# HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE PARISH COUNCIL

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# Meeting of Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council held at 7.00 pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Salwarpe Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr P Oakley (Chairman), Cllr B Meddings, , Cllr P Edwards,

Cllr C Hughes, Cllr J Hill, , Cllr Jim Brodrick, Cllr D Luscombe. Cllr R Hatfield. Cllr. A Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: County and District Cllr. T. Miller County & District Councillor L.Duffy

No	Minute	Action
1.	Apologies:	
	E Gallagher (Clerk) Cllr. John Brodrick Cllr M Armitage	
	Onder of Conduct 9 Ctanding Orders	
2.	Code of Conduct & Standing Orders	
a)	Councillors were duly reminded of the need:	
	<ul><li>a) To update their register of members interest with Wychavon DC.</li><li>b) To declare any relevant pecuniary interest in items on the agenda and their nature.</li></ul>	
	c) To declare any other disclosable interest in items on the agenda and their nature.	All Councillors
3.a)	Minutes	
	The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved and signed as being a correct record.	
b)	Mrs Lynn Duffy, who had declared an intention to stand as District Councillor for the Lovett North Claines Ward in May 2015, was welcomed and invited to join the Council meeting. She is currently a County and District Councillor and Chairman of the District Council.	
4	District and County Councillor Reports	
а)	Increased Noise Levels at Hindlip Police Headquarters - Firing Range The impact of noise of night-time and Sunday use of the outdoor firing range was of concern to the surrounding residents. It had been agreed when the original firing range was established in 1981, that no firing would take place in the evenings or on Sundays. The County Councillor had agreed when meeting the Police and Crime Commissioner he would discuss these issues. He informed the meeting that the site had been granted Special Status which allowed an additional extension of the range by 10 metres to enable additional essential firearms training.	
	He also drew attention to the proposed merger of Warwickshire and West Mercia Police Forces and the need for additional development at the Headquarters.	
b)	Improvements at A38 Junction at Martin Hussingtree A meeting with Karen Hanchett for the pre-development improvements at the junction was still to be arranged.	
	Development at Copcut Rise Salwarpe - The Chairman drew attention to the breach of	

planning conditions 30 and 32 in that construction traffic had gained access from Copcut Lane. The Enforcement Officer had been requested to investigate. A letter had been sent to Mr Jack Hegarty, Managing Director of Wychavon DC regarding the damage to the banks at Chawson Lane and the parking of operatives vehicles in front of Copcut House, a Listed Building.

#### c) | Middleton Bank Salwarpe

The County Councillor confirmed that the County Highways was responsible for the maintenance of Middleton Bank. It was reported that the bridge was still awaiting repair and the surface of the Ladywood Road as cycle route number 46 was in an appalling state of repair.

The C.C advised that a new County Highways Engineer, Mr T Comerford, had been appointed and agreed to liaise with him about required highway improvements

#### d) Illegal Fly Grazing

Issues relating to the seizure of horses by police and follow up identification of owners and prosecution remained a matter of concern. Powers were available under the Welfare Act for Trading Standards and Bailiffs' to take action in identifying the owners of the grazing horses via microchips. The C.Cllr was asked to draw this matter to the attention of the Police and Crime Commissioner as to whether a Green Yard Scheme could be implemented enabling horses to be held until ownership was established.

#### e) Pear Tree Hindlip

The marquee remained in situ without temporary Planning Permission and the matter was the subject of negotiations by the local Planning Authority. The widening of roads around access points was not the subject of a Planning Condition.

## f) Future Development

The District Councillor stated that the SWDP 5 year housing supply was robust and deliverable.

### g) Community Issues

#### i) Middle School Merger Consultation

A community consultation relating to the merger from a 3 tier to 2 tier school system at year 7 was taking place. If successful the outcome would impact on Hindlip CofE School pupils who would then transfer to Droitwich High School.

## ii) | Community Grant

Up to £50k in grants from the County Council were available to assist the Community.

#### iii) Footpaths

Additional funds for footpath improvement were available.

#### iv) Health Watch

A survey would be carried out on the health and wellbeing of the community. This would be sent to all Town and Parish Councils.

#### v) Change of Use - Public Houses

The change use of public houses into food stores was the subject of a Change of Law before Parliament. This change would not be effective in time to save the Fernhill Heath pub. This would be a loss to the community.

County and District Councillors left the meeting at 8.10pm

# 5a Clerk – Progress Report on actions from Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014

#### i) Highways, Hedges, Potholes, Bridges

#### **Pershore Lane**

A new Chief Executive of the Worcester Rugby Club had been appointed.

Pending.

