**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 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 P WILKES, SGT J DORRINGTON**

**APOLOGIES:- 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.**

CRIME FIGURES :- PCSO P Wilkes and Sgt J Dorrington attended the meeting.

The following crimes were reported: 2 thefts from vehicles Himley Country Club, 1 theft – Gospel End Rd, 1 attempted vehicle theft – Baggeridge Close Gospel End, 1 theft of motor vehicle – Baggeridge Estate, 1 attempted burglary at a property, 1 attempted theft of a motor vehicle from Himley House Hotel – tools stolen from vehicle.

Sgt Dorrington reminded all that to receive the new version of Smart Alert you must delete the old version and sign up to the new one.

PCSO Wilkes and Sgt Dorrington left the meeting at 7.30pm

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* The Rocks litter and rock-fall. Diane Firkins, SCC to be contacted by Cllr Sinclair
* SSDC have agreed to litter-pick High Arcal Road.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

The following 8 applications apply to premises in Green Belt which only have permission for agricultural storage and the following comments were sent to SSDC: - HPC has no objections but is concerned for the following reasons: -

1. Operations may take place at un-social hours causing a noise problem for private houses on the track

2. Do all Units have proper toilet and hand washing facilities and deep drainage as there is mention in one application that there is a chemical toilet?

3. Will they be contrary to Policy EQ 9 of the Local Plan?

**19/00967/LUE** - Hinksford Farm Unit 2A, Application for Lawful Development Certificate, Val 20.12.19, consult to 07.02/20, deadline 14.02.20, C.O. Thomas Cannon. Use Class B8. The unit has been and is currently used as general storage for an electrical (utilities) company. No Objections

**19/00968/LUE** - Hinksford Farm Units 3 and 4, Application for Lawful Development Certificate for both Units, Val 16.01.20, consult to 07.02.20, deadline 12.03.20, C.O. Thomas Cannon. Unit 3 was used for general storage by previous occupier and is now used for general car repairs and storage. Unit 4 was used by the previous occupier is used by the present occupier for general storage. No Objections but does Unit 3 have facilities to prevent run-off of oil/slurry contaminating watercourses.

**19/00969/LUE** - Hinksford Farm Units 6 and 7, Application for Lawful Development Certificate for both Units, Val 16.01.20, consult to 07.02.20, deadline 12.03.20, C.O. Thomas Cannon. Both units have been used for general storage (B8) by a surfacing company. No Objections.

**19/00970/LUE** - Hinksford Farm Units 1 and 8A, Application for Lawful Development Certificate for both Units, Val 16.01.20, consult to 07.02.20, deadline 12.03.20, C.O, Thomas Cannon. Both Units have been used for general storage (Class B8 warehousing and open air storage) by its current and previous owners. No Objections

 **19/00972/LUE** - Hinksford Farm Unit 11, Application for Lawful Development Certificate, Val 20.12.19, consult to 07.02/20, deadline 14.02.20, C.O. Thomas Cannon. This unit has been used and is currently used as general storage, B8. No Objections

**19/00974/LUE** - Hinksford Farm Unit 9, Application for Lawful Development Certificate, Val 21.12.19, consult to 07.02/20, deadline 15.02.20, C.O. Thomas Cannon. This unit has previously been used for general storage (B8). No Objections

**19/00976/FUL** - Hinksford Farm Unit 8B, Retrospective planning application for material alterations to the elevations and change of use from agricultural storage to Class B2 Use (General Industrial). Val 21.12.19, consult to 07.02.20, deadline 15.02.20, C.O. Thomas Cannon. No Objections

**19/00977/COU** - Hinksford Farm Units 12A and 12B, Retrospective planning permission for change of use from agricultural storage to B2 class use (General Industrial), Val 16.01.20, consult to 07.02.20, deadline 12.03.20,C.O. Thomas Cannon. No Objections.

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**20/00015/FUL** 41 Fir Street, Single storey extension to dwelling house to form a utility room, Val 18.01.20, consult to 14.02.20, deadline 14.03.20, C.O. Jaqueline Hannaford. No objections.

**20/00046/LUP** | Conversion of existing offices (Use class B1) to residential (Class C3) | Baggeridge House Fir Street. Val 24.01.20, consult to 20.02.20, deadline 20.03.20, C.O. Gemma Smith

**20/00055/FUL** Baggeridge House, Fir Street, façade alterations and extension, Val 27.01.20, consult to 25.02.20, deadline 23.03.20, C.O. Gemma Smith.

**20/00063/FUL** Baggeridge House, Fir Street, erection of second floor and extensions to provide a mix of 7 no. 1, 2 and 3 bedroom flats, val 27.01.20, consult to 06.03.20, deadline 23.03.20, C.O. Gemma Smith

Cllrs requested that the clerk contact the planning officer to express concerns with the sewers in Fir Street as there have been previous problems

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 :-

19/00876/FUL 14 Brick Kiln Way, single storey extension to side of house (part retrospective), Val 20.01.20, consult to 10.02.20, deadline 16.03.20, C.O. Gemma Smith. Application approved with conditions 17.02.20.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS

* Cllr Crisp had contacted Wicksteed regarding the metal fencing intended for the Playing Field. Cllrs agreed to accept the quote received from Wicksteed; also that we should provide a picnic table as families were picniing on the grass and remains of dog faeces may be present. Cllr Crisp to ask for quotes.
* Cllrs Crisp and Hemmings met with SSDC officer to discuss the planting of lime trees donated by D Cllr Lees and also a dead tree which will be removed by SSDC. They also repaired the small field gate.
* A resident complained about the bench which had been installed by David Wilson Homes on the amenity area in Baggeridge village and left for about 2 months with construction scaffold around it. HPC contacted DWH immediately who attended to it.
* The Himley village notice board is letting in water and needs attention; Cllr Nock to get quotes.
* Cllr Nock attended the ‘Stronger Three Tier Kinver Division Meeting’ for C Cllr, District Cllrs and Parish Cllrs where the CEO of SSDC explained that having local meetings between County, District and Parish Cllrs and discussing subjects and problems that crop up at local level would help to solve more problems, often finding answers. Asking villagers to volunteer for jobs was proving popular in some parishes as villagers felt they were enhancing their own environments whilst enjoying meeting other volunteers; and parish councils taking on some of the jobs was proving popular.
* A ‘Weekly News update’ from SSDC has now been added to the Home Page of our website himleyparishcouncil.co.uk
* A Himley resident contacted us concerned that the field bought at auction from Homes England for housing would use Churns Hill Lane as access. She was given the history of planning applications for the field and told that, as far as we know, the only access is from Plantation Lane.
* It was reported that a garage in Baggeridge Village had been converted to living accommodation, against regulations; Enforcement would be notified.
* Two invoices for Grounds had been received; SSDC to be asked for breakdowns before payment was authorised.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT ; –None

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

 **Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 7pm**

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

**THE MARCH HPC MEETING WAS CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION AND THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED REMOTELY BY COUNCILLORS**

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