**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM**

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

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS: - MR M CRISP, MRS M SINCLAIR, MR R LEES**

**APOLOGIES :- MRS S OLIVER, MR P HEMMINGS, MRS S FROST,**

 **COUNTY CLLR V WILSON, PCSO ALEX RATHBONE**

**OTHERS :- MRS S FARLEY CLERK.**

**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 – Police report for HIMLEY Parish Council (As received from PCSO)

Dates: 17/11/2019 – 15/12/2019

Incidents of note/Main headlines since the last meeting:

Vehicle crime -

Again, a few incidents of vans being broken into on car parks at both Himley Hotels and also Himley Hall.

Criminal damage –

Some damage was caused to some fencing at a local farm.

ASB hotspots:

No repeat locations - No ASB reported this month.

* We 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>
* Please recommend Smart Alert to any residents interested https://staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs/
* Please follow @SStaffspolice for up to date tweets from your local Police. Look out for #Himley for local info.
* Please feel free to encourage public participants to try reporting incidents via our ‘Digital 101’ service. A private message can be sent to Staffordshire Police pages on Facebook / Twitter, instead of phoning 101 and waiting in a queue. Photographs and short video clips can also be sent via this service.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* The falling rocks and litter in The Rocks in Gospel End has not been cleared. Cllrs requested that the Clerk contact County Cllr Wilson for an update as she was to report this following the November meeting.
* Website: The new website, himleyparishcouncil.co.uk went live on 14.12.19.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 19/00890/OUT 32 Penn Road, outline application for 2 detached dwellings, Val 27.11.19, consult to 02.01.20, deadline 22.01.20, C.O. Jaqueline Hannaford. Himley Parish Council to object on the following grounds: Green Belt, no relevant special circumstances offered, no pavements to nearest infrastructure facilities or to in-service bus stops, not infill development.

DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS DECISIONS:-

* 19/00318/COND2 Baggeridge Brick, Fir Street, discharge of conditions 4 (landscaping) and 6 (bird nest boxes) for LNT Care Developments, Val 31.10.19, consult to 28.11.19, deadline 23.01.20, C.O. Lucy Duffy. Approved 27.11.19

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :-

* 19/00678/HEDGE  - Field access track off Bridgnorth Road (and bridle path to Maidensbridge), 160 meters hedge removal - Val 09.09.19, consult to 23.09.19, C.O.  Steve Dores
* 19/00848/TREE  Whitehall, Wolverhampton Road,  (Conservation area) reduce height of Tulip tree by 15 feet and balance remainder accordingly. Val 14.11.19, consult to 28.11.19, deadline 26.12.19, C.O. Steve Dores.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 19/00740/FUL 8 Baggeridge Close, ground floor extension at rear and side/rear extension to first floor. Val 14.10.19, consult to 05.11.19. deadline 09.12.19, C.O. Lucy Duffy No Objections. Approved with conditions 09.12.19 following a reduction in the size of the balcony.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* 03.12.19  A resident complained that leaves were blown from a property in School Road onto the pavement and highway. An email was sent to the owner of the property explaining that an offence had been committed but it was decided to not take any action on this occasion. In future he must remove the leaf litter in the appropriate manner.
* An email had been received from SSDC Street Scene stating that all operations had been completed, however the School Road hedge has still not been cut. Cllr Nock had asked for the hedge to be cut and leaves swept up in School Road. SSDC replied that they will check up with the flail operator.
* Cllr Lees has offered to purchase lime trees to plant along the hedge of the playing field in School Road, opposite the existing line of lime trees. Cllrs thanked him and agreed. This will be funded from his District Councillor budget. This will provide a pleasant entrance into the village and will help with climate change through the planting of these trees.
* A request for a precept of £10,750 in line with inflation is to be made for 2020/21 to SSDC.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100465 £350.10 – Clerk’s wages
* 100466 £87.40 - HMRC

 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

 **WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2020 at 7pm**

 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.