

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 18th March 2019 at Salwarpe Village Hall

Present	Cllr. P. Oakley Chair) Cllr. B. Meddings (Presiding Chair), Cllr. M. Armitage, Cllr. A. Thawley, Cllr. C. Hughes, Cllr. A. Phillips, Cllr. J. Clarke, Cllr D. Luscombe. Cllr. J. Hill (7.10). Cllr. Cllr. J Brodrick (7.30)
In Attendance	E Gallagher (Clerk). Cnty/Dist Cllr. Miller (7.30) Police Representation – None
Public Attendees	3.

No	Minute
1.	Apologies: Cllr. A. Thomas Mr & Mrs Adams (Parish Path Wardens Salwarpe.) Hussingtree) Mr R Meredith (Parish Tree Warden)
2.	Minutes The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 19th March 2018 were approved and signed as a true record of events.
3.	Presiding Chairman's Address See attached appendix A
4.	Reports of Parish Path Wardens i) <u>Parish Path Wardens Report March 2018 for Martin Hussingtree (Mrs. A. Phillips)</u> Mrs Phillips gave the following report: 'Several footpaths last summer were unpassable as the rain and then sun caused the stinging nettles to grow to head height. I cleared 516, Wychavon Council cleared 525. The owner of the ex chick hatchery has kept 513 clear. New metal gates have been issued to Knoll farm and the land owner is planning to install them this spring. The bridle way 506 (off the corner approaching Fernhill Heath) is unpassable with fallen trees. This has been reported to Wychavon Council as it will need a chainsaw to clear. Stiles crossing the railway line at 508/509 are in poor condition but usable & have been reported. The wooden signpost pointing across Brownheath Common at 530 has disappeared. All other paths clear'. The Chairman read the following reports. ii) <u>Parish Path Wardens Report March 2019 for Salwarpe (Mr & Mrs D. & P. Adams)</u>

	<p>'We have endeavoured to walk all the paths at least once in the past year and generally they were found to be in good order needing only minor clearing work and replacement of some waymarks.</p> <p>The following should be noted:</p> <p>Footpath SA-533. The new wooden fence constructed at its junction with Newlands Road does allow access, but if replaced by a standard stile or gate would make access to this path easier.</p> <p>We have received no feedback in regard to footpath SA-517 which the landowner has refused to allow access to since 2006'.</p> <p>iii) <u>Parish Path Wardens Report March 2019 for Hindlip (Mrs E. Bevan-Smith)</u></p> <p>None – Vacant position</p> <p>iv) <u>Tree Warden Report March 2019 (Mr R. Meredith)</u></p> <p>None- Notice of resignation. Vacant position</p> <p>Councillor Meddings agreed to advertise vacant positions in the next Community Magazine</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Public Question Time</p> <p>Three members of the public were present.</p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding a General Permitted Development application submitted for an industrial development unit at Drury Lane. The Chairman explained the nature of this type of application and the criteria for consent. Prior approval conditions were discussed. The Parish Council were unsure whether the application met the conditions but if so, the Planning Department would have no option but to grant consent. The Chairman explained however that the Parish Council had voiced their concern.</p> <p>Concern was also expressed about the effect this development would have on the traffic congestion on this narrow road. Residents were told of the impending 'No Right Turn' signage to be located at the north exit of Drury Lane.</p> <p>Martin Hussingtree Junction was discussed with residents asking whether a lower speed limit could be introduced. The Chairman explained that the trunk road did not meet criteria for a lower limit but the MOVA system had resulted in improvements to road safety. A camera sited at these lights was suggested by the residents.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Community Police Report</p> <p>Councillors had been provided with a copy of a police report provided by Droitwich West and Rural West SNT prior to the meeting. There were no issues to be discussed.</p>

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Annual Parish meeting at 7.35pm.

SignedDate 16th March 2020
Chairman

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 18th MARCH 2019

CHAIRMANS REPORT

The majority of issues which our three Parishes have been involved with during the past 12 months have been either Planning or Highways related.

Yew Tree Hill and Copcut Rise

House construction at both Copcut and Yew Tree Hill sites are progressing well with many properties now completed and occupied. The developers involved, William Davis, Persimmon and Redrow Homes have submitted reserved matters applications to cover changes in design detail and other minor matters following outline consent being originally determined at appeal for their respective sites.

Applications have been submitted to increase the numbers of house completions above the level which triggers the obligation for Highway works; that is the numbers which were stipulated by the Secretary of State as part of the appeal decision and were clearly defined by Condition.

