

HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council held at 7.40pm on Monday 17th March 2014 at Salwarpe Village Hall

PRESENT: 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

IN ATTENDANCE: E Gallagher (Clerk)
County and District Cllr. T. Miller

No	Minute	Action
1.	<p>Apologies: Cllr A Thomas</p> <p>Absent Cllr Jim Brodrick</p>	
2.	<p>Code of Conduct & Standing Orders</p> <p>Councillors were duly reminded of the need:</p> <p>a) To update their register of members interest with Wychavon DC. b) To declare any relevant pecuniary interest in items on the agenda and their nature. c) To declare anyother disclosable interest in items on the agenda and their nature.</p> <p>No interests were declared.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>a) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 20th January 2014 were approved and signed as being a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p>Clerk – Progress Report on actions from Minutes 20th January 2014</p> <p>a) Highways.Hedges.Potholes.Bridges</p> <p>i) Pershore Lane & Hindlip Lane It was agreed that the process of making representations regarding the subject of injurious weeds and ragwort on landscaped and agricultural land should be addressed via the newly appointed Chief Executive of Worcester Rugby Club.</p> <p>Trees & Footpaths</p> <p>ii) Access through Hindlip Estate (The Sling) The Clerk had contacted the Clerk at North Claines Parish Council by email and was awaiting a response. It was agreed that a collaborative venture between both Parish Councils in an approach to West Mercia Constabulary Estates might be the most effective method when dealing with issues relating to the Sling</p> <p>Other</p> <p>iii) Smite Gypsy Site The Clerk received written permission from Sir Peter Luff to share the contents of his letter dated 19th December 2013 with Barrie Sheldon, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Eddie Hooper, Gypsy Liaison Officer and Highways department. It was also noted that unsightly rubbish had been dumped at the entrance to the site</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk/Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>

	<p>and on nearby verges.</p> <p>It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged at the site between Eddie Hooper, Gypsy Liaison Officer, Councillors and Clerk.</p>	
<p>5 Deputy Chairman Reports</p> <p>a) Localism.Neighbourhood Planning.New Homes Bonus.</p> <p>Memorial Land and Fencing The order placed with Jason Giles & Co had been terminated on the grounds of non-performance. A new order had now been placed with Wideacre, an alternative fencing company, for the supply and installation of Estate Fencing at a comparable cost. It was expected that installation would commence early April.</p> <p>The Deputy Chairman would forward the quotation/contract to the Clerk and upon commencement the Clerk would contact the Insurance Company to activate immediate coverage.</p> <p>An additional £1,000.00 was offered by the County Councillor to support the planting and levelling of the memorial site. This offer was gratefully accepted by the Chairman and Councillors present.</p> <p>b) Flooding Issues/Maintenance of Ditches Many flooding issues could be attributed to water run-off from adjacent landowner fields. It was the landowner's responsibility to ensure that ditches were maintained to accommodate the free flow of this water.</p> <p>Reported incidents of highway flooding/blocked ditches would be dealt with by the South Worcestershire Land Drainage Partnership based at Wychavon Civic Offices who would serve Notice on landowners to rectify problems. Enforcement action would follow should the notice not be complied with.</p> <p>The importance of reporting any flooding in the vicinity of proposed housing developments was noted, so that betterment could be in place prior to the commencement of any works.</p>	<p>Cllr. Oakley/ Clerk</p> <p>C.Cllr Miller</p>	
<p>6. Chairman Reports</p> <p>a) Centenary of the First World War – Re-dedication of the War Monument A commemorative re-dedication service would be held at the memorial site on 3rd of August at 10.00 am. The Chairman had commenced planning preparations to ensure a successful outcome of this event.</p> <p>b) Highway Closures It was reported that residents had sent a letter to the County Councillor expressing concern regarding highway closures as a result of water pipe renewal works. There was a suggestion that road closures might impinge upon the summer fete and it was agreed that contact should be made with County Highways/Severn Trent to ensure all parties were aware of the implications of this. A water pipes map showing damage to roads was passed to Councillors for information.</p> <p>c) Motorbike Noise; Motorbike events had continued to be held in the field alongside the A38. It was reported that 11 events had been held to date and it was suggested that the Clerk should contact the Enforcement Officer to alert him of an impending breach of condition.</p> <p>d) Parish Boundaries A review of Parish Boundaries was being undertaken by the Wychavon Legal Department. The previous review had taken place in 1988. The District and County Councillor was asked to keep the Parish Council informed of any developments, as</p>	<p>Clerk</p>	

