

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Salwarpe Village Hall

**Present** Cllr. P. Oakley (Chairman), Cllr. B. Meddings (Deputy Chair), Cllr. M. Armitage,  
Cllr. P. Edwards, Cllr. C. Hughes, Cllr. John. Brodrick, Cllr. R. Hatfield,  
Cllr. James Brodrick, Cllr. D. Luscombe, Cllr. A. Thomas, Cllr. J. Hill (7.10pm).

**In Attendance**  
E Gallagher (Clerk)  
3 Members of the Public

Police Representation – None

No	Minute
1.	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Mrs D &amp; Mrs P Adams (Salwarpe Parish Path Wardens) Mr R Mayneord (Martin Hussingtree Parish Path Warden) Mr R Meredith (Parish Tree Warden) PC Aiden Goundry</p>
2.	<p><b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were approved and signed as a true record of events.</p>
3.	<p><b>Chairmans Report</b> The Chairman presented the following report detailing issues that had been dealt with by the Parish Council during the year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015 CHAIRMANS REPORT</b></p> <p>Throughout the year residents have attended Public Question Time to ask questions and air their views on matters of concern.</p> <p><b>Major issues</b> dominating the past year have again been mainly planning related:</p> <p>(i) <b>Yew Tree Hill:</b> The two Planning appeals by Persimmon and Barberry were heard at a Public Enquiry from January to March last year. The Inspectors decision was published in June 2014 with both appeals being upheld, principally on the basis of the LPA's lack of five year housing supply.</p> <p>(ii) <b>SWDP:</b> Over the past year, the SWDP has been the subject of examination and review by Roger Clews, a Secretary of State appointed inspector. Increased unit numbers have been agreed [28,370 ] and the Plan is now undergoing Stage 2 of its examination before adoption. This is expected to be later this year. With the cumulative effect of Copcut and the two Yew Tree sites plus many smaller applications being granted, WDC are now in a much stronger position and can demonstrate a robust, deliverable 5yr supply.</p> <p>Two appeals have recently been being rejected on this basis and the LPA is now in the position where it can refuse unwelcome inappropriate developments with a degree of confidence that they are unlikely to be overturned at appeal with WDC being financially penalised as a result.</p>

It is hoped that once the Plan is fully adopted, the seemingly endless number of planning applications we have seen in recent years for Greenfield and green belt sites in and around our parishes will be controlled and that developers will focus on brown field opportunities.

- (iii) **Copcut Rise:** Conditions imposed when consent for Copcut was granted included work to improve the road junction at Martin Hussingtree. A recent application has been received which proposed delaying this work until 150 houses are built and occupied rather than before work is commenced. **This is still being determined.**

### **Water Pipe Network**

The long running project to replace Severn Trent water mains and the re-commissioning work was eventually completed in autumn 2014; some 2 years in total. There have been several on-site meetings and exchanges with STA and their contractors in an effort to progress the work along to completion. Residents and businesses have been very tolerant of extended road closures, open trenches, damaged grass verges and poor road surfaces. Delays were blamed on contractor disputes and allegedly not knowing the location of water pipes. The lane from Cobweb Cottage to the canal bridge at Ladywood has now been resurfaced.

### **Flooding/Weather December 2014 - February 2015**

Our winter has thankfully been a non event in most respects. No snowfall or icy weather to speak of, quite mild and with lower rainfall has meant we avoided the surface water flooding issues which our Parishes have endured in recent years.

### **Lengthsman Scheme**

The Parish Lengthsman scheme has once again been administered successfully over the past 12 months and although he has not had surface water issues to contend with, our Lengthsman Mike Lovatt deserves praise for his hard work in clearing out drains, gullies and additionally for his involvement with the war monument restoration.

### **Planning: Proposed/Retrospective Developments.**

The PC has considered and commented on **44** Planning Applications and there have been **5** Enforcement Actions in our parishes.

A Public Consultation and Display of Planning documents was held for a proposed developments of 163 dwellings at Chawson Lane, Salwarpe which remains at the consultation stage.

### **1<sup>st</sup> WW centenary**

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, a service was held at Salwarpe to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the 1<sup>st</sup> WW and also to dedicate and bless the restored war monument. This event was the culmination of two years hard work for which our sincere thanks go to Cllr Meddings for her tireless efforts and particularly the attention to detail which ensured that the event was a total success and a very memorable and moving experience.

New metal fencing had been installed to the rear boundary, screen hedging planted, the surrounding ground was seeded, the war monument underpinned and the monument stonework cleaned.