	It was agreed that a letter be sent regarding the subject of Ragwort an injurious weed and lack of maintenance of the landscaped areas of the Worcester Rugby Club and David Lloyd Centre.	Clerk/Chairman/
ii)	Chawson Lane Development The proposed residential development of up to 163 dwellings had been submitted. The developer would be required to provide the Parish Council with Plans and documents in order for a public display to be arranged.	Closed
iii)	Memorial Land: Possessory Title 2024 Possessory Title to be finalised with the Land Registry in 2024. Draft Standing Orders had been amended and the item would be carried forward in the Annual Meeting minutes until completion of the transfer of title.	
iv)	Notice Board at Newland Manor Bellway Homes were arranging for the transfer of the ownership and official hand over of the notice board to the Parish Council.	
6.	Chairman Reports	
a)	Finance	
i)	The recommendation of the Finance Working Group for the 2015/2016 budget and precept was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. Hatfield that the Council approve the recommendations This was seconded by Cllr Edwards and unanimously agreed.	
b)	Electorate Discussion There was no request from the electorate to adjourn or reconvene the meeting. The Council had erected posters throughout the 3 Parishes from mid-November 2014 and had inserted articles in the Community Magazine in the December 2014 and January 2015 editions. Attention was drawn requesting electorate involvement in the proposed level of the budget as this would determine the increase and impact on the 2015/2016 Council Tax	
c)	<ul> <li>Elections 2015</li> <li>The Chairman requested a final indication of Councillors not seeking re-election.</li> <li>Three vacancies were declared.</li> <li>Vacancy Hindlip –(1) – a prospective candidate had indicated an interest</li> <li>Vacancies Martin Hussingtree – (2) one prospected candidate had indicated an interest, leaving one other vacancy.</li> </ul>	
7.	Deputy Chairman Report	
	Community Projects – An article had been inserted in the Community Magazine inviting ideas for a project, scheme, initiative or activity that could be considered a Community benefit for a New Home Bonus Award from 2015 to 2017.	
8.	Finance	
a)	To Review Year to date expenditure compared to budget including payments and receipts (Appendix 1)  Discussion took place in relation to the approval of the 2015/2016 budget, submitted as the precept.	
9.	Planning Consultations & Enforcement (Appendices 2 – 4)	Clerk
a)	<b>Applications</b> A date for a public display on the proposed residential development at Chawson Lane had been arranged for Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February at Salwarpe Village Hall, 5.00pm until	John
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	8.00pm. Liaison with Droitwich Town Council had taken place with the costs of the hire of the hall shared between the Town and Parish Councils. It was expected that all Councillors would attend to answer questions and concerns raised by the public.	
b) i)	Enforcements Retrospective Planning Permission had been granted to the unauthorised development in the paddock at Drury Lane. It was conditional that within 6 months the owner would produce an environmental plan on odour issues and the disposal of manure.	
ii)	The expiry of the temporary permission of the Rugby Club marquee had been drawn to the attention of the Planning Authority.	
iii)	The expiry of temporary permission of the Police Training Centre modular units was pending.	
c)	Appeals None	
10.	Correspondence None received.	
11.	Items for Future Agendas	
a)	Court Farm, Hindlip Development - Notice Board It was suggested that the developers be approached regarding the provision of a new Parish Notice Board in Hindlip Lane.	Deputy Chair Clerk
b)	<b>Memorial Land Photograph</b> Suggestion made to enlarge and frame and situate in Salwarpe Village Hall meeting room.	Chairman/Clerk Pending
c)	Sterling Business Centre The objections raised on the poor landscaping scheme resulted in the previous scheme being amended for implementation.	Chair
d)	Ladywood Highway Works The long overdue Council resurfacing work had been completed.	
e)	Copcut Meadow Construction traffic parking in Copcut Lane adjacent to Copcut House, a listed building was in breach of planning condition 30. The Chairman reported that the construction operatives would be leaving the site within 10 days.	Deputy Chair
f)	Woodside Cottages – Hindlip Lane It was reported that site construction vehicles were parking on the lane adjacent to the dangerous bend outside of the site.	Deputy Chair
h)	Middleton Cottage Attention was drawn to the fact that there was no footpath from the Cottage down Copcut Lane to the proposed development access point.	
12.	Date of Next Meeting	
	The date of the Annual Parish meeting followed by the Parish Council Meeting was approved as Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Salwarpe Village Hall to commence at 7.00pm.	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

Signed ...... Date 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Chairman

#### **Public Question Time**

Concern was expressed on the proposed development along Chawson Lane. The Council was asked what action they were planning to take. The Parish Council was arranging a public display of the planning documents and would circulate a leaflet to parishioners as well as liaising with Droitwich Town Council relating to the impact on Chawson Barns Estate within the town boundary

The residents had indicated their willingness to consent to the erection of the new notice board to be located on verge side of Newland Lane.

The matter of the installed street lighting in Woodedge Drive was impacting on the property of Ambridge. The agreed baffles to be attached to deflect the light had not been implemented. This would be actioned by the Parish Council.

#### **Community Police**

PC P.Cound was unable to attend the meeting and had forwarded an update on community policing.