<p>e) Polling</p>	<p>soon as practicably possible. Councillors were asked to inform the Chair or the Clerk of any developments within their Parishes. Residents would be consulted on any proposed boundary changes.</p> <p>Polling arrangements were under review. Salwarpe Village Hall was under-utilised on polling day and consideration was given as to whether Hindlip and Martin Hussingtree residents should be redirected to Salwarpe Village Hall. It was suggested that proposed and actual housing developments would have an effect on voting numbers. Parish Councillors would be asked to comment on voting arrangements for their areas prior to the May 2015 elections.</p>	
<p>7.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p> <p>g)</p> <p>h)</p> <p>i)</p> <p>j)</p>	<p>Report of County & District Councillor</p> <p>Notification of Council Tax Increase Band D group council tax had increased to £1458.50 compared with Droitwich Town at £1466.20 and North Claines at £1481.88.</p> <p>Improved Signage – Salwarpe Village, Memorial Site, Church Improvement to signage was included in the Copcut Rise detailed plans. Chairman had submitted a report to the County Councillor to discuss signage with David Pilchard, County Highways Engineer.</p> <p>A38/Pershore Lane Junction (Adj. Swan Inn) - Dangerous Practice by Motorists at Swan Inn Junction Motorists were breaking the law by crossing over white hatching at the Swan Inn junction. County Councillor Miller agreed to speak with David Pilchard to discuss the possibility of erecting a left hand turn signal as an improved safety measure. Proposed road layout improvements were due to be carried out at this junction, being one of the planning conditions of the Copcut Rise development approval.</p> <p>Traffic Lights Junction Pershore Lane-Droitwich Timing issue was causing congestion problems at peak times. C. Cllr Miller agreed to report the issue.</p> <p>Sling Lane – Parking Restrictions Complaints had been received from residents of Sling Lane regarding congestion by parked vehicles at the bottom of the Lane. County Councillor Miller agreed to investigate the possibility of erecting ‘No Waiting/No Stopping’ signage.</p> <p>Offerton Bridge – Weight Restriction Signage Cllr. Miller agreed to investigate the possibility of erecting weight restriction signage after reported incidents of HGV’s attempting and failing to cross the bridge.</p> <p>Notice Boards Replacement of notice boards would be considered within the next financial year. To carry forward as an agenda item.</p> <p>Bus Services -The County Council would be carrying out a survey on the proposed cuts to bus services.</p> <p>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>Hazardous junction Drury Lane C.Cllr. Miller would continue to action the installation of an advisory left turn only signage from the northern end junction of Drury Lane with the A38, that was not</p>	<p>C. Clr Miller</p> <p>C.Cllr Miller</p> <p>C.Cllr Miller</p> <p>C.Cllr Miller</p> <p>C.Cllr Miller</p> <p>C.Cllr Miller</p> <p>Pending C.Cllr Miller</p> <p>Pending C.Cllr Miller</p> <p>Pending</p>

	controlled by traffic signals.	C.Cllr Miller
k)	Outstanding Highways Incident Reports C.Cllr Miller explained that incidents reported to Highways Department were passed on to contractors within specified time limits. Once passed the incident would be marked as complete. He explained that this was the reason for discrepancies when incidents were outstanding on site but cleared through the system. County Councillor Miller left the meeting at 8.45pm	
8.	Finance	
a)	Appendix 1 was considered and approved. Suggestions were made however to approach other cartridge suppliers for price comparison prior to future purchases for the Clerks printer.	Clerk
b)	Expenditure Compared to Budget – No queries	
9.	Planning Consultations & Enforcement	
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.	Clerk- in 2015
b)	Court Farm The Chairman agreed to check S106 Affordable Housing stipulations. Clerk to investigate LUE category definition.	Clerk
10.	Correspondence Letters from Sir Peter Luff dated 5 February, 17 February and 10 March 2014(copies provided) Resident email regarding tree felling (copy provided) Cllr. John Broderick left the meeting - 9.15pm.	
11.	Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas	
a)	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, on behalf of the Parish Council, for recompense. In the event of disputed ownership, the Clerk should contact Land Registry for clarification.	
b)	Public Speaking at Planning Committees – Multi-Parish Applications To make representations to request additional time for multi-parish applications to enable each parish a full 2 minute address.	
c)	Planning Change of Procedure – Hard copies of plans would cease with effect from 1 st April 2014. Parish Council's did not have the planning tool to allow for scaling and therefore would be obliged to pay £6 per hard copy per plan. Chairman to contact Georgio Framalicco to discuss.	Chairman
d)	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.	Pending Clerk
13.	Date of Next Meeting The date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was approved as Monday 19th May 2014 at 7.00pm.	

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

Signed Date 19th May 2014 Chairman