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HISTORIC NAME - COPCUT LANE

Extracts from Parish Council letter 22nd May 2009

Re: an enquiry from Worcestershire County Council; as street naming authority, regarding the name of Copcut Lane ending at the junction with Ladywood Road (ie: Railway Bridge).

The local historian* on behalf of the Parish Council visited the County Records Office to view archives, and Enclosure maps of 1813, 1817, 1888 and 1927.

Based on the historic evidence as detailed below; it is felt that **Copcut Lane is the correct name for the whole length** and no part has been known as Salwarpe Lane.

Historic Copcut

(6) 31st March 2005 Definitive Map places two names 'Copcut Lane' on

both halves of the lane, thereby adopting Copcut Lane as leading to the

village and adopted by the Royal Mail.

(7) 1st April 1989 Definitive Map placed the name 'Copcut Lane' on the

upper half, with the assumption it continues the whole length.

(8) 1927 Copcut Lane was adopted sometime after that year when Worcestershire County Council became responsible for roads.

(9) 1813 map: indicates the majority of land and accesses of Salwarpe and

Copcut were owned by Philip Gresley, Lord of the Manor who lived at High Park.

(10) Copcut is recorded as in existence as an area in the 14th Century and

may be, before that.

(11) Maps indicate that a Hostelry/Inn has historically been on the site of the junction of Copcut Lane and Roman Road A38 where the current Copcut Elm Public House stands.

Historic Salwarpe

(12) 1817 map: in Salwarpe village: the Mill, Church Cottage, Lychgate Cottage, Rectory, Church and Court, Hill End house and farmhouse. and 6 houses at Copcut.

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1888 map: Salwarpe village (as above) and 6 houses at Copcut

1927 map: Salwarpe village (as above) and 8 houses at Copcut.

(13) To date the lane leading to the village has only ever been identified as Copcut Lane (as indicated in the March 2005 Definitive Map) and to the best of our local knowledge has never been known as Salwarpe Lane.

In fact houses, within Salwarpe village, are identified only by their house name followed by 'Salwarpe' and do not use a lane name.

Names historically associated with Salwarpe (1817)

- i. Coney Green, east side area below Salwarpe Court (Coney refers to Rabbits)
- ii. Church Ends Meadows, west side area below present Rectory.
- iii. Pigeon House Orchard, changed to Chawson Lane
- iv. Bury Field, from east side area of Chawson Lane to end of Salwarpe Village

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parishioner Gill Lawley.
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