

HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe held at 7.00pm on Monday 17th March 2014 at Salwarpe Village Hall

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr B Meddings (Chairman), Cllr P Oakley, Cllr M Armitage, Cllr P Edwards,
Cllr C Hughes, Cllr John Brodrick, Cllr J Hill, Cllr R Hatfield,
Cllr. D Luscombe
E Gallagher (Clerk)
County and District Cllr. T. Miller
6 Members of the Public
Police Representation – None

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| 1. | Apologies: Cllr A Thomas, Mrs J Grotefeld (Hindlip Parish Footpath Warden) Mr D Cullom (Parish Footpath Warden) Mr R Meredith (Parish Tree Warden) |
| 2. | Minutes The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 18 th March 2013 were approved and signed as being a correct record. |
| 3. | Chairmans Report The Chairman presented the following report and circulated details of issues that had been dealt with by the Parish Council during the year. This list is included as Appendix 1 to these minutes ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 17TH MARCH 2014 CHAIRMANS REPORT Throughout the year residents have attended Public Question Time to air their views on matters of concern. Issues dominating the past year have been: (i) Yew Tree Hill: Two proposed developments involving preparation over 6 months of Case Evidence, Written and Verbal statements, Pre Inquiry and Third party meetings culminating in Witness evidence and attendance at the 10 day Public Inquiry. A decision is expected from the Secretary of State in June 2014. (ii) Staffing: With the resignation of Clerk Elspeth Fry after 3 months in post. The previous clerk Elaine Meredith stepped in to undertake limited duties. My thanks must go to the members of the staffing committee. Councillors Hughes, Armitage and Edwards for their work on preparation of advertising, application forms, short listing prospective applicants and interviews resulting in the successful appointment of our new Clerk Elizabeth Gallagher in August 2013 Water Pipe Network There have been several on site meetings with the Severn Trent Water Authority and their Agents Morgan Sindell; regarding the prolonged replacement mains water pipe network throughout the parishes of Salwarpe and Martin Hussingtree. Works commenced in October 2013 and is still ongoing and is authorised to continue until July 2014. Contractor disputes coupled with open trenches, continuous road closures have |

resulted in destruction of grass verges, road surfaces and myriad of potholes appearing along the affected lanes.

The Parish Council also arranged a Public Open Day at the STA Ladywood Sewage Works which was very well attended. It was surprising how many residents were interested in the process of sewage.

Flooding December 2013- February 2014

Throughout the winter period the extreme and continuous wet weather has resulted in serious surface water flooding issues on many of the rural lanes throughout the three parishes.

Lengthsman Scheme

Our Parish Lengthsman deserves praise for his valiant work in clearing out blocked drains, gullies, overflowing streams, and cutting grips to alleviate flooding on the lanes in atrocious weather conditions. By end of January 2014, the entire annual Lengthsman grant had been spent.

Thanks must go to our County Councillor Tony Miller for providing additional funds by a further grant of £250 to allow the Lengthsman's work to continue on into the month of February. No further work can be carried out until the next Financial Year's grant is received in April 2014 for works within the year to March 2015.

Planning: Proposed/Retrospective Developments.

- 38** Planning Applications
- 4** Enforcement Actions
- 4** Appeals: 2 Public Inquiry and 2 Written Representations.

Two Public Consultations and **Two** Planning Displays were held for proposed developments at Court Farm; Yew Tree Hill and **Two** relating to Churchfields Farm Large Scale Agricultural Buildings.

There have been **Six** Certificates of Lawful Use issued where unauthorised use of premises or land has occurred.(i) Sterling Business Centre (ii) Davids Nurseries (iii) Offerton Farm Flats(iv) Brookside Fruits (v) Ash Lane (vi) Offerton Farm Bund.

Memorial Restoration Grant

The restoration of the War Monument and Memorial Land in Salwarpe is due to be completed in time for the Centenary of commencement of World War I on 4th August 2014.

