**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19TH 2016 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT :- MRS Y NOCK PRESIDING**

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS :- MR P HEMMINGS, MR M CRISP,**

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

**APOLOGIES :- PCSO L IRVING, MR R LEES, MRS S FROST**

**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

Crime figures had been sent in by PCSO L Irving and these showed the following data for Himley and Swindon to 18/10/2016 : - Burglary other – 8, Criminal damage (exc arson) – 1,

Drug offences – 1, Less serious violent crime with injury – 2, Other offences – 1, Other theft – 2, Other violence against the person – 12, Theft from motor vehicles – 1, ASB rowdy and inconsiderate – 1.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* Gospel End notice board: legs and header board are now fitted but there has been a delay in the delivery of special stainless steel bolts. As soon as they arrive, they will be fitted and the board can be installed.
* Cllr Nock has sent photos of the blocked gullies in School Road, Dudley Road from the church to Himley Hall west gate and Gospel End Road to County, asking again if they could be cleared. Also the gullies from west gate to just east of east gate on Dudley Road which are partially blocked. We have received a reply that works have been raised to clear the gullies. 13.10.16.
* Cllr Nock has also sent photos to SSDC, of the debris that had been washed down Gospel End Road during storms from The Rocks to opposite The Summer House, asking if the debris could be removed. A reply has been received that works have been raised for this too.
* Rubbish fly-tipped in High Arcal Road was again reported when it had not been removed one month after being reported on environmentalcrimesr@sstaffs.gov.uk. It was explained that there had been a problem with SSDC receiving reports on that address for a time and ours had not been received. The rubbish was then promptly removed.
* Concerns over lime trees in School Road being in a dangerous condition: The owner has had the trees inspected by Wolverhampton Tree Services who say that they are not in a dangerous state but will remove dead wood from near the bus stop.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :

* 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 – val 29.09.16, consult to 25.10.16, deadline 24.11.16, C.O. Laura Moon.

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.
* 16/00820/TREE – Whitehall, Wolverhampton Road, Conservation area: Re-pollard 4 trees (Willows and Sycamores) and pollard 2 Willows and a Sycamore, val 09.09.16, deadline 21.10.16, C.O. Steve Dores

PLANNING DECISIONS-

* 16/00759/FUL - Lucerne, Wodehouse Lane – extensions, C.O. Matthew Hurley, approved with conditions 13.10.16

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* The HSBC bank statement for September was presented for information purposes.
* The schedule of works carried out for grounds maintenance for Quarter 1, April to June, had finally been received from SSDC and agreement to pay the invoice was reached.
* The VAT refund for the new play equipment had been confirmed with payment due into the bank account very soon.
* Road closures affecting the Himley area on 5/11/16 due to the Himley park bonfire had been received. Clerk to ask police for a presence in the village late at night.
* A decision was made to close the National Savings account and have the balance transferred into the HSBC account pending payment of the new play equipment which will fall due in the next 2 months.
* The clerk was requested to confirm who the authorised signatories on the HSBC bank account are so that this will not hold up payment for the play equipment once this has been installed.
* A request to the Dudley Arms is to be made by the clerk to ask them to cut back their hedges which are overhanging the pavement.
* The clerk to advise police of the chaos caused last year when The Summer House switched on their Christmas lights and ask for help this year.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100394 - £117.49 SSDC – Grounds maintenance.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING :-

**Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 7.00pm**

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