**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY 2018 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT: - MRS Y NOCK**

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS: - MR R LEES, MR M CRISP, MR P HEMMINGS, MRS M SINCLAIR , COUNTY CLLR V WILSON, MRS S FROST, PCSO A RATHBONE, PCSO J BUZZARD**

**APOLOGIES: - PCSO G MURPHY, MRS S OLIVER**

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

**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.

POLICE REPORT - 15th November 2017 to 17th January 2018.

Burglary - 1 – Baggeridge park, outbuilding broken in to and fuel taken. Theft of motor vehicles 1 – School Road although it transpired that the owner had left the handbrake off and it was located further down the road.

Theft from motor vehicle – 0, Theft other 1 – Himley hotel, offender was a guest/customer, Vehicle criminal damage 1 - Wodehouse Lane – road rage. Drugs 0, ASB 0, Suspicious incidents - Gospel End – suspicious males seen hanging around The Firs, possibly trying doors. High powered vehicles in the area may be a target.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* The Commemorative Bench was fitted to the new base 21.12.17. Invoice has been received.
* The Baggeridge Village notice board framework was erected on the village green by DWH and we have attached the notice board. DWH have agreed to pay for both the framework and notice board and invoices have been forwarded to them for payment.
* The grit bin at the end of High Arcal Road has not yet been replaced.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 17/01122/FUL – Baggeridge Country Park, extension of existing miniature railway and associated landscaping, val 18.12.17, consult to 24.01.18. deadline 12.02.18, C.O. Lucy Duffy.
* 17/00727/FUL – 85 School Road, Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling. – val 25.08.17, consult 08.11.17, deadline 20.10.17, C.O. Paul Turner. Amendment: Orangery replaced by Dayroom with solid eastern wall, consult to 26.01.18.

PLANNING DECISIONS: -

* 17/00917/FUL - 28 Bridgnorth Road, Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of 2 storey rear extension, general internal and external alteration work, val 11.10.17, consult to 07.11.17, deadline 06.12.17, C.O. Matthew Hurley. Approved with conditions 08.12.17
* 17/00918/FUL - 30 Bridgnorth Road, Demolition of rear extension and erection of 2 storey rear extension, general internal and external alteration work, val 11.10.17, consult to 07.11.17, deadline 06.12.17, C.O. Matthew Hurley. Approved with conditions 08.12.17
* 17/00919/FUL - 32 Bridgnorth Road, Erection of 2 storey rear extension, general internal and external alteration work, val 11.10.17, consult to 07.11.17, deadline 06.12.17, C.O. Matthew Hurley. Approved with conditions 08.12.17
* 17/00920/FUL – 32 Bridgnorth Road, 2 proposed 3 bed dormer bungalows with attached garages, parking & access road, val 18.10.17, consult to 09.11.17, deadline 13.12.17, C.O. Lucy Duffy. Approved with conditions 19.12.17
* 17/00956/FUL – Land east of Red Lane, alterations to builders’ yard comprising boundary walls, entrance gate, hardstanding & modular office building – val 24.10.17, consult to 21.11.17, deadline 19.12.17, C.O. Lucy Duffy. HPC submitted this comment: Himley Parish Council wishes to note concerns that this seems to be an unsuitable site as access to the site is very narrow. The nature of the application suggests that large HGV type vehicles will require access to the site. The main road that the lane is situated off is a very busy vehicular route and within 3 metres there are newly installed traffic lights to a residential development. Approved with conditions 22.12.17 including a report to be submitted regarding protected species, no storage of salt for highway treatment and no vehicles using the site to be used for winter treatment of highways.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION:

* 17/00899/FUL - Beggars Bush Lodge, Stourbridge Road – Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of new detached oak-framed garage and maintenance equipment/feed store, val 03.10.17, consult to 01.11.17, deadline 28.11.17, C.O. Rob Duncan.
* 17/01062/COU – Baggeridge Brick Co Ltd., Fir Street – Change of use from Craft Unit to Dog Groomers, val 29.11.17, consult to 26.12.17, deadline 24.01.18, C.O. Lucy Duffy.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL: -

* Cllr Wilson gave an update on the Velo 2018 cycle race and advised that at present the route of this was under review. She also provided a brief snap shot of what was going well and not so well regarding County Council budgets and services.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* The directional sign has now been fitted to the new posts on the A449 between the B4176 and the Railway Walk.
* Cllr Nock had reported to Highways that the road signage at the junction of Dudley Road and High Arcal Road had been demolished, a trench in School Road had sunk, a tree branch was blocking the pavement in Dudley Road near the Dudley border and a set of traffic lights at the junction of Stourbridge Road and School Road had been dis-lodged and twisted. The latter was dealt with immediately.
* HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* Posters were distributed for display on the noticeboards.
* The clerk advised that a new copy of the Electoral Roll had been received.
* The Clerk requested HPC agree to her attending a briefing from the new auditors – Mazaars – on Tues 27th March in Stafford. Cllrs agreed to pay travel expenses for this.
* Details of the library consultation had been forwarded to Cllrs and this was outlined again with no proposals for comment to be made.
* An email had been received from SSDC advising of a speeding tractor in both Himley and Swindon . They had replied to this and this was for information purposes only.
* The Clerk advised that the Precept request for 2018/19had been acknowledged.
* Clerk had received confirmation that the litter bin in the village would be emptied twice per week.
* Cllr Nock is to attend the briefing meeting on 26/1/18 regarding District and Parish Elections.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100423 – SSDC Grounds maintenance - £188.84
* 100424 – P J Fox – Bench repairs - £250.00

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: - **WEDNESDAY 21st February 2018 at 7.00pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.13pm.