**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE 2023 at 7.30PM**

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

 **PRESENT COUNCILLORS: MR M CRISP, MRS S OLIVER,**

 **MRS M SINCLAIR, CCLR V WILSON,**

 **SGT J DORRINGTON, PCSO P WILKES**

 **APOLOGIES:- MRS S FROST, MR R LEES,**

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

 **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:- MR R PAINTER, MR D CLOSE**

**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 - Date range: 17/05/23 - 20/06/23 As received

Public bodies can only disclose information if they have the power to do so. Section 115 of the Crime and

Disorder Act provides a power to exchange information where disclosure is necessary to support the local

Crime Reduction Strategy and Partnership in achieving the aims of the Crime and Disorder Reduction

Strategy and objectives outlined within it.

The degree of disclosure that takes place must be proportionate and relevant to the level of social ill or

criminality it is intended to counter or prevent.

The information is only to be processed in relation to crime and disorder purposes. Information will be

handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, the Human Rights Act 1998 and any other

relevant legislation governing disclosures and will ultimately be disposed of in a secure manner.

Statistics:

Burglary (residential): None reported

Burglary (business): None reported

Vehicle crime:

 On 06/06, At approximately 01:50hrs a Black Nissan Navara was stolen without keys

from the side of a property in Hughes Road. Enquiries are ongoing.

 On 30/05, At 19:48 unknown offenders have arrived at the Himley Country Hotel in a

grey Audi A3, parked in between two vans and removed all of the tools that were in

there. The theft was captured on CCTV, enquiries ongoing.

 On 30/06, at approximately 23:30 a securely parked van parked on the Himley

Country Hotel had entry gained with nothing taken, a Black Golf was seen driving off

in the direction of wall Heath

 On 30/06, sometime overnight a securely parked van parked on the Himley Country

Hotel car park had the lock drilled and door bent back but no entry gained. CCTV did

not capture the incident.

 On 06/06, Sometime overnight a securely parked Ford Transit van parked on the

Himley Hotel had a side window smashed and tools taken from within, CCTV did not

capture the offence.

 On 30/05, at approximately 15:00 a securely parked Range Rover Evoque was stolen

without keys from Meadowbrook stables, Gospel End it was seen heading towards

Sedgley and later located just over the borde , enquiries are ongoing.

 On 24/06, sometime overnight a Grey Nissan Navara was stolen without keys off a

driveway in Lydiate Hill Road. The theft was captured on CCTV, enquiries ongoing

Anti-social behaviour:

 2 x report this month one being historical incidents at the Himley Country Hotel the

other a noise complaint.

 Policing operations of note:

A Public Space Protection Notice is in place at Baggeridge Village which prohibits vehicles parking up

when the craft village is closed. This has had some positive effect coupled with additional Police

patrols.

PCSO’s and Officers on the neighbourhood Policing Teams have been trained to use the speed gun in

conjunction with Community Speed Watch, we will be conducting speed checks around the location

and will add to the reports.

With thanks from your local officers,

PCSO Paula WILKES (06635)Email: paula.wilkes@staffordshire.police.uk

PCSO Alexandra RATHBONE (23938)Email: alexandra.rathbone@staffordshire.police.uk

PCSO Phillip MILLICHAP (28983)Email: phillip.millichap@staffordshire.police.uk

Police left the meeting at 7.55pm

Mr Don Close was welcomed as a new Co-opted Cllr to HPC.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING :-

* Notices advertising the vacancy for a Cllr were on the notice boards since 17th May to comply with rules and regulations. No offers received.
* Cllr Lees attended the Parish Summit on 8th June.
* The new Parish Insurance Policy has been purchased.
* Cllr Nock changed the new online banking account so that 2 Cllrs are required to confirm any payment from the bank account.
* A sign saying who opened Himley by-pass and when, has been secured to the brick pillar by the traffic lights to replace the stolen one. Our thanks to ex Cllr Hemmings for his work in purchasing and fixing it in place.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 23/00398/FUL     1 Wood Farm Barns Gospel End Road, Retrospective application for lighting to existing manége area. Val 18.05.23., consult to 17.06.23., deadline 13.07.23., C.O. Emma Posillico.  Senior Ecologist states amongst other comments that:  Further assessment is required in relation to the potential impacts of the proposed lighting to adjacent habitats, specifically woodland at the southwest and northwest extents of the manége and specifically: operational hours of the lighting and spread of lux levels from the lighting.
* 23/00406/FULHH     2 Bag Pool Way Gospel End.  Loft conversion to achieve an additional habitable room in loft space also to include a bathroom. Val 10.05.23, consult to 11.06.23, deadline 05.07.23, C.O. Natalie Ioannou.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :

