

HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Hindlip, Martin Hussingtree & Salwarpe Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 18th September 2017 at Committee Room Salwarpe Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr. P. Oakley (Chairman), Cllr. B. Meddings, Cllr. A. Phillips, Cllr D. Luscombe. Cllr. M. Armitage, Cllr J. Brodrick (7.10pm). Cllr. J. Clarke Cllr.A. Thawley Cllr. J Hill (7.05pm)

IN ATTENDANCE E. Gallagher (Clerk)
Dist. Cllr T Miller (7.10pm)
Dist. Cllr L Duffy

No	Minute	Action
1.	<p>Apologies Apologies had been received from: Cllr A.Thomas Cllr. C. Hughes</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest/Code of Conduct & Standing Orders</p> <p>To declare any interest Chairman – Non-pecuniary interest – Introduction of Lengthsman to client. Cllr D Luscombe – Non-pecuniary interest -Member of the Parochial Church Council item 9.d</p> <p>To declare any Dispensations None declared.</p> <p>To note the Code of Conduct and requirements of the Transparency Regulations Noted.</p> <p>To note the Right to Record meetings: Refer to Notice displayed on meeting table. Noted.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th July 2017 were approved and signed as being a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p>Clerk - Progress Reports on actions from minutes of 17th July 2017</p> <p>Councillors requested an update on the following items from the previous Minutes.</p> <p>a) Martin Hussingtree Junction/Pulley Lane schemes</p> <p>i]. Power supply improvements carried out by sub-contractors of Western Power had resulted in excavation of the section of Parish Council owned land fronting Swan Inn without notification or involvement in discussions. Reinstatement of the registered Village Green would be sought.</p> <p>ii]. Anticipated improvement proposals provided by a Developer's contribution, for Martin Hussingtree Junction had become merely an upgrade and modification of traffic lights (MOVA). A meeting requested by the Parish Council and District Councillors to discuss a recommendation to County Highways that a designated signalized left turn traffic lane onto the Pershore Lane to replace the existing Slip Road, was still in abeyance. Improvements to the junction formed part of development planning conditions imposed by the Appeal Inspector.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cnty Cllr. Miller</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cnty Cllr. Miller Hindlip Councillors Clerk</p>

<p>b) Sling Lane</p>	<p>Further deterioration to the surface of the Lane had occurred. The County/ District Councillor was due to attend a meeting with the Governors and Head of Hindlip and Tibberton Schools and agreed to discuss the issue and its effect on the school accessing their playing field. Hindlip Councillors also agreed to look into the issue and the Clerk was asked to investigate the status of the lane as a Public Right of Way and historic Green Lane with the County Countryside Department. The lane being located within the registered historic Hindlip Parkland owned by West Mercia Police Authority.</p>	
<p>c) Walking Route - Strategic Route Boards and New Gates</p>	<p>Deputy Chair had investigated the feasibility of applying for New Homes Bonus project funds but had been informed that a proposal for walking route information boards would not meet NHB grant criteria.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>d) Worcester Wildlife Trust -Horse Seizures</p>	<p>The Clerk read a communication from Inspector Wall of West Mercia Police, Safer Neighbourhood Team, noting that only two incidents of fly grazing/loose horses had been reported over the previous six months.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>e) Church Lane – Overgrown Trees/Potholes</p>	<p>Councillor Miller confirmed that Church Lane would be entered on County Council Highways 2018 maintenance programme, however the Lane was considered a low priority due to its limited volume of traffic. He agreed to meet the Deputy Chair to view the overhanging tree branches and their proximity to BT overhead wires and the Listed Building of Orchard Manor.</p>	<p>Cnty.Cllr Miller</p>
<p>f) Planning Notification Oversight</p>	<p>The Chairman agreed to write to Gary Williams, Head of Planning, Wychavon District Council regarding their Planning department oversight in consultation notifications when siting of Telecommunication Masts are proposed within the parishes.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>g) Nations Tribute</p>	<p>The Village Hall Committee had confirmed that the Hall and their mounted iron Beacon brazier could be utilised free of charge for a Community Tribute Event. The Deputy Chair agreed to discuss the issue of public liability insurance and risk assessment with the Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee. It was mooted that any additional insurance cost could be supported from Parish Council funds. It felt that a multi-party committee should be set up for the planning of the community event.</p>	<p>Deputy Chair</p>
<p>h) Microlite Flights</p>	<p>No further flights had been reported. Incidents remained at a total of 11. The Deputy Chair asked that all Councillors continue to report further incidents.</p>	<p>All Councillors</p>
<p>i) Vandalism – Salwarpe Canal Embankment</p>	<p>West Mercia Police had recorded details of persons found at the scene on Sat 24th June 2017. No further incidents had been reported. The positioning of the CCTV camera at Salwarpe Bridge was considered to be a helpful tool in curbing incidents.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>j) The Canal & River Trust</p>	<p>The Parish Council been approached by the Canal & River Trust and the Chairman had met with Nick Worthington, (Waterways Manager) and his colleagues on 15th August 2017. A joint funding operation with the Parish Council for improvement of the towpath and a permanent mooring station near Salwarpe Bridge was discussed. The Chairman was awaiting further follow up information from the Canal & River Trust. Previously an approach been made by the Droitwich Pamela May Trust regarding improvement work and discussions had taken place as to whether the Droitwich Trust could also become involved in a multi-funded party venture. It was decided that this project might be suitable for consideration for an application for a New Homes Bonus grant.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>k) Affordable Housing Wychavon District Council</p>	<p>The District Council reported on the need for social housing to be provided that would bridge the gap between private and council rentals The District Council had agreed in principle dependent on a proven business case to enable council owned land to be developed for</p>	

