**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 19th JULY 2017 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT :- MRS Y NOCK (PRESIDING)**

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

**APOLOGIES :- MRS M SINCLAIR,PCSO G MURPHY, PCSO L IRVING**

**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 19/07/2017 reported the following: Burglary residential - 1, Less serious violent crime with injury – 2, Other theft – 2, Other violence against the person – 4, Theft of motor vehicle – 1. Unfortunately the FX06 report showing the anti social behaviour statistics was not received.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* Cllr Nock checked on the status of the missing road sign on the A449, Ref: 4072345 but no reply has been received.
* County Cllr Wilson has been unable to borrow a speed gun from elsewhere, they cost £363 each.
* After agreeing not to start our own website, further correspondence with The Transparency Fund has thrown doubt on us relying on the SSDC website for our legal responsibilities. Cllrs agreed again that they were happy to continue with the SSDC website arrangement and would not want to consider building a separate site for HPC at this time. It was decided that the grant cheque for a website would be returned and a separate grant would be sought for a computer compatible with SSDC’s website. Clerk to research laptops suitable for purchase for Parish Council use.
* Playing Field Gate – Cllr Crisp is to contact the owners of the damaged gate to seek what outcome they require for damage caused by the vehicles when the playing field was cut.
* Himley Country Hotel Licence – the Licencing Officer requested further information on our objection. A new licence was issued on13.07.17. Licencing hours will be as old licence except that late night refreshment is extended to 5am.
* Lime tree epicormic growth in School Road obstructing the pavement has not yet been cut back. A reminder will be sent to the owner.
* SPACE holiday club posters were distributed for the noticeboards.
* Cllr Crisp confirmed that he was happy to be the contact point for the playing field ROSPA inspection due in August, although we have not requested an accompanied inspection.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :

* 17/00566/FUL - 5 Plantation Lane, Rear sun lounge extension – Val 19.06.17, consult 19.07.17, deadline 14.08.17, C.O. Ed Osborn.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING A DECISION : –

* 17/00396/FUL – Wood Farm Barns, stable – Val 26.05.17, consult 29.06.17, deadline 21.07.17, C.O. Jennifer Mincher. HPC has no objections but will ask for a condition that the building will never become a dwelling and question the fact that the proposed stable is in the exact position where a pool is marked on a previous application, which may lead to flooding.
* 17/00536/FUL - Orchard Cottage, bungalow with separate access to Churns Hill Lane to replace approved application 16/00107/FUL. Val 21.06.17, consult 12.07.17, deadline 16.08.17. HPC has no objection but asks that demolition of The Lodge is confirmed before any construction begins.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 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. Approved with conditions 30.06.17
* 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. Approved with conditions 28.06.17
* 17/00426/TREE - 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 – Refused as it would be detrimental to the amenity value of the trees and reasons given do not justify the works to be carried out.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL:- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* The HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* We now know that the allotments at Baggeridge Village should be ready by the end of August; SSDC will set up the Allotment Society and then hand it over to the residents to manage, any enquiries will be re-directed to Ryan Taylor, Development Officer.
* Eleven bags of concrete/rubble were dumped on Bridgnorth Road next to the Commemorative bench, on both the highway and pavement on July 1st/2nd. Enforcement was notified and it was removed.
* Staffordshire is due to host 24 miles of the Velo Birmingham bike ride on 24th September 2017 which will be passing locally through Kinver, Swindon, Wombourne and Trysull. Road closures will be in place and delays can be expected.
* The ground under the Commemorative bench is eroding; we are to investigate a solution.
* The auditors have questioned if HPC has any Trust Funds and fixed assets to declare. The clerk has replied to queries raised and is awaiting the finalising of the financial statements.
* Highways were not aware of a bad accident in June outside The Firs; a discussion will ensue with the County Councillor regarding double yellow lines.
* There is to be a review of the subsidised bus service (Connect) for 2018/19 as each journey is costing SCC up to £10 to make the service viable.
* The Police and Crime Commissioner has requested people to reply to a police and fire service consultation online.
* Chain of Office – Cllrs requested that the Clerk check the insurance policy in place to ascertain level of cover in place and if revaluation is required at any point.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* None

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING :-

**WEDNESDAY 20th September 2017 at 7.00pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.