**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 15TH 2016 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT :- MRS Y NOCK PRESIDING**

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS :- MR R LEES, MR P HEMMING, MR M CRISP,**

**MRS S OLIVER, MRS M SINCLAIR. MRS S FROST.**

**APOLOGIES :- PCSO G MURPHY**

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

**NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS –** None

**-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.**

POLICE REPORT

This had been emailed over to the clerk and the following was reported for the last 30 days:-

Burglary Other – 2, Other violence against the person – 2, Theft of motor vehicle – 2, Anti social behaviour – rowdy and inconsiderate – 1.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* The Himley Estate manager replied to our email saying that she was dismayed, really angry and upset about the chaos caused on Bonfire Night in School Road. She said that she would bring matters to the attention of the security contractor at the de-briefing to ensure that it does not happen again.
* The house at the junction of Gospel End Road and Fir Street arranged for their trees overgrowing the highway to be cut back.
* We discovered that the email from a company asking if we would provide a tribute to a young resident who had been tragically killed in a hit and run collision was in fact from a Himley resident who had used his business email by mistake. We explained that we were unable to provide the suggested bench as not only did we not have spare funds after paying for the new play area on the Playing Field, with more expense anticipated to provide fencing to keep dogs out, seating, hard access from the gate and essential notices, but it would set a precedent for the future which we would be unable to meet.
* The new play equipment was quickly installed. Cllr Crisp is now investigating how to provide fencing to exclude dogs, a solid pathway from the gate and seating. A temporary sign on the fence informs that the equipment is for ‘under 14 year-olds only’.
* The resident who left cut-down trees on the verge of the by-pass was warned by letter from SSDC that he could be prosecuted with a fine up to £50,000, and/or a year in prison if he did not remove the tree cuttings promptly. They were promptly removed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS : None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING A DECISION : –

* 16/00638/OUT – Demolition of bungalow 12 Plantation lane and construction of 5 dormer bungalows, C.O. Patrick Walker. A further extension to 7th December was agreed as applicants were waiting for confirmation from Severn Trent Water to allow them to connect the surface water drainage to the sewer system in the area, in order to overcome the objection from the Flood Risk Team at the County Council and the applicants were asked to reduce the number of properties to four. Consultees and neighbours have been re-consulted as a revised application of 4 dwellings has been submitted to allow more trees at the front of the site to be kept and County Flood Risk Team will be removing their objection subject to a condition restricting surface run-off from the site. A further extension to 13th January 2017 was agreed.
* 16/00750/VAR 106 David Wilson Homes Mercia - a variation to alter the delivery of obligations on 75% occupations of dwelling rather than 50% occupations and the transfers of freeholds from 75% occupations to 100% occupations in connection with the On-Site Amenity Greenspace, Nature Conservation Areas and Woodland, Country Park Extension, sustainable Classroom, Visitor and Community Centre, the Model Railway Building and Craft Village at: Baggeridge Village. Val 16.08.16, consult to 14.09.16, deadline 11.10.16, C.O. Lucy Duffy. HPC have sent the following objection: - Himley Parish Council strongly objects to the whole of this proposal. The development was only granted after refusal by SSDC and the subsequent appeal by David Wilson Homes, when the Inspectorate was presented with conditions which would alleviate the fact that the local infrastructure could not support the development. Some of the conditions are now under the threat of being delayed or removed from the applicant’s control, i.e. DWH is seeking to remove the reasons why the development was allowed. Himley Parish Council therefore cannot agree to this variation of conditions
* 16/00794/TREE – The Limes (Himley) Management, T22 Lime, crown-lift to 7 m above ground and T25 Horse Chestnut and holly, cut back to boundary with 88 School Road, Val 06.09.16, deadline 18.10.16, C.O. Steve Dores.
* 16/00779/FUL – Construction of dormer bungalow at 12A Himley Lane, rear of 89 School Road, Val 15.11.16, consult 07.12.16, deadline 10.01.17, C.O. Jennifer Mincher. This comment was lodged: - Himley Parish Council would like to point out that the access to this plot of land is from a bridle path off School Road, not Himley Lane and we understand that it was bought as agricultural land.

PLANNING DECISIONS- None

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* The HSBC statement was presented for information purposes.
* Posters were distributed for display on both notice boards.
* The design and materials of the header-board and the posts for the Gospel End notice board were donated by Thermetal Ltd. Thanks were recorded and Cllrs requested that a formal thank you was sent to the director.
* Cllr Nock reported to County that the weight restriction sign in Bridgnorth Road at the junction with the by-pass had been demolished by a vehicle. No reply was received but the sign was removed this week.
* Cllr Nock reported to County that the ‘Himley’ sign near the Commemorative Bench had a hole in a rotting post. A reply was received “Still secure no safety issue will continue to be inspected as part of our ongoing schedule and work raised when required.”
* SSDC have asked if HPC would like to buy a CCTV camera solely for use in the parish. Cost would be approximately £3,200 to buy, which includes a 3 year warranty and servicing, initial installation £440, electricity costs maximum £55 per annum and £200 per move. The District council will be buying 10 cameras which will be used on a re-deployable system for hot spots within the District. Himley Cllrs decided not to buy a camera.
* Two fridges/freezers have been dumped on the bend in High Arcal Road, clerk to report to SSDC.
* The grant of £22,000 to help pay for the play area has been received from Cory/Ibstock. HPC sincerely thanks Cllr Malcolm Crisp for his hard work over more than a year in sourcing and then winning the grant over other applicants, choosing appropriate equipment and then managing the installation.
* The forms to close the NS & I account were signed.
* SSDC informed us that they were not able to help in setting up a website for Himley PC and we will have to seek help elsewhere. The clerk will also investigate financial help with this from the Transparency Fund.
* The decision on the Site Allocation Document for local housing will be released on 16th January 2017.
* With extra costs anticipated for maintenance and insurance for the new play area, annual increases in other outgoings and having to keep a sizeable sum in case there is an election for Himley Councillors, (another S Staffs PC had an invoice for £4,000), Himley PC will ask for an increase in the precept. The increase in rates for Himley will however ,be shared with an extra 180 homes in Baggeridge Village which should reduce the actual increase payable by all residents.
* The clerk is to contact Playsafety Ltd regarding the annual inspection of the new play equipment to enquire if this is required.
* The clerk will contact the insurance company to find out if the policy that is in place needs to be amended to cover the new play equipment.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100395 - £130.00 – P Fox (for installation of the Gospel End notice board.)
* 100396 - £300.00 - S Farley wages.
* 100397 - £75.00 – HMRC.
* 100398 - £36,701.58 – Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – New play equipment and installation

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING :-

**WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2017 at 7.00pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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