**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 16th MAY AT 7PM**

**PRESENT: - MRS Y NOCK**

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS: - MR R LEES, MRS S OLIVER, MRS M SINCLAIR,**

**PCSO G MURPHY**

**APOLOGIES: - MR P HEMMINGS, MR M CRISP, MRS S FROST**

**NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS –**

**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.**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

* Election of Chairman – Mrs Y P Nock - Cllr Lees proposed and Cllr Sinclair seconded.
* Election of Vice-Chairman – Mr M Crisp - Cllr Nock proposed and Cllr Oliver seconded.

POLICE REPORT - 18/4/2018 – 16/5/2018

PCSO Murphy joined the meeting at 7.25pm

Theft from motor vehicle: 5 incidents - Himley Hotel car park School Road – 2 x Car broken in to, satnav stolen and dash cam taken., Himley House Hotel – back window of car was smashed but believed they were disturbed before taking anything, Dudley Arms car park – car broken in to and dash cam stolen, Gospel End Road – window of van smashed, dash cam stolen. ASB:1 incident - Baggeridge Village – vehicle playing loud music at 0225hrs. Police attended 0240hrs and there was no one in the car and no music playing, Theft of motor vehicle : 1 – Car stolen from Baggeridge Village.

Other incidents of note: - Baggeridge Village – suspicious incident. Hughes Road at 0325hrs two males were caught on the residents driveway and appeared to be snooping around. Offenders were checking his cctv cameras and moved on. Believed they may be looking for vehicles of high value, Baggeridge Village – suspicious incident. Sus vehicle seen driving slowly around the estate. The estate has been victim to car thefts and burglary, Baggeridge Village – suspicious incident. Sus vehicle seen in the area by local officers but made off. Five males on board. No tax, no MOT, no keeper details.

There appears to be a lot of suspicious activity on the Baggeridge Village estate. It seems to be of interest to criminals.

More keyless cars are being stolen. Best ways to prevent theft are: - Use Faraday bag, insert posts in drive, use wheel clamp and steering wheel lock.

PCSO Murphy left the meeting at 7.55pm

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* Wicksteed have sent estimate to replace stolen swing seat but more information is required.
* Cllr Nock received replies from both our MP’s office with a letter from Openreach and from Paul Chatwin, the Superfast Staffordshire Programme Manager regarding fibre broadband for Himley. Himley, together with approximately 16,400 other premises in Staffordshire is in the last 5% to be provided with Superfast Broadband. No funding is available at present. Any residents who want it before then would have to share the cost of installation which could be thousands of pounds each, even with Openreach providing up to half of the required funding. A grant from The Community Fibre Partnership programme may be possible in future but someone would need to be responsible for applying for the grant and with Cllr Nock’s personal circumstances she would not be able to undertake this task.
* GDPR – this is still under review. Cllr Lees advised that there is to be legislation passed to exempt Parish Councils from this; however, we will have to register with the Information Commissioner’s Office.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 18/00363/VAR - [12A Himley Lane](https://maps.google.com/?q=12A+Himley+Lane&entry=gmail&source=g), Removal of condition 4 from application 16/00779/FUL dormer bungalow, applicant wishes to use garage as a living room. Val 03.05.18, consult to 28.05.18, deadline 28.06.18 C.O. Laura Moon.   HPC objects
* 18/00365/FUL – [89A Himley Lane](https://maps.google.com/?q=89A+Himley+Lane&entry=gmail&source=g), Double garage   HPC objects.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION:

* 18/00193/FUL - Land east of Red Lane, Proposed storage building Val 09.03.18, consult to 12.04.18, deadline 04.05.18, C.O. Paul Turner. Highways has no objection.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 18/00215/FUL – Orchard Cottage, Churns Hill Lane, new bungalow, val 16.03.18, consult to 12.04.18, deadline 11.05.18, C.O.Laura Moon. Approved with conditions 26.04.18

DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS

* 17/00920/COND – [32 Bridgnorth Road](https://maps.google.com/?q=32+Bridgnorth+Road&entry=gmail&source=g), conditions 3, 5, 9 & 11 were approved 24.04.18

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - • DMBC complained to Cllr Wilson about litter in High Arcal Road, she passed this on to SSDC

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* Posters were distributed for the notice boards.
* Cllrs advised that there were no alterations required to information held on the web pages for Himley Parish Council within the Staffordshire County Council Web site.
* Clerk to send letter to PCC Matt Ellis re 101 delays
* Himley Hall has a new manager, Tracey Reece.
* There was another incident of fly-tipped rubble in Bridgnorth Road by the litter bin on 26/27th April and another of general waste at a field entrance in Himley Lane reported on 16th May.
* Cllr Nock reported that a load of pebbles had been deposited on the highway at the junction of the A449 and B4176 and was reported to Highways.
* Site Allocation Documents have been finalised so any other developments in Green Belt should not be allowed.
* Cllrs Lees, Nock and Sinclair attended a residents meeting on Friday 11th May at Baggeridge Village which had been organised by the PCSO’s regarding their concerns on the estate. Matters are to be followed up by the PCSO’s.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100431 SSDC Grounds maintenance - £50.24 over-charged £6.63 which will be taken off next bill

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

**WEDNESDAY 20th June 2018 at 7.00pm.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.16pm.