**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 17th MAY 2017 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT :- MRS Y NOCK**

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

**APOLOGIES :- MR M CRISP, PCSO G MURPHY, PCSO L IRVING**

**NOT PRESENT :- MRS S OLIVER**

**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.**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Election of Chairman – Mrs Y P Nock – proposed by Cllr R Lees seconded by Cllr M Sinclair.

Election of Vice Chairman – Mr M Crisp – proposed by Cllr R Lees seconded by Cllr Y P Nock.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

POLICE REPORT

The crime report for Himley and Swindon to 17/5/2017 for the last 30 days was received and showed only 1 crime – 1 Burglary Business and Community. This was queried by Cllrs and the production of the reports and police attendance is to be raised at the next locality meeting on 24/5/2017.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* A badly damaged section of Bridgnorth Road near the Commemorative bench reported on 27. 01.17 was re-surfaced on 05.05.17.
* Cllr Nock received an email from Openreach apologising for the trouble caused by the telegraph pole on Gospel End Road and asking if we were satisfied with their actions. She replied, thanking them and that we were very satisfied by the re-positioning of the pole, the lorry drivers more so, now that they do not have to pay for broken wing mirrors
* Following a report from Staffs C.C. that works were complete on the directional sign on the A449 which was damaged by storm Doris, Cllr Nock reported that only new posts had been installed but no sign. After an inspector’s visit, works have been raised, as urgent, to replace the sign.
* We have learned that Himley Parish Council is under no obligation to take over the allotments planned on Baggeridge Village, SSD Council will operate them.
* High Arcal Road accidents: A reply to our spreadsheet of 28 accidents that were recorded by a resident was received from the Traffic Management Officer at County to say that none of the 6 which the police had attended had been reported. Cllr Lees has reported this matter to the police and was told that if no one is injured in a road traffic accident, it is not reported.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :

* 17/00426/TREE\_T The Limes Himley Management, val 11.05.17, deadline 06.07.17, C.O. Steve Dores – T31 and T32, 2 yews, remove lowest branch on T31 and reduce height of both by up to 3 metres and reshape crowns.

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. .

### 17/00271/TREE\_T – 1 Churns Hill Lane, Crown-lift Lime trees T38, T39, T40 to 6-7 metres. Val 20.03.17, deadline 15.05.17.

### 17/00270/FUL – 12A Himley Lane, Demolition of existing garages and construction of new garage, val 24.03.17, consult not available, deadline 19.05.17, C.O. Matthew Hurley.

### 17/00311/OFFRES – Roadstone House, Fir Street, change of use from offices to 10 flats, val 03.04.17, consult 28.04.17, deadline 29.05.17, C.O. Gareth Dwight

### 17/00312/OFFRES – Baggeridge House, Fir Street, change of use from offices to 8 flats, val 03.04.17, consult 28.04.17, deadline 29.05.17, C.O. Gareth Dwight. Himley PC objected because of the dangerous exit from Fir Street and Baggeridge development was only allowed including these premises for industrial use, on appeal.

### 17/00260/FUL – Himley Field Cottage, erection of one dwelling and timber store (amendment to reduce dwelling size of application 14/00506/FUL approved 23.07.14), Val 11.04.17, consult 04.05.17, deadline 06.06.17, C.O. Gareth Dwight.

### 17/00296/FUL – The Old Barn (renamed from Greyhound Barn), Stourbridge Road, conservation area, 3.5m square oak gazebo, Val 12.04.17, consult 11.05.17. deadline 07.06.17, C.O. Paul Thompson Himley PC has commented that as this development is in a conservation area, any building must conform to the requirements set out for building in a conservation area and that any permitted development should be removed from the planning decision.

### 17/00335/FUL – 41 Fir Street, single story rear extension to dwelling house – Val 20.04.17, consult 11.05.17, deadline 15.06.17, C.O. Matthew Hurley

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 17/00194/FUL – 75 School Road, side and rear extensions, val 06.03.17, consult 08.03.17, deadline 01.05.17, C.O. Sue Frith. After an up-dated application it was approved with conditions 09.05.17.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* Cllr Lees asked that thanks to Cllr Y Nock were recorded for all of her work during the last 12 months – all Cllrs echoed this.
* The accounts were considered, approved and signed.
* Section 1 of the accounts – A1- the Annual governance statement was approved by Cllrs present and the document signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
* Section 2 of the accounts – A2 – The Accounting statement 2016/17 was approved by Cllrs present and the document signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
* The notice of date of commencement of the period for the exercise of public rights for the accounts for the year ended 31/3/2017 was dated 1/6/2017 with the inspection dates commencing on 12/6/2017 and ending on 25/7/2017. The 2 notices for the 2 notice boards were distributed for displaying on the 2 notice boards from 1/6/2017.
* The website was discussed and Cllr Lees is to make some enquiries regarding this.
* The Clerk advised that she had looked into the website through a formation website company and applied for grant funding under the Transparency Fund – this may be reconsidered once Cllr Lees advises of his investigations. The Clerk advised that she would contact the Transparency Fund if funding was not required to the initial level that she expected.
* The Clerk had obtained 3 quotes for the insurance as renewal is due for the next 12 months at the end of May. After consideration of the quotes it was decided to remain with Zurich – who are the current insurers and had quoted the best price and cover.
* A letter was given to Cllr Sinclair to hand deliver to Tarmac Roadstone in Gospel End for the repairs made to the road surface in Fir Street. Residents are extremely grateful.
* Thanks had been received from Cllr B Edwards for help and support during his years in office.
* Policing changes were notified advising of the new Police Commander Inspector Richard Meaden.
* The NHT acknowledged our list of jobs and advised that they would endeavor to complete these for us.
* The ‘High Arcal Road’ street name on the corner of Dudley Road was damaged, apparently by a vehicle unable to negotiate the turning. Reported to SSDC 04.05.17.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100407 – Zurich Insurance - £497.50

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING :-

**WEDNESDAY 21st June 2017 at 7.00pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.32pm.