**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE 2017 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT :- MRS Y NOCK**

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS :- MR R LEES, MR P HEMMINGS, MR M CRISP, MRS S OLIVER**

**APOLOGIES :- MRS M SINCLAIR, MRS S FROST, PCSO G MURPHY,**

**PCSO L IRVING**

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

**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

The crime report for Himley and Swindon to 21/06/17 showed the following: 1 burglary residential, 1 criminal damage(excluding arson), 1 other offence, 1 Other theft, 5 other violence against the person, 1 theft from motor vehicle, 1 vehicle interference, 1 vehicle anti social behaviour nuisance, 1 local policing team.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* The sign has still not been replaced on the A449 between the B4176 and the bridge.
* High Arcal Road accidents: C Cllr Victoria Wilson offered help to procure a ‘bend’ warning sign. Following police research into High Arcal Road accidents which showed that many had been recorded by police, more information was given to Highways who were again asked for at least a bend warning sign to be installed.
* C Cllr Wilson has informed us that after a meeting at County with Mark Keeling, there should be a sign before the bend and the Traffic Management Officer will be sent to gauge the situation.
* The proposed website had been researched by the clerk and discussed at length the previous week by the clerk and Cllr Nock. It was decided that we would stay with the SSDC website that has a link to HPC. A grant from the Transparency Fund has been received and the clerk is to check that this can be used for the purchase of a computer to aid Parish Council administration.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :

* 17/00396/FUL – Wood Farm Barns, stable – Val 26.05.17, consult 29.06.17, deadline 21.07.17, C.O. Jennifer Mincher. HPC has no objections but will ask for a condition that the building will never become a dwelling and question the fact that the proposed stable is in the exact position where a pool is marked on a previous application, which may lead to flooding.
* 17/00536/FUL - Orchard Cottage, bungalow with separate access to Churns Hill Lane to replace approved application 16/00107/FUL. Val 21.06.17, consult 12.07.17, deadline 16.08.17. HPC has no objection but asks that demolition of The Lodge is confirmed before any construction begins.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING A DECISION : –

* 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.
* 17/00296/FUL – The Old Barn (renamed from Greyhound Barn), Stourbridge Road, conservation area, 3.5m square oak gazebo, Val 12.04.17, consult 11.05.17. deadline 07.06.17, C.O. Paul Thompson . Himley PC has commented that as this development is in a conservation area, any building must conform to the requirements set out for building in a conservation area and that any permitted development should be removed from the planning decision.
* 17/00426/TREE\_T The Limes Himley Management, val 11.05.17, deadline 06.07.17, C.O. Steve Dores – T31 and T32, 2 yews, remove lowest branch on T31 and reduce height of both by up to 3 metres and reshape crowns.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 17/00270/FUL – 12A Himley Lane, Demolition of existing garages and construction of new garage, val 24.03.17, consult not available, deadline 19.05.17, C.O. Matthew Hurley. Approved with conditions 19.05.17.
* 17/00271/TREE\_T – 1 Churns Hill Lane, Crown-lift Lime trees T38, T39, T40 to 6-7 metres. Val 20.03.17, deadline 15.05.. Approved with conditions 26.05.17.
* 17/00260/FUL – Himley Field Cottage, erection of one dwelling and timber store (amendment to reduce dwelling size of application 14/00506/FUL approved 23.07.14), Val 11.04.17, consult 04.05.17, deadline 06.06.17, C.O. Gareth Dwight. Approved with conditions 06.06.17.
* 17/00335/FUL – 41 Fir Street, single story rear extension to dwelling house – Val 20.04.17, consult 11.05.17, deadline 15.06.17, C.O. Matthew Hurley. Approved with conditions 14.06.17.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN :-

* 17/00311/OFFRES – Roadstone House, Fir Street, change of use from offices to 10 flats, val 03.04.17, consult 28.04.17, deadline 29.05.17, C.O. Gareth Dwight.
* 17/00312/OFFRES – Baggeridge House, Fir Street, change of use from offices to 8 flats, val 03.04.17, consult 28.04.17, deadline 29.05.17, C.O. Gareth Dwight. Himley PC objected because of the dangerous exit from Fir Street and Baggeridge development was only allowed including these premises for industrial use, on appeal. Application withdrawn 23.05.17

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* The HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* Cyber crime posters and shed security posters were distributed for the notice boards.
* The clerk informed Councillors’ that the reclaimed VAT return had been sent off on 24/5/17.
* A thank you letter had been received from Derek Walker for the vouchers sent to him in recognition of him completing the audit work for the Council.
* The clerk advised that she had been contacted by Playsafety and that she had confirmed the annual inspection be carried out and that this was diarised by them to be completed annually.
* Contractors who cut the Playing Field have been damaging the private gate and post at the School Road entrance. Andy Cousins at SSDC was contacted to advise the contractors of the damage and ask them to avoid such damage in future. Contractors will use a smaller vehicle in future.
* Homes and Communities were asked to cut the hedge and verge by the notice board and did so promptly.
* ‘Vandal’ damage to flowers in Sytch Lane Cemetery was found to be caused by crows.
* The Bridgnorth Road bus shelter needs repairing, a quote of £100 has been received to replace rotten wood and MDF roof lining which is falling down with ply wood. Cllrs requested that we ask for staining inside and preservative outside too.
* Temp security fence around Baggeridge Village site at end of Fir Street keeps being removed from road and traffic is again using Fir Street as an entrance. Cllr Lees stated that the security fence was not included in any of the plans and the existing gate across Fir Street should be closed to prevent un-authorised access.
* Clerk is to send email to Mr Stephen Foster asking for epicormic growth of lime trees which is obstructing the pavement in School Road to be cut back.
* Himley Country Hotel is applying for a new premises licence which includes inside music from 07:00 to 01:00 and supply of alcohol 07:00 to 01:00, both every day of the year. HPC is to object to these hours on the grounds of potential public nuisance and ask for current licencing hours to be renewed instead.
* Cllr Crisp confirmed that a weekly inspection of the play equipment is carried out and documented as per the insurance requirement.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100408 - £25 M&S – Derek Walker thank you
* 100409 - £300 Clerk Wages
* 100410 - £75 HMRC
* 100411 - £11.85 – Y Nock Expenses – notice board magnets
* 100412 – £45.60 S Farley Clerk – Expenses for 2016

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING :- **WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY 2017 at 7.00pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.32pm.