplement the 2013/2014 funding to aid additional works in the parishes as a result of surface water flooding caused by the extreme inclement weather. (Reported D.Cllr in absentia).</p> <p>b) Bus Services -The County Council would be carrying out a survey on the proposed cuts to bus services.</p> <p>c) Hedgerow opposite the Swan Inn. It was the householder's responsibility to keep the hedge in good order however as there appeared to be a dispute over ownership C.Cllr Miller agreed to look into the matter and would deal with the issue if the hedge proved to be the responsibility of the County Council..</p> <p>d) Hazardous junction Drury Lane Cllr. Miller would continue to action the installation of an advisory left hand only turning from the northern end junction of Drury Lane that is not controlled by traffic signals.</p> <p>e) A38/Pershore Lane Junction (Adj. Swan Inn) Proposed road layout improvements at Martin Hussingtree traffiic signals were due to be carried out as part of the planning conditions of the Copcut Rise development.</p> <p>f) Notice Boards There were no excess funds available for notice boards as the Councils funds had been extinguished by use of the monies for essential Lengthsman's work on flood alleviation within the parishes..</p>	<p>Awaiting feedback C.Cllr Miller</p> <p>Awaiting feedback C.Cllr Miller</p> <p>Awaiting feedback C.Cllr Miller</p> <p>Awaiting feedback C.Cllr Miller</p> <p>Closed</p>
8.	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Precept The precept proposed for 2014/15 was agreed (£11626).The clerk would submit the application on behalf of the Parish Council to Wychavon District Council Finance Dept, via email and post.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>Planning Consulations & Enforcement</p> <p>a) Upper Smite Farm – Change of Use W/13/00507 Temporary Permission had been granted for a log cabin for agricultural tenants. To expire in 2015.</p> <p>b) Enforcement Warndon Depot The Enforcement Officer reported that no enforcement action would be taken against the County Council for expiry of permission. An application was expected to be submitted for an extension of the temporary permission for the portacabin office block at the Highways Maintenance Depot which is expected to be granted.</p> <p>c) Offerton Farm Change of Use Retrospective permission for residential units remained in abeyance. Clerk to contact the Planning Case Officer. Post meeting – Application W/13/00311/cu was approved on 15/8/13</p> <p>d) Court Farm The Chairman agreed to check S106 Affordable Housing stipulations. Only the Listed Building application W/13/01608/LB had been approved. The remaining applications in</p>	<p>Clerk- in 2015</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Clerk to contact</p>

e)	<p>respect of Court Farm were pending consideration.</p> <p>Churchfields Farm The original Farm application had been withdrawn and a new application has been resubmitted. The Parish Council had arranged for a Public Display of the new plans to be held at Salwarpe Church on 22nd January from 6pm to 8pm. The applicant had also been informed and invited to attend.</p>	Planning for update.
10.	<p>Correspondence No Items</p>	
11.	<p>Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas</p> <p>a) Hindlip Lane Flooding exacerbated by Broken manhole cover – Reported to Highways Dept – ref 5986038</p> <p>b) School Governor Hindlip Church of England School Board. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Sue Allen, Chair of the School Governors to discuss Parish Council representation on the Board.</p> <p>c) Overhanging Hedge – Pear Tree Inn. – The overhanging hedge had been cut back by a local contractor and on receipt of an invoice for the works the Clerk would contact the owners of the Pear Tree Inn for recompense.</p> <p>d) Hindlip Lane – Opposite Well House. – The residents requested the Clerk to convey their praise for the work of the Lengthsman on flood relief in the area.</p> <p>e) Orchard Manor – Damaged sign outside Listed Building – Reported ref 5994150</p> <p>f) Church Lane – HGV Damage to Road Surface, Trees and Fencing. – Reported ref 5994170.</p>	
13.	<p>Date of Next Meeting The date of the next Annual Meeting followed by the Parish Council Meeting was approved as Monday 17th March 2014 at 7.00pm.</p>	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.

Signed Date 20th January 2014
Barbara Meddings : Chairman

NOTES OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - 7.00-7.30pm

Two members of the public attended.

Discussion regarding the damaged soft verges at the Newland Lane/ Bellway Development took place. Residents considered these verges to be dangerous to motorists as the damage was not evident and motorists were liable to sink into the soft ground. Bellway engineers had offered to fill the verge with hardcore and remove it upon completion of the development. Highways Department had not accepted the Developers offer. The Clerk offered to contact County Councillor Miller to seek clarification from County Highways. Residents were also concerned about County Highways lack of response to their concerns regarding the road lighting scheme within the site. The Clerk offered to contact the relevant Highways Engineer regarding this issue.

P.C. Cound of West Mercia Police attended the meeting.

Topics discussed were:-

Police Response to Fly Grazing Issue

P.C. Cound explained the limited powers of the police to assist in the problem of fly grazing horses. Explaining that if horses roamed loose on the carriageway the police have the power to close the road as a public safety issue. They would then contact the Highways Department for their intervention in removing the horses. Responsibility for dealing with animals tethered on public land lay with Worcestershire County Council or, if animal welfare was a concern, the Trading Standards Department. Animals grazing on private land was a civil matter. It was unclear where a highway clearway order was in force who would assume responsibility for horse fly grazing. Police had flexible powers to deal with any anti-social behaviour in connection with grazing animals under the Crime and Policing Act. It was suggested that, with permission, Sir Peter Luff's letter dealing with fly grazing and the Animal Welfare Act be forwarded to the West Mercia Chief Constable.

Parking Along Offerton Lane

Wychavon Enforcement Officer be requested to investigate action.

P.C. Cound left the meeting at 7.30pm