The Parish Council has continued to object robustly to these proposals until the developer's responsibilities have been complied with and the specified Highway works completed.

The traffic signals at the A38/A4538 junction have been upgraded to a MOVA (Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation) system which is intended to overcome some of the problems of the previous installation. The system is more responsive to traffic conditions and should hopefully lead to a significant increase in capacity at this junction. Some modifications have subsequently been carried out and it now appears to be operating satisfactorily.

We are advised that improvement work to Pulley Lane and also to signalise the Copcut Lane/Pulley Lane/A38 junction can only commence once the M5 Junction 6 work is completed. The work has been extensively well publicised but the proposed timescale, 7 months, is being severely criticised and questioned by many local residents. The Parish Council has contacted Interserve, the Junction 6 contractor to establish a completion date, and have now been informed that this has 'slipped' from Spring to Autumn.

Planning: Applications and Enforcements.

During the past twelve months, the Parish Council was consulted and commented on **52** Planning Applications, this number being very similar to the previous year 2017/18. There have also been **3** appeals, **1** Enforcement Action, **1** Temporary application and **1** Licensing application throughout the three Parishes.

New Homes Bonus

I am pleased to report that the application for NHB funding to purchase two new bus shelters at Martin Hussingtree was approved by Wychavon District Council. My thanks go to Councillor Tony Miller and former Councillor Lynn Duffy for supporting this proposal and to Cllr Alison Phillips and clerk Liz Gallagher for their diligence and attention to detail in completing and presenting the application proposal. A big thank you to Alison for also overseeing the installation work which was completed in November 2018.

The shelters have been very well received by users of the bus service; both school pupils and adults have expressed their appreciation.

Nations Tribute

On 11th November 2018 an event was held in Salwarpe to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. A beacon was lit at the Village Hall with a display in the hall and refreshments. The whole event was organised and managed by Cllr Barbara Meddings to whom our sincere gratitude is expressed. The evening event was blessed with good weather, attended by almost 200 local people and was a total success with many visitors expressing their appreciation.

Salwarpe War Memorial

I can report that the war memorial in Salwarpe village has been awarded Grade 2 listed status. My thanks and appreciation go to Cllr Barbara Meddings for her efforts in gaining the listing, which will protect the structure going forward.

Parish Lengthsman Scheme

The Parish Lengthsman scheme has again been successfully operated throughout the past year and although there have been very few weather or surface water issues to deal with, thanks go to Daniel Lovatt of TopCut Services for his diligence and hard work including the removal of fallen branches, clearing out ditches, drains and gullies.

Community Events

The Parish Council again supported the annual Salwarpe Fete which was held on 18th August. The weather was excellent and the sum of £8,087.00 was raised, 75% of which helps the upkeep and maintenance of the two historic Parish churches at Martin Hussingtree and Salwarpe, the remainder of the proceeds going to support Droitwich churches.

An additional Community Event took place in 2018 in the shape of a Jazz concert held on 2nd June music courtesy of George Huxley and his band. This was very kindly hosted by John and Carol Hughes, attended by around 140 people and raised £779.00 after deduction of expenses, to help the Parish Churches.

County & District Councillors

The Parish Council's appreciation is expressed to Councillor Tony Miller for his ongoing support and assistance regarding contentious planning applications, Highway issues and other matters taken up on our behalf. Our appreciation is also expressed to former Councillor Lynn Duffy for her support in previous years.

Parish Tree Warden

Richard Meredith continued the voluntary work of protection of trees throughout the three Parishes but has recently stepped down from this role; our thanks are expressed for his work this year and in previous years. His role also included checking that TPO's are upheld and the inspection of damaged or overhanging branches which could create potential hazards for pedestrians and road users and so a new tree warden is being sought.

Parish Path Wardens

Martin Hussingtree public rights of way have been checked by Alison Phillips and Salwarpe public rights of way by David and Pauline Adams.

Our thanks and appreciation go to these volunteer wardens for their invaluable service to the community and other users of the footpaths.

Parish Councillors

My thanks go to each of those Councillors who have contributed in various ways to the numerous issues we have been tasked with and by representing the Council on matters arising over the past year. These include planning consultations; a special thanks for this activity to Cllr Meddings, carrying out risk assessments, reporting enforcement issues and fly tipping.

For performing her duties here as Parish Clerk/RFO, my thanks also to Elizabeth Gallagher.

Finally my thanks to Deputy Chair Alan Thawley for his hard work on Parish matters and for his support to me throughout the year which has been invaluable.

Philip Oakley
Chairman

18th March 2019