**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER AT 7PM**

**PRESENT: - MRS Y NOCK (CHAIRMAN) PRESIDING**

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

**CLLR V WILSON**

**APOLOGIES :- MRS M SINCLAIR, MR P HEMMINGS, PCSO G MURPHY**

**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 - 19/9/2018 – 15/10/2018:- • ASB hotspots: no locations identified for this month. Traffic:

Reports of drivers using A449 south bound are turning right on to Beggars Bush Lane where turning right is prohibited. Police have targeted this area on several of occasions and have witnessed a number of drivers contravening the traffic signs. Letters have been sent out to each of the drivers, their vehicles have been recorded and Police will continue to target this area. RTC Himley cross roads – on 8th Oct, someone collided with the traffic lights and failed to stop. The lights had come completely away from the ground. No witnesses have come forward.

Theft of Motor Vehicle/Theft from Motor Vehicle : Himley Country Hotel – the following incidents 20th Sept overnight – van broken in to.25th Sept 1440hrs – van broken into 9th Oct 0030hrs – 3 x vans broken in to.

28th Sept 0020hrs – 14 plate Vauxhall Corsa stolen. Baggeridge estate & Gospel End Road (GE.RD) 20th Sept – Land Rover broken in to overnight. £2000 worth of tools stolen. (GE.RD), 2nd Oct 0030hrs – Chalmers Road, Baggeridge Est. Believed to be car key burglary. Audi S5 on the drive offenders disturbed, 3rd Oct 1430hrs (GE.RD) – tools stolen from van. Witnessed by caller but no patrols close by. One tool alone was worth £600, 8th Oct 0020hrs Baggeridge Park – burglary at the office, 9th Oct between 12.15 – 13.30hrs – (GE.RD) van broken in to wallet and 2 bags with personal items, mobile phone and car keys stolen.

Police are looking for volunteers for Speed Watch. If any residents are interested please direct them to www.staffssaferroads.co.uk/my-community/community-speed-watch

Smart Alert link is available to any residents interested www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* The leak at the entrance to Himley Mill Care Home was eventually repaired after Cllr Crisp, having first reported the leak during the summer, repeatedly badgered Severn Trent over four days because people at the bus stop were getting wet and dirty from passing traffic.
* The Clerk advised that following investigations into purchasing a new laptop for Council business the total cost including software and a yearly anti-virus package would be £500-£600 – Cllrs confirmed that the purchase was necessary and approved this to go ahead.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* In Wombourne: - 18/00802/FUL – SAD Site, Bloor Homes, Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne, val 21.09.18, consult to 23.10.18, deadline 21.12.18, C.O. Lucy Duffy. Himley PC to send these comments: - 1. No foul water must be allowed to enter Himley sewage farm as it is almost at capacity.2. The entrance to the site will be just over the brow of a hill where vehicles which leave a 40mph limit are increasing speed or are already at speed in a 60mph speed restriction, so to prevent accidents there needs to be either traffic lights at the junction or the speed limit on Bridgnorth Road reduced.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION:-

* 18/00193/FUL - Land east of Red Lane, Proposed storage building. Amendment – val 09.03.18, consult to 28.06.18, agreed expiry date 20.07.18, C.O. Paul Turner. Applicants have reduced the size of the proposed storage building by 6ft in length and width and 12ft in height.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 18/00363/VAR - 12A Himley Lane, 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 Objected. Application refused 16.10.18
* 18/00365/FUL – 12A Himley Lane, Double garage and boundary wall. HPC Objected. Application refused 16.10.18
* 18/00505/FUL – 12 Monkton Way, orangery to rear of property, val 02.08.18, consult to 28.08.18, deadline 27.09.18, C.O. Matthew Hurley. Approved with conditions 20.09.18

DISCHARGED CONDITIONS:-

* 17/00727/COND - 85 School Road, val 13.06.18, Expiry date 08.08.18, deadline 05.09.18, C.O. Paul Thompson, Discharge of condition 3 (materials for roof tiles, rainwater goods, windows & header brick). Discharged 12.10.18.

COUNTY DECISIONS :-

* SS, 18/01/633B MW (18/00463/C OM) – Himley Wood Landfill, val 30.05.18, consult to 27.06.18, deadline 27.06.18, C/O.Debbie Hall. To retain existing electricity generating plant for landfill gas and replace equipment to generate from compressed natural gas. Approved with conditions 21.09.18.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - County Councillor’s report

* C Cllr Wilson has been contacted by Gospel End residents concerned about the chaos caused by the switching on of Christmas lights at The Summer House. This occurs yearly for an hour or two and police have been involved but no solution has been found.
* She reported the state of finances for Staffs County Council. All County Councils have a statutory duty to provide social care for vulnerable adults and looked after children. Staffordshire C.C. has spent the record amount of £315,000,000 this year. Over the past 9 years, the Council has already made savings of £240,000,000 but needs to find another £35,000,000. For example, subsidised bus passes will not be usable before 9.30am, the County Council will no longer fund crossing patrol warden wages, and this allows the Council to ensure that the most essential jobs will still be done. Parish councils are being asked to work with the County Council, to get non-essential work done in their parish, and ask volunteers to assist. HPC is asked not to do anything where safety is a concern or such as tarmac in-filling/ paving slab replacement where litigation could ensue.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* Posters were distributed for display on the noticeboard.
* Pothole/ surface scabbing in Fir Street has not yet been filled in as Baggeridge Country Park are still waiting for the tarmac.
* Complaints have been received about the state of the surface of Penn Road from Wodehouse Lane to Penn Common but following the County Councillors report no action was taken.
* A resident has asked if HPC has any plans to seek funding for Superfast Broadband as we will be in the last 5% of the Staffordshire population to be included. Cllr Nock replied that we have none at present but are looking for someone who could. He is actively seeking help and will enquire what the cost would be .We need to know how many of Himley village residents would be interested as we would have to share the balance of the cost after receiving a grant.
* SSDC is undertaking the 5 year review of polling districts and polling stations and welcomes our views. Polling stations will probably be rooms in Himley Country Hotel for Himley and the new community centre at Baggeridge Country Park for Gospel End. HPC would have liked to provide a porta cabin polling station on Gospel End Road to assist elderly residents but this would have added about £3,000 to the cost of an election which households ultimately have to pay in their rates. If unable to access polling stations, postal votes are available.
* The Clerk is to contact Himley Hall and the police regarding the policing and security arrangements for Himley Bonfire on Saturday 3rd November.
* • The road closure details for Sat November 3rd for Himley Bonfire had been received.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100439 SSDC Grounds Maintenance - £86.36

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

**THURSDAY 22nd November 2018 at 7pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.