**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY VIA TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

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

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

**MR P HEMMINGS**

**APOLOGIES:- MRS S OLIVER, MR M CRISP, 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 as received :- 16/12/20 – 17/1/2021

Main headlines since the last meeting:

* Criminal Damage -School Road – Civil dispute resulted in door of residential property being damaged.

Other –

* Fir Street – Report of badger’s sett being disturbed during building work. Local Badger expert attended alongside officers but could not see any evidence of interference at the location.
* Himley Plantation – Report of large tent and signs of large gathering in the woods in the days prior. Officers dismantled this to prevent any further gatherings, no further reports and no sign of anyone having returned.
* Gospel End Road – Locks knocked off communal garages. Nothing appears to have been taken.

ASB hotspots: - Quarry off Himley Rd – Off road bikes,, Baggeridge Craft Village – Cars being driven in an anti-social manner on car park

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Wicksteed provided a replacement infant swing seat FOC and the split seat was replaced FOC by Mr I A Nock.
* Cllr Sinclair reported that Fitzpatrick Woolmer had replied that it was impossible to guarantee that notice boards are waterproof and suggested that the compression strips had hardened. Two new strips are to be ordered.
* The plank over the brook was removed by SSDC. Insecure branches were then placed across the brook.
* Gareth, who volunteered to look into the possibility of Superfast Broadband for Himley on behalf of the Parish Council, almost 3 years ago, has succeeded, after working hard at various options which then collapsed. Openreach has now agreed that Himley will, within the next year, have a Superfast Broadband infrastructure, with Fibre to the Premises with the help of Government and Staffs County Council grants. It will be an open network with each household choosing their own service provider. Other residents have helped out with delivering leaflets and canvassing and HPC is very grateful for their work. Our sincere thanks go to Gareth and his team.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 20/01045/FUL Himley Country Hotel, The demolition of part of the former Hotel, and erection of 9 dwellings with garages and car parking, the refurbishment of the retained former School Building / Private Residence to a 2 Bed Bungalow with garage, together with private amenity and new gated private road from the existing access from School Road. Val 04.01.21, consult to 25.01.21, deadline 05.04.21, C.O. Planning Team
* 20/01115/FUL 20 School Road, single storey rear extensions and alterations. Val 14.12.20, consult to 27.01.21, deadline 08.02.21, C.O. Ester Cuthill.
* 20/01155/FUL 16 Chalmers Road, Single storey orangery. Val 23.12.20, consult to 28.01.21, deadline 17.02.21, C.O. Ester Cuthill.
* 21/00029/FUL The Old Smithy, School Road. Erection of new garage and internal alterations at. Val 09.01.21, consult to 03.02.21, deadline 06.03.21, C.O. Planning Team.
* Pre-planning notification of an upgrade to the communications mast in Red Lane was received

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :-

* 19/00901/FUL   The Firs, Wodehouse Lane. Staff and customer car park extension on neighbouring local authority land to the west of existing car park, Val 02.03.20, consult to 24.03.20, deadline 27.04.20, C.O. Gemma Smith. 17 trees need to be removed. This application has been amended.
* 19/00922/COU     Wood Farm, Gospel End Road. Change of use of existing farm building from equestrian use to dog daycare and training facility, val 25.09.19, consult to 29.10.20, deadline 19.11.20 C.O. Planning team.
* 20/00063/COND   Baggeridge House, Fir Street,  Discharge conditions 4 - materials, 5 - finished floor levels, 6 - foul water drainage, 7 and 8 - refuse storage / cycle storage. Val  21.08.20, consult to 30.09.20, deadline 13.11.20, C.O. Gemma Smith
* 20/00182/FUL    The Firs. Staff and customer car park extension on neighbouring local authority landto the south of existing car park i.e. further back from Wodehouse Lane extending behind a house in Fir Street
* 20/00466/FUL    Baggeridge House, Fir Street, amendments to 20/00046/OFFRES internal and external alterations of the converted proportion. Val 12.06.20, consult to 03.11.20, deadline 07.08.20, C.O. Gemma Smith.
* 20/00974/TREE   Beggars Bush Lodge. Remove a Beech Tree in Conservation area. Val 16.11.20, consult to 30.11.20, deadline 28.12.20, C.O. Steve Dores.
* 20/01004/FUL    Baggeridge Country Park, The stationing of a shipping container for use by Breathing Space Therapeutic Services only.  Val 1.11.20, consult to 10.12.20, deadline 06.01.21, C.O. Lucy Duffy.
* 20/01067/FUL     10 Penn Road. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 3-bed dwellings. Val 09.12.20, consult to 05.01.21, deadline 03.02.21, C.O. Laura Moon. Objected on too much housing for plot, not enough parking for 3 cars on each drive and will overshadow bungalow next door.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 20/00905/FUL  10 Baggeridge Close, Demolition of existing building and erection of a 5-bed dwelling with swimming pool attached and a gym at end of garden. Val 04.11.20, consult to 26.11.20, deadline 30.12.20, C.O. Laura Moon. HPC objected to the building of a gym in Green Belt. Approved with conditions 18.12.20.
* 20/01050/COU     2 Baggeridge Craft Village, use as an upholstery and soft furnishings workshop, renovating antique upholstered furniture and manufacturing soft furnishings. Providing training in upholstering small items. Val 25.11.20, consult to 16.12.20, Deadline 19.01.21, C.O. Laura Moon. Approved with conditions

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

NONE

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* A resident asked if The Himley Country Hotel has a C1 or C2 use. It has a C1 use which is for a hotel. Other residents had noted that there was on-going activity at the hotel. D Cllr Lees to investigate.
* It has been suggested that when we have the Superfast Broadband for Himley village confirmed, that we sort out the email list for communication to villagers as most people do not read the notice board. Cllr Nock has had an email group list of Himley village residents for a long time to distribute information and anyone can ask to be added to this list.
* The outflow pipe in Fir Street was blocked by a fatberg which Severn Trent removed; Baggeridge village residents must not dispose of fat or oil into the sewage system. There have also been problems with emissions which are being monitored.
* There is a problem with the double gate closing as the drop-bolt hole is solid with mud. SSDC to be asked for a suited lock to keep the bolt in position.
* Residents complained about the continuing noise of off-road bikes which enter from Biffa Landfill Site, the problem has been listed onto the police patrol strategy as a ‘hotspot location’.
* Cllr Hemmings said that a manhole cover on the A449 at the junction with School Road was rattling each time a vehicle passed over it. Cllr Nock to report it.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: -

100493 £93.61 SSDC re playing field grounds maintenance

100494 £72.60 Mrs Y P Nock re Chipmonk Computers website hosting fees – online reimbursement.

100495 £23.99 Mrs S A Farley – re expenses due to Mr M Crisp – online reimbursement made

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

**WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2021**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.