**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16TH 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,**

**PCSO G MURPHY**

**APOLOGIES :- NONE**

**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

PCSO G Murphy introduced herself to the meeting and gave a brief resume of activity in the parish over recent weeks.

Crime figures:-Burglary other – 2, Criminal damage (exc arson) – 1, Less Serious violent crime with injury – 2, Other theft - 4,Other violence against the person - 4, Possession of weapons – 1,Theft of motor vehicles – 1.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* The new notice board was installed in Gospel End on 09.11.16.
* The gullies in Himley and Gospel End have not yet been un-blocked. We will await the road gulley vehicle to come through Himley.
* The debris opposite The Summer House has not yet been removed.
* There was little litter left in the village after Himley Hall’s bonfire collected by Cllrs Nock and Crisp and we did not hear of any damage. Clerk to send thanks to police for their efforts in controlling hooligans and contact the bonfire organisers with details of the chaos caused in School Road.
* Signatories for the HSBC account have been confirmed by the bank and confirmation received that we will not have a problem paying for the new equipment on the Playing Field.
* Dudley Arms hedge – a telephone call was made by the clerk to the manager on 25th October to ask that they cut this back.
* The Summer House has confirmed that they have been in contact with the police regarding the switching on of the Christmas lights. The clerk has also written to the police to ask for their support with this event.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 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.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING A DECISION : –

* 16/00638/OUT – Demolition of bungalow 12 Plantation lane and construction of 5 dormer bungalows, C.O. Patrick Walker
* 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.

PLANNING DECISIONS-

* 16/00820/TREE – Whitehall, Wolverhampton Road, Conservation area: Re-pollard 4 trees (Willows and Sycamores) and pollard 2 Willows and a Sycamore, C.O. Steve Dores, approved 24.10.16
* 16/00870/VAR - Walled Garden Dudley Road Himley Dudley South Staffordshire DY3 4DD. Amendment of condition 4 (15/00826/FUL) to add an additional two months (8 instead of 6 months)on to the time period allowed to supply the required information – approved with conditions 02.11.16
* 16/00832/VAR - Walled Garden Dudley Road Himley Dudley South Staffordshire DY3 4DD. Amendment of condition 4 (15/00826/FUL) to add an additional two months (8 instead of 6 months)on to the time period allowed to supply the required information – approved with conditions 02.11.16

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* The HSBC statement was presented for information purposes.
* The NS&I withdrawal and account closure instruction had been returned as it was not signed in accordance with the mandate. The clerk has written to them to ask them to confirm who the current signatories are.
* The Citizens Advise Bureau AGM is to be held at Wombourne Civic Centre on 21.11.16 at 7pm. Cllr Lees will attend.
* Posters were distributed for display on both notice boards.
* A request was made to contact the residents of 2 Fir St Gospel End re the overhanging trees on the road.
* An email had been received from a company in Southport regarding a commemorative bench for a young person recently tragically killed in a road traffic accident. It was decided that this appeared to be from a company trying to cash in on this tragedy so no reply is to be made on behalf of HPC.
* Cllr Crisp advised that works on the installation of new play equipment had started earlier in the week and were progressing well.
* Cllr Nock is to investigate the signage required for the new play equipment currently being installed on the playing field.
* A complaint had been received regarding large tree cuttings which had been dumped on an area at the side of the Himley bypass. It is believed that these were cut off a resident’s trees near to the area. Cllr Lees is to arrange for the resident to be contacted by the local authority to get these removed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – None

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING :- **THURSDAY 15th DEC 2016 at 7.00pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.