**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM**

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

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

**MRS S SINCLAIR, MR P HEMMINGS**

**APOLOGIES :- CLLR V WILSON, PCSO G MURPHY**

**OTHERS :- MRS S FARLEY CLERK**

**ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC – MR P SINCLAIR**

**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 - 17/10/2018 – 20/11/2018.

* Himley Country Hotel – 95% of the jobs reported in the past month have come from this location and relate to vehicle crime. The police are in the process of writing to the owner to ask that he takes more responsibility to reduce the amount of incidents and are looking to carry out another operation to combat this issue in the meantime.
* ASB hotspots: no locations identified for this month.
* Traffic:

Patrols are still being carried out in relation to the reports of drivers using A449 south bound who are turning right on to Beggars Bush Lane where turning right is prohibited. Drivers are still contravening this road sign but no repeat offenders have been identified so hopefully the message is getting through.

* Himley cross roads – vehicles are jumping the red lights and this appears to be a regular problem. The police are to look into how cameras could be placed on the traffic lights.
* The police are looking for volunteers for Speed Watch. If any residents are interested please direct them to http://www.staffssaferroads.co.uk/my-community/community-speed-watch

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Clerk is continuing to seek advice on laptops and has been advised by Cllr Lees to contact SSDC.
* The Summer House will not be having a “Switch On” this year for their Christmas Lights to prevent the chaos caused in previous years.
* Himley resident Gareth Bowen who very kindly volunteered to investigate the possibility of sourcing a grant for Superfast Broadband in Himley because of our abysmal current Broadband speed has organised a leaflet drop to find out how many residents are interested in procuring the service. He will then ask Openreach for the cost to install it under a community fibre partnership.
* Himley Hall Bonfire passed with minimal damage to the village. Clerk to thank DMBC, Highways and police for their efforts in organising and policing the event which caused little disruption to the village and DMBC for clearing the main roads of litter.
* We were overcharged £6.63 on a previous invoice for the 4th quarter 2017-18 grounds maintenance in June but it was not taken off the invoices for the next two quarters. Clerk to ask for a reduction in the next invoice for the 3rd quarter 2018-19 by the amount owed to us.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 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.

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

APPEALS:-

* 18/00363/VAR - 12A Himley Lane now called 89A School Road, 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   The applicant has appealed against this decision.

* 18/00365/FUL – 12A Himley Lane now called 89A School Road, Double garage and boundary wall.HPC Objected.  Application refused 16.10.18   The applicant has appealed against this decision.                            Environment Agency still objecting in August re flood risk to this property and others.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* Posters were distributed for display on the noticeboard.
* SSDC will be providing more ’dog fouling’ posters which we will put around the village and on the Playing Field.
* A resident has reported that traffic is backed up to Sandiacre from the A449 lights 7 days a week from about 6am to 7am. The report has been passed on to Highways.
* A decision will be made at the next meeting on the precept for 2019-20
* The invoice for the stolen parts on the Playing Field must be paid to Wicksteed and reclaimed from the insurance. The Clerk is to contact Zurich regarding this.
* The VAT refund has been processed. As there were too many items for the online system, one invoice will be carried forward and claimed with the 2019/20 claim. A refund of £112.15 is due into the bank account within the next month. The remaining VAT of £20.30 will be claimed in the next financial year.
* SSDC is demanding that David Wilson Homes finishes jobs in the contract on Baggeridge Village and hands the remaining land over to SSDC.
* The Clerk completed requests for electronic updated electoral rolls for the Parish.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100440 – Wicksteed Leisure - £2118.00
* 100441 – SSDC Grounds maintenance - £93.17

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

**Wednesday 19th December 2018 at 7pm**

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