**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 15th MAY 2024 at 7.30PM**

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

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

**MR R LEES, MR D CLOSE, CCLR V WILSON**

**APOLOGIES:- PCSO’s**

**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**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL:**

Election of Chairman –

Mrs Yvonne Nock - proposed by Cllr Roger Lees, Seconded by Cllr Sandra Oliver

Election of Vice Chairman- none – position vacant

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr Nock advised that she would email her annual address to Councillors.

Meeting closed.

**MAY 2024 HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCED:**

**CRIME FIGURES - 18/04/2023 – 13/05/2024 ( 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
* Burglary(business):NONE
* Vehicle crime: NONE
* Anti-social behaviour:1 x report this month:

Persons using electric motorbikes at Baggeridge Country Park

* Policing operations of note:

Due to the vehicle crime reported within the locality, our Op Bormus team have been covering Wombourne and the surround areas over the past month. The team will continue to support local patrols over the coming weeks.

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 Lee MASON (27735)Email: lee.mason@staffordshire.police.uk

Helpful links

Volunteers requested for community speed watch, further information found at:

http://www.staffssaferroads.co.uk/my-community/community-speed-watch

Keep in touch with regular Smart Alert’s for your area:

https://staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs/

Social media:

@Staffordshire Police &amp; @South Staffordshire Police

@SStaffsPolice

Please feel free to encourage public participants to try reporting incidents via our ‘Live chat’ service

accessible on our website, instead of phoning 101 and waiting in a queue.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING :-**

* School Road Wall Collapse - The sandstone blocks have still to be replaced.
* Brick Kiln Way - ‘For Sale’ signs have still not been removed. Clerk to contact Enforcement with names of offending Estate Agents
* Pavement alongside Playing Field - The pavement is due to be cleared on 30th May.
* SIDS - The costs of a Section 50 licence to put posts in next to the highway, does not now apply. We have ordered one battery Speed Indication Device to be shared between Gospel End and Himley with 2 posts in each village.  County will install them and SSDC will move them around the 4 posts and keep the battery charged. SSDC now requires payment of 50% of the SID (half of £2,700) which includes the section 171 licence too, making the total cost less than was previously quoted. Cllr Nock to email Mark Keeling (SCC) suggesting sites for the 4 posts, he will then send a quote to SSDC who will ask for payment to purchase and install the posts.
* Sink Hole on Gospel End Road verge: We have discovered that the report of a sink hole by Cllr Nock sent to County on Feb 12th was passed on as ‘Tree Works’ to the inspector. A senior County Officer is now dealing with the matter but there are still no signs that anyone has yet visited the site.
* Additional Street Scene Work - A list in order of importance for work requested in Himley PC, due to take place in June, has been given to Street Scene. A rented Road Sweeper should be back in action next week. Himley and Swindon options will be worked on for 5 days.
* Code of Conduct Training - This will be on Wednesday, 12th June, 5.30 to 6.30 pm at Wombourne Civic Centre
* Planning Parish Summit - Cllr Lees attended
* Website Update - Clerk to contact Andy Pitt for updates
* New Grounds Charges - SSDC have sent us new charges for the correct cuts. If an extra cut is needed, we will get a separate invoice. Clerk to enquire about the non-existent litter picking and the high cost of a one-off rough grass cut.
* DMBC meeting re H Hall events - Cllr Nock met with other officers from SSDC and Dudley MBC Team to discuss events at Himley Park. Lessons were learnt from last year’s extremely wet weather so we trust suggested improvements will be implemented, if the conditions re-occur. Again, noise nuisance annoyed not only Himley villagers, but Sedgley residents in particular, last year. DMBC will try re-arranging the stage area this year to hopefully reduce noise impact on villagers.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-** None

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :-**

* 24/00024/FUL    Railings and CCTV to improve security of the Himley Hall Sailing Club Boat Park, Himley Hall, Conservation Area. Val 24.01.24, consult to 18.02.24, deadline 24.03.24, C.O. Laura Moon. HPC supported this application.
* 24/00124/FULM    Land at School Road, Erection of 10 affordable dwellings with associated work and access. Val 23.02.24, consult to 04.04.24, deadline 24.05.24, C.O. Laura Moon.   HPC objected This application has been amended; some of the dwellings have been changed to a different design, allocated parking spaces altered and visitor parking has been reduced from five to three spaces.
* 24/00203/VAR   The Firs Residential Home. Variation of Condition 2 of Application 21/00547/FUL, seeking to amend the plans to allow for changes to the design to the lobby extension. Val 09.04.24, consult to 15.04.24, deadline 04.06.24, C.O. Laura Moon.

**PLANNING DECISIONS :-**

* 24/00298/TREE   Himley Village and Parkland Conservation Area, Whitehall Wolverhampton Road Himley. Sycamore, leaning over brook towards Dudley Arms car park – dismantle and remove. Val 04.04.24, consult to 05.04.24, deadline 16.05.24, C.O. Gavin Pearce.    Approved 14.05.24

**PLANNING APPEALS;-**

* 23/00124/FUL - Land off School Road, Erection of 11 affordable dwellings with associated work and access.  The decision by SSDC to refuse this application on 24.10.23, is being appealed by Taylor Reed Homes. HPC sent an additional objection to the inspectorate.
* 23/01084/FUL An appeal has been lodged by Northgate Health Care Limited, The Firs Residential Home for a retrospective planning application for the construction of a staff and customer car park extension.

**HIGHWAYS DATA:-**

* **Staffordshire’s JCB**The Pothole Pro will be moving up and down the County over the next few months. It will be involved in ‘pre-patching’ and other defect repairs. Pre-patching is where potholes and defects are patched up ahead of being covered by a road surface treatment, designed to prolong the life of the road.

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

* Hedge bordering number 1 Bridgnorth Road - There has been confusion over the ownership of this hedge. Following investigations, it has been determined that the hedge and verge are owned by Staffs County Council. Mark Keeling at SCC has been notified but is unlikely to take action until after the nesting season.
* Gospel End Defibrillator - This was found to have been used. Cllr Close is liaising with our clerk to order preplacement pads and the installer will be asked to service the box where it is kept at The Summerhouse
* Clerk’s annual salary review - Cllrs have agreed to give a 4% increase.

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: -**

* Online payment authorised at the meeting by Cllrs - Zurich Insurance (Annual insurance premium) - £536.00

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -  **Wednesday 19th June 2024**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

**COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor 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)