**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY JULY 20th 2016 AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT :- MRS Y NOCK PRESIDING**

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS :- MR R LEES, MR P HEMMING, MR M CRISP, MRS S OLIVER, MRS M SINCLAIR. PCSO L IRVING**

**APOLOGIES :- MRS S FROST, PCSO L JONES**

**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.

Police Report PCSO L Irving:

* As part of Operation Nemesis, Staffordshire Police executed a search warrant at house in Wombourne Park, Wombourne that resulted in Class A drugs to a value of £100,000 to £200,000 being taken off our streets and a male arrested. Another arrest had been made on The Railway Walk of male supplying cannabis. The police crime report to 20/7/2016 reported a total of 3 crimes :- 2 Other theft and 1 other violence against the person.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* The Commemorative Bench has been repaired.
* Our bid for a grant from Ibstock Cory for Playing Field play equipment has been successful. We will be working towards installing the equipment ASAP.
* Prompt action was taken by Baggeridge Country Park after a request for trees to be cut back in Fir Street.
* David Wilson Homes had still not removed rubbish from the edge of their site in Fir Street –to be reported.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 16/00638/OUT – Demolition of bungalow 12 Plantation lane and construction of 5 dormer bungalows val 18.07.16. consult 10.08.16, deadline 12.09.16, C.O. Patrick Walker. A list of concerns from HPC are to be sent.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING A DECISION : –

* 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.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:-

* None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* The HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* No schedule for grass cutting had been received, we are to ask again.
* Pavement obstruction in School Road – a letter was sent to Mr Foster asking for the epicormic growth on the lime trees to be removed and Homes and Communities have been asked to cut back the hedge and growth from the pavement bordering their land. Both owners responded promptly.
* A letter is to be sent to Himley Country Hotel requesting that if there are no nesting birds, their hedge is cut back to remove the obstruction from the pavement and also to owners of hedge in Gospel End Road east of The Rocks where hedge is overgrowing narrow pavement. Cllr Sinclair is to make enquiries regarding who the owners of this land are.
* The bin near the Commemorative bench was only emptied on Tuesdays from end of May and during June. It was emptied on Friday, 8th July but not on 15th.An email is to be sent to the relevant dept.
* Both S.I.D.s installed around 8th July in Himley village only operated for a few days before the batteries ran down; it was reported to Mark Keeling and batteries were replaced on 19th July.
* The signage for Gospel End’s notice board header was shown for approval.
* Notice was given of road closure on A449 at Battlefield Island, overnight from 1st August for approximately 7 nights.
* A list of jobs was made for the Neighbourhood Highways Team to complete on 25th August.
* An up to date copy of Councillors details was prepared and this is to be forwarded to SSDC to update their records and the website.
* Confirmation of the repayment of VAT has been received from HMRC of £98.52.
* It was agreed to cancel the annual inspection of the play equipment pending the upgrade of this in the very near future.
* Cllr Oliver raised residents’ concerns regarding the gates in Fir Street Gospel End not being shut and locked as per the planning conditions, now that the Baggeridge development is progressing. Cllr Lees advised that this was being dealt with by SSDC legal advisors and they would progress this matter on behalf of the council.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* None

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING :-

**Wednesday 21st September 2016 at 7.00pm**

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