**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM**

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

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

 **MRS S OLIVER, MR P HEMMINGS, MRS S FROST,**

 **PCSO L JONES**

 **COUNTY CLLR V WILSON**

**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.**

PCSO L Jones attended the meeting and advised that in future Police Reports would not be produced due to the reduction in numbers of PCSO’s. She advised that where PSCO’s could attend meetings they would and if not they would email through crime trends and hot spot details to the Clerk.

The Crime trends for South Staffs area show :-

* An increase in the number of garages entered for power tools, house burglaries where houses are broken into to obtain car keys and the cars then stolen.
* Vehicle crime numbers where power tools have been stolen from vans has increased.
* A number of golf clubs premises have been broken into, one had equipment and a trailer stolen and others have suffered damage to the properties.

PCSO Jones left the meeting at 7.25pm

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* The Rocks at Gospel End - the debris has still not been removed. Cllr Sinclair to contact C Cllr Wilson.
* Website - The problem with some devices not being able to gain access to some areas of the site was solved. Cllr Lees had questioned the fact that the website provider was to add information and not the Parish clerk and would ask SSDC solicitors for advice. Cost to change to the Clerk adding information would be £100 extra for setup and an increased annual hosting fee. The provider reassures us that the way the website is set up is as secure as it can be and would be less secure with anyone else able to add information. It was decided that we would stay with the way the website was set up.

Since the website went live we have received complimentary comments.

* The debris on the pavement from trees in School Road has been removed.
* The hedge in School Road has still not been cut.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :-

19/00890/OUT 32 Penn Road, outline application for 2 detached dwellings, Val 27.11.19, consult to 02.01.20, deadline 22.01.19, C.O. Jaqueline Hannaford. Object – Green Belt, not infill, lack of pavements to infrastructure facilities, no special circumstances offered to alleviate the Green Belt development criteria.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

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 A delegated decision was made on 24.10.19. that no prior approval permission was required.

19/00848/TREE - Whitehall, Wolverhampton Road, (Conservation area) reduce height of Tulip tree by 15 feet and balance remainder accordingly, 26.12.19, C.O. Steve Dores. Approved 19.12.19.

19/00549/TREE\_T The Limes, Churns Hill Lane –Fell Holly, Horse Chestnut and reduce length of branches of Lime - Val 15.07.19, C.O. Steve Dores. Permission given 15.01.20 to fell Holly and Horse Chestnut with a condition to plant a Holly or Yew near to existing Holly within 2 years. Reduction of Lime branches was refused.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* Many people did not realise that the last recycling collection before Christmas was on a Saturday, 5 days earlier than the next ‘normal ‘collection and did not leave their blue bins out.
* Chief Inspector Mark Ward has left South Staffordshire and has been replaced by Chief Inspector Simon O’Donnell.
* Himley Country Hotel is now ‘Dog Friendly’.
* A large Horse Chestnut in the grounds of Himley Hall opposite the rear of Ward House adjacent to a dam is riddled with Honey Fungus. It does not have a TPO and is now recommended to be removed as a high priority due to the potential damage it could cause to its surrounding area should it fail.
* The Three Tier Meeting on Thursday 23rd January is to be attended by Cllr Y Nock.
* Cllr Nock to ask for a litter pick in High Arcal Road.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT ; –

* 100467 £211.00 payable to Cllr Nock to pay Chipmonk Computing by BACS for website construction, 12 month’s registration of domain name, hosting and support plus completion of Accessibility Statement.

 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

 **Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 7pm**

 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.