**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18TH 2017 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT :- MRS Y NOCK PRESIDING**

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS :- MR R LEES,MR M CRISP,**

**MRS S OLIVER, MRS M SINCLAIR. MRS S FROST.**

**APOLOGIES :- PCSO G MURPHY**

**OTHERS :- MRS S FARLEY(CLERK),**

**MRS VICTORIA WILSON – SCC CANDIDATE**

**NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS –** None

**-Section 17 – reminds Parish Councils to review if any of the decisions made at the Parish Council meeting have implications in relation to crime, disorder, anti-social behavior or community safety in general.**

**-Cllr Lees: as a member of South Staffordshire District Council (SSDC), will reconsider any planning applications at District level taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at that tier and at District level will declare an interest arising from membership of this Parish Council when expressing a view on any relative matters.**

POLICE REPORT

Unfortunately this had not been received in a suitable format to open and print to enable this to be discussed and PCSO G Murphy was unable to attend.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* Signage for Play area: Cllrs Nock and Crisp have started looking into signage and have to liaise over exactly what we need to have.
* The missing Weight Limit sign in Bridgnorth Road: A reply was received from Highways 11.01.17. “We can confirm that works have been undertaken and are now complete.”
* The fridge/freezer dumped in High Arcal Road was promptly removed
* Website: This is still being investigated by the Clerk.
* The Site Allocation Document was released on 16.01.17 and the nearest land which will probably be released from Green Belt for housing is in Wombourne, part of the upper area of the field off Bridgnorth Road which is used for car boot sales to build 90 homes.
* Insurance for the Play Area: Due to construction of the new play area we now need a bespoke insurance policy. Cover has been agreed for the remainder of the current insurance period and a new schedule and invoice is to be issued by Zurich Insurance Company.
* The cheque signed to pay for the playground had not been sent to Wicksteed as enough funds had not yet been deposited into the bank. We are also awaiting the final invoice from Wicksteed and the final inspection certificate.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS : None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING A DECISION : –

* 16/00750/VAR 106 David Wilson Homes Mercia - a variation to alter the delivery of obligations on 75% occupations of dwelling rather than 50% occupations and the transfers of freeholds from 75% occupations to 100% occupations in connection with the On-Site Amenity Greenspace, Nature Conservation Areas and Woodland, Country Park Extension, sustainable Classroom, Visitor and Community Centre, the Model Railway Building and Craft Village at: Baggeridge Village.Val 16.08.16, consult to 14.09.16, deadline 11.10.16, C.O. Lucy Duffy. HPC have sent the following objection: - Himley Parish Council strongly objects to the whole of this proposal. The development was only granted after refusal by SSDC and the subsequent appeal by David Wilson Homes, when the Inspectorate was presented with conditions which would alleviate the fact that the local infrastructure could not support the development. Some of the conditions are now under the threat of being delayed or removed from the applicant’s control, i.e. DWH is seeking to remove the reasons why the development was allowed. Himley Parish Council therefore cannot agree to this variation of conditions.
* 16/00779/FUL – Construction of dormer bungalow at 12A Himley Lane, rear of 89 School Road, Val 15.11.16, consult 07.12.16, deadline 10.01.17, C.O. Jennifer Mincher. This comment was lodged: - Himley Parish Council would like to point out that the access to this plot of land is from a bridle path off School Road, not Himley Lane and we understand that it was bought as agricultural land.

PLANNING DECISIONS-

* 16/00638/OUT – Demolition of bungalow 12 Plantation lane and construction of 4 dormer bungalows, C.O. Patrick Walker. Approved with conditions 09.01.17. Conditions: Surface water drainage, retention of category A oak and ash trees or further survey of trees for bat use, retention of native hedges, Himalayan Balsam control plan, lighting plan demonstrating potential bat roost trees will not be affected by light spill. Further conditions should be imposed on a full application for birds, badgers and bats. Staffs CC cannot grant permission for access on a private road.Himley PC Comment Date: Tue 03 Jan 2017 If this application is allowed the vehicles involved in demolition and clearance of the site and subsequent building will have nowhere to park in Plantation Lane without causing obstruction for existing residents. Even if they park on the first wider stretch from Bridgnorth Road, they would obstruct horse boxes. Could a condition be included that all vehicles involved must park on the site please.
* 16/00794/TREE – The Limes (Himley) Management, T22 Lime, crown-lift to 7 m above ground and T25 Horse Chestnut and holly, cut back to boundary with 88 School Road, Approved

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* The HSBC statement was presented for information purposes.
* Posters were distributed for display on both notice boards.
* The grounds invoice had been received from SSDC for the 2nd period of 16/17, totaling £198.29, along with a schedule of works that this covered, Cllrs Nock and Crisp wish to compare this to records that they keep regarding the works completed. Payment will be considered again at the February meeting. SSDC to be informed of this.
* Clerk to ask police if they could keep an eye on Bridgnorth Road, during the evenings for people using drugs and alcohol.
* Change of 2017 PC meeting date. Due to Easter, the April meeting will be on the 26th – subject to confirmation that the room is available on this night.
* Due to government cuts, Staffs County Council cannot provide the same level of funding to Citizens Advice Bureau for debt benefit and consumer advice as it has done previously. District, Borough and Parish Councils, along with the Police and Crime Commissioner and/or NHS have been asked if they would contribute to providing a reduced service. This service has been used recently by both Himley and Gospel End residents and the majority of Himley. Cllrs agreed to a small contribution of up to £100.
* The closing statement from the National Savings and Investment account had been received confirming this had been actioned with funds transferred to the HSBC bank account.
* Playsafety had been contacted regarding the inspection of the new play area to ask if this was required. They had advised the clerk that this was entirely our decision, however as Wicksteed had inspected it on completion this should be sufficient. Cllr Crisp is to contact Wicksteed for the completion safety certificate and then an annual inspection will be sought in October annually.
* A Planning masterclass is being held on Wednesday 15th February at SS Council Offices in Codsall from 9.30 until 2pm. Cllrs Nock and Sinclair are to attend.
* An email had been received to ask individuals to complete a questionnaire to indicate if they would be prepared to participate in a new lottery scheme called South Staffs Lottery as a fund raising venture. The Clerk has forwarded this to individual Cllrs for them to reply independently.
* An invitation to Cllr Nock for the Chairman’s Dinner was received for 17th March – She advised that she was unable to attend – Clerk to send response.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100399 – £9.56 M Crisp ( photograph expenses from new play area)

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING :-

**WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2017 at 7.00pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.