**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 15TH 2017 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT :- MR M CRISP PRESIDING**

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS :- MR R LEES, MRS S OLIVER, MRS S FROST, MR P HEMMINGS**

**APOLOGIES :- PCSO G MURPHY, MRS Y NOCK, MRS M SINCLAIR**

**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

The crime report for Himley and Swindon to 15/03/17 for the last 30 days was partly received and showed the following :- Burglary dwellings – 1, Burglary other -1, Criminal damage (exc arson) -1, Other theft -3, Other violence against the person -3, Theft from motor vehicles -3. The report showing ASB was unfortunately not received.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* A reply was received to the statement we gave to a resident regarding non-purchase of a CCTV camera. We discussed the issues raised but decided on no further action.
* Highways will repair the potholes which they quote ‘pose a high risk to highway users’ by the Commemorative Bench as soon as resources allow.
* Openreach is investigating the report of the leaning telegraph pole on Gospel End Road, reference number is C1494151. Update awaited.
* Residents should be aware that putting items such as fridges and cookers out on the pavement is technically fly-tipping and you could be fined. You can dispose of them free of charge at Botterham tip. If you ask a scrap collector to take them, you must ask to see their waste transfer licence.
* The large directional sign to M5 and Kidderminster was reported to Highways on 28.02.17 as being turned to face in the opposite direction courtesy of storm Doris. Ref: 4072345.
* Two industrial fly tipping incidents in our area were notified to the meeting by Cllr Lees – the 1st off Himley bypass and the 2nd in Swindon on the corner of the Mile Flat and Swindon Road.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :

* 17/00194/FUL, Consult 8.3.2017 – side and rear extensions to dwelling 75 School Road Himley deadline 29.3.17. L Duffy. No objections raised by HPC.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING A DECISION : –

* 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 DECISIONS-

None.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* The HSBC statement was presented for information purposes.
* Posters were distributed for display on both notice boards.
* The insurance renewal paperwork has been received from Zurich – renewal date is 23/5 – the clerk is to obtain alternative prices from other insurers before renewal.
* Crime prevention was discussed and Cllrs requested that PCSO Murphy is asked for any suggestions regarding this that could be passed onto residents as there has been a spate of burglaries in the area.
* It was agreed that the inspection of the play area by ROSPA would wait until they were in the area in August as the inspection done by Wicksteed upon completion of works was to British Standards and was sufficient until the annual inspection was completed.
* Cllrs were reminded that a representative from The Good Life would attend the April meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100403 - £300 S Farley – wages.
* 100404 - £75 HMRC

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING :-

**WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2017 at 7.00pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.42pm.