	<p>housing to be let at a fair market rent. A separate District Council Housing Company would be established and planning permission would be applied for in line with planning legislation. The venture would generate income and satisfy a recognised community need.</p> <p>l) Worcester Warriors Lease The County Councillor reported that the County Finance Office were looking into the legal position on the proposed change of use of the Park & Ride Terminal parking area by the Worcester Rugby Club. He agreed to report to the Chairman any information received and whether planning application 17/01160/FUL would be referred to the Planning Committee for consideration. The Car boot markets on the site appeared to have ceased in accordance with the 14 events allowed under Class II, Permitted Development.</p> <p>m) Drury Lane Hatchery This site and buildings had not been maintained and in a state of dereliction. Clerk to investigate details of ownership..</p> <p>n) Bench Seat/Bus Shelters A handmade wooden bench seat had been erected by unknown persons adjacent the Martin Hussingtree bus layby. County Highways had confirmed no action would be taken to remove the seat and had suggested that the Parish Council consider providing a seat. Councillor Phillips had researched various types of covered and seated bus shelters which could be provided at both bus laybys on either side of the A38 at the Martin Hussingtree Junction. Councillor Phillips agreed to circulate details to all Councillors for consideration. It was suggested that a New Homes Bonus grant could be considered for the provision of the two bus shelters. The Deputy Chair would enquire if the NHB Advisory Panel would consider a grant for the provision of bus shelters. A further suggestion was made as to whether funding from reserves might be considered. Allocation of reserves would be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 23rd October 2017.</p> <p>o) Overgrowth Covered Dangerous Railings Councillor Hill reported that the road boundary railing at the Smite Hill junction was completely covered with overgrowth restricting visibility on the dangerous bend. The Deputy Chair agreed to instruct the Lengthsman to cut and remove overgrowth back to the rear of the railings.</p> <p>p) 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.</p> <p>q) Pensions Regulator Completion of Auto Enrolment Compliance Declaration due March 2020.</p>	<p>District Councillor Miller/Chairman</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Phillips/Deputy Chair/All Councillors</p> <p>Deputy Chair</p> <p>2024</p> <p>2020</p>
<p>5. Reports from District and County Councillors</p> <p>a) County Council Budget & Forecast Hartlebury Recycling Plant - Energy to Waste had performed better than expected. More energy with less emissions had been produced compared to the initial 12 month forecast. The plant was not yet running at full capacity but already deemed to be a value for money development.</p> <p>b) Vulnerable Children and Elderly The County Council had not met targets relating to 'at risk' children and elderly adults. An increase in council tax would be applied to fund improvements.</p> <p>c) Planned Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The continuation of flood alleviation projects and problems with embankment and soil erosion would commence in November 2017 • In association with the Severn River Trust. Swim channels to be installed in weirs to encourage chad fish to swim up river. • County Council Energy Schemes. Soon to be offered via the Worcestershire County Council website. Switching deals would be offered. 		<p>County Councillor Miller</p>