Highlighted – Parish Council's involvement in:

1. Appeals: House in a Paddock, Salwarpe. Wind Turbine on J6, M5 Motorway.
2. Enforcements: Warndon Depot. J.Smith Police Training Centre, Hindlip.
3. Certificates of Lawful Uses:
4. Fly tipping plus a large caravan dumped on Pershore Lane.
5. West Mercia Police: Chief Constable David Shaw and Police & Crime Commissioner Bill Longmore on Traveller Horse Fly Grazing.

County & District Councillor

Appreciation is expressed for the support given by Tony Miller on contentious developments and for obtaining a grant of £540 to replace the stolen metal Dog Waste Bin located on Salwarpe Canal Bridge; with a modern hygienic green plastic bin. The cost includes not only a covered locked bin but regular sterilising, collection service and replacement linings undertaken by the District Council.

MP Mid Worcestershire

We have received support from our Member of Parliament Sir Peter Luff on the issues of Yew Tree Hill development; Traveller Horse Grazing; Network Rail Train Horns Noise.

Parish Tree Warden

Richard Meredith has continued the voluntary work of protection of trees throughout our three parishes; checking Tree Preservation Orders are upheld as well as inspection of overhanging trees that could create highway hazards.

Parish Path Wardens

Hindlip public rights of way are regularly checked Mrs Janet Grotefeld who has expressed a willingness to

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| | <p>continue over the coming year.</p> <p>Martin Hussingtree and Salwarpe public rights of way are checked by Mr David Cullom. Details of the work undertaken safeguarding the public footpaths will be given in a separate report.</p> <p>Out thanks and appreciation goes to the three volunteer wardens for their invaluable service to the community.</p> <p>Parish Councillors</p> <p>Every parish councillor has contributed to the many achievements; representing the Council on many issues and projects that have arisen over the past year. Namely: (i) Staffing; (ii) Hindlip Police Estate and access; (iii) Localism Neighbourhood Plan (iv) Yew Tree Hill and Newland Common (v) Memorial land and Copcut (vi) Traveller Fly grazing & Motor cycle racing (vii) Storm damaged trees and overgrown hedges (viii) Smite Traveller Site additional pitches.</p> <p>Clerk to the Council</p> <p>The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council made a presentation to the retiring clerk Mrs E.Meredith. Our new Clerk Elizabeth Gallagher has completed her six months probationary period and has attended CALC training sessions.</p> <p>Over the year the Council's Tax and National Insurance obligations went online in Real Time. A required Employee Pensions scheme was considered. The Code of Conduct was amended and an Audit regime introduced.</p> <p>There have been problems with the Parish Website which requires updating with access modifications and this is to be a project for the year ahead.</p> <p>My thanks go to Deputy Chairman Phil Oakley for his support throughout the year; particularly with the restoration project of the Salwarpe War Monument and Memorial Land; issues arising from the prolonged Mains Water pipe replacement scheme that is still ongoing and the flooding issues around the Parishes. His knowledge and skills have been invaluable.</p> |
| 4. | <p>Reports of Parish Path Warden</p> <p>The Clerk read the following report provided by the Parish Path Warden, Mr David Cullom</p> <p><u>Parish Path Wardens Report March 2014 for Salwarpe & Martin Hussingtree</u></p> <p>During the past year the Rights of Way have been walked and work carried out on them to keep them clear and way marked by the warden. Due to the weather the amount of growth was greater than usual leading to a number of complaints which were dealt with by the County Council, or where possible by the landowner or the warden.</p> <p>A number of roadside low signposts have been reported to the County Council as damaged or missing. These would be dealt with within their limited budget.</p> <p>In the past month the footpaths around Oakley Farm Pulley Lane have, following a lengthy legal process, been altered. Paths SA, 523, 524, 525 have been extinguished. New paths away from the farm and stables have been approved i.e SA 553, 554, 555, 556, 557. Metal pedestrian or kissing gates have been installed improving public access to good viewpoints. The routes are now all way-marked and footbridges installed suitable for the disabled user.</p> <p>Two persons have indicated an interest in replacing me as the warden, one for Martin and one for Salwarpe. The training and approval is the responsibility of the Countryside Service who will inform the Parish Council in due course.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Public Questions Raised</p> <p>(i) Damaged soft verges at the Newland Lane/ Bellway Development had been repaired but</p> |