* A previous application 22/01104/FUL from DMBC, (Val 05.12.22, Consult to 28.12.22, Deadline 30.01.23. C.O. Laura Moon) to create a play area at Himley Hall has not been withdrawn; it is awaiting further ecology inspections.
* 23/00124/FUL  Land Off School Road, Himley, Staffordshire, Erection of 11 affordable dwellings with associated work and access. Val 13.04.23, consult to 18.05.23., deadline 13.07.23. C.O. Jennifer Mincher.  HPC Objects
* 23/00385/VAR    Sedgley Court, Brick Kiln Way. Amendment to Previous Application 21/00770/FUL. To increase Eaves height on 5 No dwellings while maintaining approved ridge heights.  Val 10.05.23, consult to 05.06.23, deadline 05.07.23. C.O. Laura Moon.
* 23/00400/TTREE   The Limes Churns Hill Lane Himley. Works to a Tree(s) with a Tree Preservation Order TPO No. 84/1985: Tilia spp. (Lime). Dismantle and remove Val 04.05.23, consult to 30.05.23, deadline 29.06.23., C.O.   Gavin Pearce.

PLANNING DECISIONS :- None

HIGHWAYS DATA:- Highways reported that their programme of surface dressing has been in full swing over the past few weeks and have now resurfaced more than half a million square metres of highways in Staffordshire. Preventative maintenance is the most cost effective and environmentally responsible method to maintain our roads and helps prevent the development of potholes and other damage. Preventative surface treatments--such as surface dressing--is fast, efficient, and causes minimal disruption to road users. Following preventative maintenance works, inspections are carried out to assess the quality of the treatment and identify any issues. This includes checking for loose chippings, stone loss, rutting, and signs of premature deterioration.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* Planning department have asked for Parish Clerks to use ConsulteeAccess in future for commenting on planning applications as they can get comments online to customers quickly and accurately. Clerk advised that she had used this but the comments then reported as from her rather than HPC. She will seek assistance when the next comments are done.
* C Cllr Wilson had reported that a 20mph speed limit will be put on Sedgley Road, Penn for traffic calming from St Barts church corner to end of houses next to Penn Common.
* We had an invitation to join the Campaign for Rural England. No action taken.
* Playsafety informed us that they would make their yearly inspection of the equipment on the Playing Field during August.
* ‘The Circuit’, part of the Ambulance service had contacted the keepers to make sure that all records are being kept for the defibrillators and use-by dates were correct. Cllr Lees is to be asked to advise at the next meeting what actions were agreed on installation and the Clerk will then make contact with the 2 ‘keepers’ at the sites to ensure they are happy with the actions required. Cllr Sinclair advised that there is to be a new landlord/lady at the Summer House and she will endeavour to get contact details for them.
* The HSBC bank account is now closed and all monies have been transferred to Lloyds bank.
* Accounts Approval:- Yearly accounts were presented by the clerk and after being audited by Mr Walker, these were agreed before being sent to Mazaars.
* A VAT reclaim of £884.04 has been submitted from December 2020 to 31st May 2023.
* The clerk will purchase a £25 voucher to thank Mr Walker for his work with the audit.
* Pecuniary Interests of Cllrs from the current year had been completed by all Cllrs and added to the website.
* The next Locality meeting is on 13th July. Cllr Lees will represent HPC.
* There will be a Locality Safety Forum, probably on 18th July. Cllr Lees to represent HPC.
* Cllr Sinclair asked C Cllr Wilson if pavements in Penn Road, Gospel End could be repaired. She replied that County did not have the resources for pavements and would not repair them if they did as so many different companies were digging them up to lay fibre at this time.
* Forms will be obtained and completed with Mr Don Close to finalise him becoming a Cllr.
* The forms were completed to remove Cllr Hemmings as a signatory on the Lloyds bank account.
* Cllr Lees has been asked if it was possible to have The Crooked House listed, he is making enquiries.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: -

* 000004 SSDC Election costs - £70.00
* 000005 S Farley wages - £556.00
* 000006 P Hemmings Bypass sign - £30.00
* Auto debit to HSBC account to close account £11.00
* HMRC payment of £139.00 has been made from the HMRC online credit still held by them. Credit balance remaining at HMRC is £32.60

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -  **Wednesday 19th July 2023**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.14pm