**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19th 2018 AT 7.00PM**

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

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

**MRS S SINCLAIR**

**APOLOGIES :- CLLR V WILSON, PCSO G MURPHY, MR P HEMMINGS**

**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 - 22/11/18 – 18/12/18

* ASB hotspots: no locations identified for this month.
* Himley Country Hotel. – we are still having continued theft from motor vehicles at this location. PC Wayne Green is currently dealing with this and the owner. An update will be provided soon.
* Baggeridge estate & Gospel End Road (GE.RD)

23rd Nov – Van broken in to overnight on Monkton Way.

10th Dec – Hughes Road, Baggeridge Est. Van stolen.

12th Dec – GE.RD van broken in to.

* Drink Drivers :-

23rd Nov – Gospel End Road – male arrested for providing a positive breath test.

29th Nov – Wolverhampton Road, Himley. Male arrested for providing a positive breath test. Also arrested for possession of Class B (cannabis), warning issued in relation to this due to no previous offences.

Both of the above drink drivers were stopped and arrested by our Special Constables who are a massive help to our team and are voluntarily.

* 5th Dec between 1830 – 2130hrs burglary at Red Lane Farm, Gospel End. Suspicious circumstances, occupant rarely goes out and was burgled during the small time frame she was out. Believes it may have been someone she has previously rented stables out to.
* 9th Dec – Fir Street. Males stopped in vehicle which was parked up and arrested for possession of Class B (cannabis), warning issued in relation to this due to no previous offences.
* 11th Dec – Baggeridge Country Park – large quantity of tools found, right on the boarder for West Midlands Police. Owners have not yet been identified.
* Reports of a drone flying round Gospel End and the Summer House pub in the evening when it’s dark. Concerns raised that the camera has night vision and is casing out locations to commit crime. Info provided at the Pubwatch meeting by the landlord of the Summer House.
* CCTV camera, Gospel End Road by Baggeridge estate – waiting for an installation date.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Gareth Bowen reported that he had received replies from 39 interested residents for Superfast Broadband. Cllr Lees suggested contacting Margot James the Minister responsible for Superfast Broadband to see if she can help in any way.
* The overcharge on the last Grounds invoice will be corrected on the next one.
* The early morning traffic backup on the by-pass seems to have improved.
* The insurance company had confirmed approval of the insurance claim and payment of the invoice less VAT and the excess had been authorised for direct payment into Himley Parish Council bank account.
* There was nothing to report on DWH finishing contract.
* An enquiry had been made regarding the allotments on the Baggeridge Estate and Cllr Lees had directed the enquiry to SSDC.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 18/00964/FUL – 26 Bridgnorth Road, Front extension to dwelling, Val 28.11.18, consult to 01.01.19, deadline 23.01.19, CO Laura Moon
* 18/00987/COU  - Baggeridge Craft Village, units 5,7 and 9. Change of use from 3 craft units to one unit ClassD1 (non-residential institution) for an ‘Education role play centre for 2 to 8 year-olds to enhance social, speaking and listening skills. Val 15.12.18, consult to 09.01.19, deadline 09.02.19, C.O. Lucy Duffy.  HPC to ask for further information on the use and voice concerns over increase in traffic on  Brick  Kiln Way, a private road,and contact Social Services about the plans.

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.
* 18/00925/OFFRES  parking amendment to 17/00807/OFFRES – West Midlands Ambulance Service, Baggeridge House, Fir Street, change of use from offices to 8 flats

APPEALS AWAITING A DECISION:-

* 16/00779/FUL 12A Himley Lane now called 89A School Road, 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 now called 89A School Road, Double garage and boundary wall.HPC Objected.  Application refused 16.10.18

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* Posters were distributed for display on the noticeboard.
* By a majority vote, Cllrs regretfully decided that there was no alternative to an increase above inflation for the precept for 2019-2020 as jobs previously carried out and funded by Staffs County Council will have to be financed by Himley Parish Council. There has been a significant increase in properties during the past year which should help reduce the impact of the increase.
* The road surface scabbing in Himley Lane cul de sac which Cllr Nock reported in August, has had a layer of tarmac applied.
* We were contacted by the MD of Barratt and David Wilson Homes with a résumé of their years trading and commitment and would welcome comments about how they could improve the way they do things.
* SSDC to be asked for the pavement sweeper for the eastern end of School Road as complaints have been received about the amount of rotting leaves.
* Quotes are to be sought for bases for required benches on both the Playing Field and Baggeridge Village Green.
* The clerk is to ask for the electoral role in a different format for ease of reference.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100442 – S Farley Clerk wages - £300
* 100443 HMRC - £75

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -  **Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 7pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.07pm.