**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 16TH 2016 AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT :- MRS Y NOCK PRESIDING**

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

**APOLOGIES :- PCSO L JONES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 15th February 2016 at the Community Centre, Swindon, as circulated to all members were signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* Debi Round, Custodian Systems Support Officer for SSC has told us that Baggeridge Village properties have all been given unique Post Codes and should not be using any old ones.  To end confusion for deliverers, she will pass the information onto Royal Mail and the developers.
* We received prices for variations of a notice board for Gospel End, Cllr Nock to order one with posts and header board ordered separately to reduce costs. The grant of £400 had been received from the District Members Fund towards the cost of the notice board. Our thanks go to Cllr Roger Lees.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION –

* 15/00811/FUL - Erection of bungalow on land east of Red Lane, Gospel End – deadline 08.02.16, Case officer Laura Moon.
* 16/00104/LUE – Land east of Red Lane, Gospel End – Lawful Development Certificate for existing use as a builder’s yard, val 04.02.16, deadline 31.03.16, C.O. Laura Moon.
* 16/00112/FUL – 4 Fir Street – 2 storey side extension and porch – val 08.02.16, consultation expiry 01.03.16, deadline 04.04.16, C.O. Paul Thompson.
* 16/00118/FUL – 6 Ward Road – conservatory – val 09.02.16, consultation to 09.02.16, deadline 05.04.16, C.O. Rebecca Potter.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

* 16/00107/FUL – Demolition of The Lodge, Churns Hill Lane and erection of replacement dwelling – val 08.02.16, consultation expiry date 09.03.16, deadline 04.04.16, C.O. Patrick Walker – no objection but asked for a condition that The Lodge be demolished.
* 16/00153/FUL – 52 Chalmers Road, Baggeridge Village – Garden Shed and greenhouse – val 18.02.16, consultation expiry 11.03.16, deadline 14.04.16, C.O. Paul Thompson.

PLANNING DECISIONS : –

* 15/01064/TREE - World Owl Trust-Remove 7 individual & 7 groups of trees & part removal of 8 groups of trees in conservation area – approved 22.02.16, C.O. Sheila Porter

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* The Monthly Crime report to 13th March for Wombourne, Swindon and Himley had been received by email from PCSO Jones and the following was reported: 4 Burglary other, 1 Other violence against the person, and 1 Theft from Motor Vehicles.
* The HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* It was agreed that our Parish Clerk’s salary be increased so that it is comparable with other parish clerk’s salaries.
* HPC has never owned a computer because our clerks have been given permission to use company computers. This arrangement has now ceased and we cannot operate in today’s electronic age without purchasing one. Quotes have been sought and a decision to buy a tablet was reached.
* Residents have complained about the loud music and beat from Himley Cricket Club from 6.30am some mornings. A report is to be sent to the Senior Environmental, Health and Licensing Officer as the club does not have a license for music in the grounds except for the ‘end of season’ events.
* On the night of 24th/25th February, compost sacks and approximately 50 cannabis plants in large root balls, leaves removed, were dumped in Plantation Lane. The police were informed and the plants were promptly removed.
* Crime trends and road safety issues :-We are to be sent posters monthly on crime trends and road safety issues by SSDC Partnerships Manager. This month’s on shed safety has been received and will be displayed on the notice board.
* A449 closures – Cllr Nock will ask police if it would be possible when the A449 is closed north of the School Road junction at busy times, to put warning signs on both Dudley Road near West Lodge and on the A449 south of the B4176 junction near the Railway walk bridge, saying that the A449 is closed northwards. This would prevent a repeat of the absolute chaos that was caused through Himley village recently when diverted traffic could not exit onto the by-pass because of the volume of traffic on the by-pass and the jam was at a standstill from the Bridgnorth Road exit onto the by-pass, right back through the village to the junction of School Road with the A449.
* The renewal notice for the PC insurance has been received from Zurich Ins Co. Renewal is 23/5/2016 so this will be paid at the next monthly PC meeting.
* As the next PC meeting is due on 20th April, which is the same day as the Police Forum, it was agreed that the meeting in April will be altered to the week before – 13th April at 7pm. Clerk will advise Swindon Management Clerk of this change. This will also be the Annual Parish Meeting.
* The Police Forum on 20th April will be attended by Cllrs Nock and Sinclair.
* The clerk advised Councillors of details of the Transparency Fund available to Parish Councils to assist with purchases of computer equipment and training to enable councils to be more transparent when providing information online. It was agreed that an application would be submitted towards the purchase of the tablet – a total of £350 is available for this type of application.
* It was requested that the clerk contact Steven Gallis, the Ranger at Baggeridge Country Park, to ask that certain areas on the park be tidied up.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100379 - £242.13 SSC – Grounds maintenance.
* 100380 – £200 S Farley – Clerks wages.
* 100381 - £50 - HMRC

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.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING :-

**Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 7.00pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.