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| | <p>there was some concern that damage would recur as HGV's continued to attempt to turn in a road which could not accommodate their size.</p> <p>(ii) Concern was also relayed regarding anticipated similar problems relating to the new proposed housing development at Yew Tree Hill. SOGOS had highlighted this fact during the appeal process.</p> <p>(iii) Concern was expressed regarding late delivery of the Parish Magazine. This was not a Parish Council issue and the member of the public was advised to approach the relevant contact in the magazine.</p> <p>(iv) The Salwarpe Village letter box had remained sealed following recent road closures. The Deputy Chairman would ensure that it was reopened.</p> |
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There being no further business the Chairman closed the Annual Parish meeting at 7.40 pm.

Signed Date 18th May 2015
Chairman

APPENDIX 1
HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE & SALWARPE PARISH COUNCIL

ISSUES DEALT WITH DURING 2013-2014

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| ADVERTISING | Warriors Rugby Club, Swan Inn, Newland Manor |
| BRIDGES | Repairs: Salwarpe; Ladywood, Middleton Bank |
| BURIAL GROUNDS | Contribution to maintenance of Parish Burial grounds. |
| CIVIC FUNCTIONS | Remembrance Day Wreath laying at Salwarpe |
| COMMITTEES | Finance.Planning.Appeals.Public Inquiries. New Home Bonus.Council Tax & Precepting. Community Levy. |
| COMMUNICATIONS | Community Magazine monthly articles, Parish Council Website, six Parish Notice Boards,Email & PO Box. |
| COMMON LAND | Registration of Salwarpe Memorial land. |
| Maintenance of: | i.. The Green, Martin Hussingtree. |
| | ii. The Pond, Ash Lane, Martin Hussingtree. |
| | iii. Brownheath Common, Hindlip |
| | iv. Memorial land, Salwarpe |
| CONSERVATION AREAS | Salwarpe, Martin Hussingtree |
| CANALS | Canalside Conservation areas. Salwarpe, Ladywood, Hindlip and Offerton. |
| ENFORCEMENT | Breaches of planning regulations. |
| FINANCE | Budget 2013-2014; Insurance cover; War Monument and Memorial restoration grant. |
| FLOODING | Remedial work throughout three parishes. |
| FLY TIPPING | Pershire Lane, Chawson Lane. |
| FLY GRAZING | Pershire and Hindlip Lanes. |
| GYPSY SITE, | Site visit with County Gypsy Liaison Officer |
| HIGHWAYS | Potholes, verge/ditch damages. |
| HEDGEROWS | Overgrown roadside hedges. Pear Tree Inn, Smite Hill.Newland Lane, Drury Lane. |
| LEGISLATION | Code of Conduct; Localism Neighbourhood plans. Freedom of Information; Data protection Act. |
| LENGTHSMAN SCHEME | Administration of minor highway works within the 3 parishes. |
| LISTED BUILDINGS | Protection Court Farm Dairy; Offerton bridge, Salwarpe bridge; Hindlip Park, High Park. |
| MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS | Yew Tree Village, Yew Tree Farm, Newland Manor Copcut Rise.Churchfields, Hunt Kennels Station Road. |
| PUBLIC MEETINGS | Court Farm, Churchfields, Yew Tree Hill, Pulley Lane. |
| PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY | The Sling, Oakley Farm, Gloverspiece. Yew Tree Hill.. |
| TOURISM | Contribution to visitor facilities Salwarpe Fete |
| TRAINING | HMRC Online. Code of Conduct. New Home Bonus. |
| TREES | Tree Preservation Orders: Storm damage. |
| WAR MEMORIAL | Restoration and land registration. |