**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 15th 2016 AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT :- MRS Y NOCK PRESIDING**

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS :- MR R LEES, MR P HEMMING, MR M CRISP, MRS S FROST, MRS M SINCLAIR.**

**APOLOGIES :- MRS S OLIVER, PCSO L JONES, PCSO L IRVING**

**OTHERS :- MRS S FARLEY(CLERK), NO MEMBERS OF 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.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* Commemorative Bench – it has been decided that we need a thin metal bar to repair the damaged bench which will be addressed in due course.
* Grant for Playing Field – Cllr Crisp is now hopeful that we can receive a grant from Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust and paperwork will be completed to progress this further. We are also to investigate seeking an extra grant.
* Cllrs Nock and Lees have been working on a draft for the Parish website and SSDC have been asked for a quote, this is ongoing.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS : –

* 16/00450/FUL – The Old Barn, Stourbridge Road, stable/store/tractor building, val 23.05.16, consult to 23.06.16, deadline 18.07.16, C.O. Paul Thompson. Himley Parish Council have advised that it has concerns with this development and would like to ensure it meets all requirements necessary to comply with a development within a conservation area.

PLANNING DECISIONS : –

* 16/00366/TREE – 8 School Road, Conservation Area, Crown reduce silver birch, val 29.04.16, deadline 08.06.16, C.O. Steve Dores. Approved
* 16/00435/TREE – Adjacent to 18 Greenacres, Sedgley, fell Field Maple, val 16.05.16, consult to 31.05.16, deadline 27.06.16, C.O. Steve Dores. Approved
* 16/00112/FUL – 4 Fir Street – 2 storey side extension and porch – amended plans approved with conditions 07.06.16
* 16/00295/FUL – 12 Himley Lane-2 storey side extension – approved with conditions 23.05.16

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:- None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* The HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* The police crime report to 15/06/2016 had been received as PCSO’s Irving and Jones were unable to attend. There were a total of 7 crimes reported for Wombourne, Swindon and Himley. These were categorized as 1 drug offences, 1 less serious violent crime with injury, 1 other offences, 1 other theft, 1 other violence against the person, 1 public order, 1 theft from motor vehicle.
* A thank you letter had been received from Derek Walker for the vouchers for his help with the audit.
* A cheque for £350 has been received from Staffordshire Parish Councils Assn from the NALC/DCLG Transparency Fund which has been used to purchase the tablet used by the clerk.
* Confirmation that a £4.63 credit has been placed on the grounds maintenance account has been received from SSDC, Gary Withington had suggested that we agree regular operational work beforehand and Councillors have requested that a schedule of the agreed routine works be obtained from SSDC for a 12 month period.
* The clerk advised that a return had been submitted to claim back the last financial year’s VAT which totals £98.52.
* A complaint has been received from a resident regarding the incorrect demolition of the gatehouse at the Baggeridge Village David Wilson Homes development and also the continuing use of Fir Street from traffic. Enforcement is looking into these matters.
* Police to be notified that drug taking has been taking place on a track next to a house on Wodehouse Lane.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100389 - £25.00 – S Farley – reimbursement for vouchers for D Walker – audit
* 100390 - £300.00 S Farley wages
* 100391 - £75.00 HMRC

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING :-

**Wednesday 20th July 2016 at 7.00pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.