A display of WW1 memorabilia was staged in St Michaels church; this was also displayed later at Salwarpe fete.

Funding for the works came from WDC, the Wychavon WW1 Centenary Fund and also Worcestershire CC.

### **Community Event**

The Parish Council with powers under LGA 1972, S144 contributed to the provision of facilities for visitors to the area and the fete.

The aim of the Salwarpe Fete Committee, a voluntary group is to raise funds for the upkeep of the two historic listed churches in the parishes and had raised a record sum of £14,600.

### **County & District Councillor**

Appreciation is expressed for the support given by Cllr Tony Miller regarding contentious planning applications, Highway issues and other problems taken up on our behalf. We also express our gratitude for his efforts in making funds available towards replacement of our rather-dilapidated Parish Notice boards and any additional works required to be undertaken by the Lengthsman.

On the subject of notice boards, a thank you is due to Bellway Homes for providing a new Parish notice board near their residential development at Newlandhurst. This was formally handed over to the Parish Council this afternoon.

### **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**

Martin Hussingtree public rights of way are checked by Rod Mayneord. A summary detailing the work undertaken safeguarding these public footpaths will be given in a separate report.

Salwarpe public rights of way are checked by David and Pauline Adams. A summary detailing the work undertaken safeguarding these public footpaths will be given in a separate report.

Hindlip public rights of way were checked by Janet Grotefeld who has now resigned. Our thanks and appreciation go to her and also to the three new volunteer wardens for their invaluable service to the community.

### **Parish Councillors**

My thanks go to each councillor who has contributed in various ways to the numerous issues we have been tasked with and by representing the Parish Council on matters which have arisen over the past year. These include planning consultations, fly grazing, motor bike racing, the Smite traveller site and fly tipping issues.

Thanks also to Elizabeth Gallagher for performing her duties here as Parish Clerk.

At this time I wish to say a special thank you to the three councillors who are not seeking re-election in May and who have served 90 years; not 90 years each I should add;

John Broderick 43 years in total including I believe some 20 years as Chairman, Robin Hatfield who has served 39 years and Penelope Edwards 8 yrs.

John and Robin's service also covered the period of amalgamation of the three individual parishes to form the combined PC we have today.

My first year as Chairman has been somewhat of a learning curve and my thanks go to Deputy Chair Barbara Meddings for her support and advice throughout the year which has been invaluable.

#### **4. Reports of Parish Path Wardens**

The Clerk read the following reports provided by the Parish Footpath Wardens, Mr D & Mrs.P Adams (Salwarpe) and Mr R Mayneord (Martin Hussingtree)

##### **i) Parish Path Wardens Report March 2015 for Salwarpe**

Our apologies for not being able to attend this meeting in person.

Since being appointed as Path Wardens for Salwarpe parish last June we have managed to walk all the paths at least once and completed some minor clearing work but generally the paths were found to be in good order following the excellent work carried out by David Cullom the previous Path Warden.

The following should be noted:

Footpath SA-515 from Copcut Lane towards Droitwich is subject to a Temporary Closure Order for part of its length, commencing on 1 April 2015 with a maximum anticipated duration of 6 months.

<p>ii) <b><u>Parish Path Wardens Report March 2015 for Martin Hussingtree</u></b></p>	<p>Footpath SA-537 is impassable because of overgrown foliage where it meets the M5 boundary fence and turns right to meet the road to Tibberton. This matter has been reported and is awaiting a working party to clear it.</p> <p>I am very sorry to say that due to an urgent matter I will not be able to attend the Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>There is nothing to report with the footpaths, I have walked them regularly and all seem okay. I will be taking my clearing equipment around over the next month or so keeping the stiles and gates free from over growth</p> <p>I have not received any comments re the footpaths but would like to ask if anyone is concerned about a path please get in touch and it will receive my urgent attention.</p> <p>iii) Cllr R Hatfield proposed a vote of thanks to retired Path Warded Mr. D. Cullom. It was noted that a letter of thanks had previously been sent to Mr Cullom for his exceptional service to the Parish.</p>
<p>5. <b>Community Police Report</b></p>	<p>The Clerk read a report provided by PC A. Goundry PC Support Officer Droitwich West and Rural West SNT which detailed crimes, anti-social behaviour incidents and thefts that had occurred throughout the months of February and March 2015.</p>
<p>5 <b>Public Questions Raised</b></p>	<p>There were no questions raised from the public gallery.</p>

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Annual Parish meeting at 7.18 pm.

Signed .....Date 16th May 2016  
Chairman