	<p>a second wreath provided by the Council on behalf of parishioners. It had been agreed that the local representative of the Falklands War Association living in Salwarpe, join the Remembrance ceremony and lay their anniversary remembrance wreath at the Salwarpe War Monument.</p> <p>The Chairman offered a vote of thanks to Councillor Thawley for his work in cleaning the Memorial</p>	
8.	<p>Salwarpe Village Hall Committee Report A Salwarpe Village Hall Committee meeting had been scheduled for 20th September 2017 and it was suggested that the Nations Tribute provisional programme be discussed. It was also suggested that discussions should include a Hall representative to form a multi-party committee with the remit of managing all aspects of organising the event.</p>	
9.	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Review of payments made and received since the last meeting (see Appendix 1) Noted and approved.</p> <p>b) Report year to date expenditure compared to budget Noted and approved</p> <p>c) Budget/Precept – Finance Committee meeting Arranged for 23rd October 2017 Salwarpe Village Hall. 6.00pm</p> <p>d) Application to Increase Grant to Burial Grounds 2017/18 from £950 to £1080 Acceptance proposed by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Clarke. Carried by 9 votes in favour 1 abstention (Councillor Luscombe)</p> <p>e) Community Event Increase 2017 from £380 to £400 (s144) Acceptance proposed Councillor Luscombe, seconded Councillor Phillips. Carried unanimously. Allocation of funds for all types of community events to be reviewed for 2018</p> <p>f) Conclusion of Audit The Notice of the Conclusion of Audit had been displayed an all noticeboards and posted on the Parish Council website.</p>	Finance Committee
10.	<p>Planning Consultations & Enforcement (Appendices 3 - 5)</p> <p>a) Planning Applications Noted.</p> <p>Court Farm Sale Notice/Change of Use It was understood that planning approval for the proposed Rural Business Centre would expire in December 2017 (if work had not commenced prior to that date). It was possible subject to special circumstances for an extension to be applied for on a lapsed approval. A listed building application had not yet been submitted in support of the application relating to the former Farmhouse 17/01344/FUL, change of use of the original educational facility to residential use.</p> <p>b) Enforcements and Appeals Noted.</p> <p>c) Temporary Granted Permissions IN/14/00299 – APP/H1840/C/16/3150869 Pear Tree Inn. Unauthorised Change of Use. Removal of groundworks: The site had now been cleared but not restored to grass. Non-implemented development permissions had been granted on this site some years ago. The Deputy Chair agreed to review the details of the plans stored in the Parish Council historic files.</p>	Deputy Chair
11.	<p>Correspondence</p>	

a)	Email from Parishioner regarding Overgrown Footpath in Ladywood. Matter referred to the Parish Footpath Warden for action.	
12.	<p>Councillor Reports and Items for Future Agendas</p> <p>a) Hindlip Park Overgrowth & Tree Decay Clerk to contact Sally Griffiths District Tree Officer to inspect the state of some trees within Hindlip Historic Park and establish with Place Partnership the estate management responsibilities...</p> <p>b) Obstructive Parking at Junction of Hindlip Lane & Hurst Lane Deputy Chair to contact County Councillor Miller to refer to County Highways Department</p> <p>c) Woodside Cottages Embankment The Deputy Chair had clarified the boundaries of the embankment areas on plans provided by the Tree Officer Sally Griffiths and would action restoration and maintenance of the trees covered by a Tree Protection Order.</p> <p>d) Worcester Wildlife Trust Suggestions for support .</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Deputy Chair</p>
13.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The date of the next Council Meeting was approved as Monday 20th November 2017 at Salwarpe Village Hall to commence at 7.00pm.</p>	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm.

Signed.....
Date 20th November 2017 Chairman

Public Question Time
No members of the public present.

7.05pm - Police Incident Report
The Chairman read a Police Incident Report dated 15th September 2017, produced by PCSO Aidan Goundry. SNT Droitwich Town West and Rural West.