**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2024 at 7.30PM**

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

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS: CLLR R LEES, CLLR S OLIVER**

**APOLOGIES:- CCLLR V WILSON**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:- MR R PAINTER**

**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**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING :-**

* October and November minutes were ratified and agreed as there was not a quorum at the October meeting.
* SIDS: We have been advised by the District Council that the SIDS are on order but there is a 10 week delay in these. We are waiting for Andy Aston at SSDC to contact us about these.
* Sink Hole, Gospel End Road: Following a further email to County, who now admit that they own the land, a senior inspector was sent who reported back that there were no highway safety issues or concerns that require further action. County stated: The inspector found there were no actions required and no safety issues were determined.
* Cllr Vacancies: We had received enquiries from three people, all to be asked to the next meeting.
* Gospel End Flats: Cllr Oliver reported that the site is still a mess; owners of the site, the Housing Association are responsible, clerk to contact them.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-**

* 24/00987/COU Sandiacre Farm Shop and Nurseries, Himley Lane. Permission is sought for the use of the site as a Class E(a) use - garden centre. Val 21.11.24, consult to 16.15.24, Deadline 15.01.25 C.O. Laura Moon

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION**

* 24/00875/FULHH   20 Penn Road, Side infill extension. Val 16.10.24, consult to 10.11.24, deadline 11.12.24, C.O. Caitlin Harper. No objections.
* 24/00892/FUL    Himley Hall Sailing Club, Himley Hall. Replacement administration building for the Himley Hall Sailing Club which was destroyed by fire. Val 12.11.24, consult to 07.12.24, C.O. Laura Moon and Ed Higgins who are happy with outline plans and location and recommend paint colour RAL 6012.  No objections.

**PLANNING DECISIONS**  - None

**PLANNING APPEAL DECISION;**

* 23/01084/FUL Northgate Health Care Ltd, The Firs for retrospective work on the construction of a staff and

customer car park extension. APP/C3430/W/24/3343357 The Government inspector dismissed the appeal.

**STREET LICENCE APPLICATION :-**

* An application has been received by SSDC for street trading consent for a mobile unit to be placed in the car park of the Dudley Arms PH. (The applicant had held a licence in this location until 9.11.24 when their licence expired and wasn’t renewed in time). The vehicle sells meat and cheese. No Objections

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-**

* Playing Field: Street Scene have attempted to cut the hedge but could only cut a small length near the gate due to Cadent’s roadworks and site hut parked on the road.
* Play Equipment: Mr Crisp had reported by email that swing seats need cleaning and picnic tables need attention, the equipment and ground- matting offered no cause for concern. On inspection, we found the swing seats have

accumulated general dirt and picnic tables/benches have algae and lichen growing on them. They need cleaning

before the Spring. Clerk to make enquiries re cleaning.

* We have had the offer of a free bench which we will site outside the play area on the playing field in School Rd. Clerk to advise SSDC regarding delivery and fitting of this.
* Himley Notice Board: HPC will need a new notice board soon; it has allowed rain to get in for years and the wood is beginning to rot. Clerk to enquire about prices.
* Cllr Oliver attended The Parish Summit.
* Cllr Nock attended the Locality Forum.
* Council Tax – Councillors discussed the precept it receives from Himley rate payers in SSDC Council Tax, a decision regarding the level that will be requested will be made at the January 2025 meeting.
* Clerk to contact Swindon Community Association to ask for the invoice for the room hire for 2024.

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

000033 S Farley Stamps £17.60

000034 S Farley clerk wages £580.00

000035 HMRC clerk tax £145.00

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -  **Wednesday 15th January 2025**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

**COUNCILLOR VACANCIES**

There are 4 vacancies for Parish Councillors on Himley Parish Council.

Please contact the clerk via email if you would like further details regarding this – [himleyparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:himleyparishcouncil@gmail.com)