**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY 2019 AT 7.00PM**

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

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

**MRS M SINCLAIR, MR P HEMMINGS**

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

**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.**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

• Election of Chairman – Mrs Y P Nock - Cllr Lees proposed and Cllr Hemmings seconded.

• Election of Vice-Chairman – Mr M Crisp - Cllr Lees proposed and Cllr Oliver seconded.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

• Chairman’s address detailed the achievements and a resume of actions for the past 12 months.

• There were no members of the public in attendance.

• The Annual meeting was closed and the May 2019 monthly meeting opened.

Police Report Date : 25/04/2019 - 14/05/2019 (as received)

1 Incidents of note: Burglary business: Stourbridge Road – Sports Club outbuildings accessed

2 Priorities: Our priorities over the coming weeks/months continues to be targeting vehicle crime in the South Staffordshire area. To do this we will be continuing with Overt & Covert patrols in all our areas. We have also been liaising with West Midlands Police and sharing information of vehicles / Nominals of interest in an effort to promote a joint response to issues that occur right on the border of both force areas. Assistance from Special Constables in areas where vehicle crime has been reported and engagement with the local community.

3. Crime hotspots: We are still receiving reports of incidents from the Himley Country Hotel on School road, reports from the hotel are usually reporting theft’s from customer’s vehicles (usually vans). We have completed an operation in the area and continue to do patrols in the area in an effort to prevent crime in the location, we will deal with any incidents we come across during patrols in the most effective way at the time.

4. Speed Watch: We are also currently having an issue with volunteers for community speed watch in the area, in short we have a lack of volunteers and are struggling to maintain a Community Speed Watch presence. As I am sure you are aware speed enforcement is carried out by local neighbourhood teams within South Staffordshire as often as possible but due to other commitments that take priority we are unable to do as many sessions as we would like. This is were community speed watch groups can be a valuable asset to combating the issues of excess speed in the area. Due to multiple requests I arranged and set up speed watch awareness sessions and a full training course specifically for residents of Wombourne, Himley, Lower Penn Swindon, Seisdon, Trysull and Bobbington which was advertised around villages and on social media in June / July of last year, despite a large amount of interest and requests to join only one person came to the sessions, a community speed watch group cannot run with one person so unfortunately the group was closed.

Our aim is to create one big group to cover all of the above mentioned areas, Lower Penn already has a speed device and arrangements will be made to bring all groups together and operate using once device with residents doing speed watch in their own areas, this will enable the group to be formed with no cost as a device is already available, however, if any independent parish’s or a collaboration of parish’s wish to purchase a second device for use by the group this would also possible.

If you or anyone you know has interest in joining a speed watch group please make contact with community speed watch direct on: 01785 232702 or visit the website at: http://www.staffssaferroads.co.uk/my-community/community-speed-watch

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Superfast Broadband: Gareth Bowen’s time has been limited to obtain this but he has received some offers of help with filling in forms for residents.
* Parked Cars in School Road near bend: Following residents’ fears that there will be a fatality soon, our request to SCC for double yellow lines and a request to the offending residents not to park near the bend, there has been an improvement in the situation. It has been recommended that anyone who has a near miss or accident reports it to the police.
* Bench for the Playing Field: A teak bench 6 feet long will be ordered.
* Himley Park: Following the excessive noise from an event in Himley Hall, SSDC licensing officers met with Dudley officers and the park will in future need a license for musical events when more than 500 people attend.
* Baggeridge Village: David Wilson Homes have still not transferred the land near the chimney to SSDC.
* Development at Beggars Bush Lane: We have been informed that the foul water from the development will not go to Himley Sewage farm.
* The ‘No Parking’ notice and other notices are missing from the white gates across Fir Street. Cllr Lees to investigate.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 19/00318/FUL Brick Kiln Way, 3 storey, 66 bed Care Home for older people with associated access, parking and landscaping. Val16.04.19, consult to 17.05.19, deadline 16.07.19, C.O. Lucy Duffy.

HPC to report concerns that:

There will be insufficient parking for staff and visitors

The sewage system could be overloaded as it discharges into a small 6 inch diameter pipe in Fir Street where there have been problems in the past with sewage discharging into the road. If there is no problem with the sewage system, why is there often a vehicle similar to a gully emptier working in the manholes?

That extraction/fumes may affect the air quality for homes leeward of the building.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION:-

* 19/00212/REM – Land at Beggars Bush (in Wombourne), Seeking approval for the layout, scale, appearance and landscaping in accordance with condition 2 on the outline approval 18/00559/OUT. The outline planning application was not subject to an environment impact assessment. Val 19.03.19, consult to 19.04.19, deadline 18.06.19, C.O. Jennifer Mincher.
* 19/00226/ADV – Himley Hall, to display 3 non-illuminated free-standing signs (at entrance gates). Val 22.03.19, deadline 17.05.19, C.O. Lucy Duffy, no consultations requested.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 19/00112/FUL - The Old Barn, Stourbridge Road, Replacement oak-framed garden shed, Val 20.02.19, consult to 22.03.19, deadline 17.04.19, C.O. Matthew Hurley. Amended to reduce size and approved with conditions 09.05.19.
* 19/00265/COU - 1 Wood Farm Barns, Proposed manège area, Val 12.03.19, consult to 10.04.19, Deadline 07.05.19, CO Debbie Hall. Approved

APPEAL DECISIONS :-

* 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. Approved by Planning Inspectorate.
* 18/00365/FUL – 12A Himley Lane now called 89A School Road, Double garage and boundary wall. Approved by Planning Inspectorate.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* Following heavy showers, the bend in Himley at the end of School Road was flooded. On inspection, the gulley was completely blocked with soil and detritus from previous rain bringing it along the gutter. The whole of School Road needs both the road and pavements swept at regular intervals to prevent this occurring again.
* A mistake was made at the last meeting with the insurance cheque. The incorrect amount was inserted so the cheque was shredded. A new cheque was made out to Zurich for £528.45.
* Enforcement will be asked to check on unauthorised buildings erected in Baggeridge Village.
* Gavin Williamson has invited Cllrs to a coffee morning in Codsall on Saturday, 18th May.
* C Cllr has asked if anyone is interested in joining a coach trip to Parliament.
* SSDC asked if we wanted to loan one of their three litter pick boards, to encourage residents to get involved in helping to keep their neighbourhoods clean and tidy.
* Posters were distributed for the noticeboards.
* A resident from Baggeridge Village has requested details of the next Parish Meeting as she wishes to attend. She has recently joined the Safer Neighbourhood Panel and wishes to understand more about the work of Himley Parish Council. Clerk to write to advise of June meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100450 £528.45 – Zurich Insurance Co

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -  **WEDNESDAY 19th JUNE 2019 at 7pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.