**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 18th APRIL 2018 AT 7PM**

**PRESENT: - MRS Y NOCK**

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS: - MR M CRISP, MR R LEES, MRS S FROST, PCSO WILKES**

**APOLOGIES: - MRS S OLIVER, MRS M SINCLAIR, MR P HEMMINGS**

**NOT PRESENT:- CLLR V WILSON**

**OTHERS: - MRS S FARLEY (CLERK),**

 **NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS –**

**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 PARISH**

* Chairman’s address detailed the achievements and a resume of actions for the past 12 months.
* There were no members of the public in attendance.
* The Annual meeting was closed and the April 2018 monthly meeting opened.

POLICE REPORT - 17/3/18 – 17/4/18

Theft of motor vehicle: 1Gospel end Road, Summerhouse Pub– Handbag stolen containing car keys, Car subsequently stolen. Theft from motor vehicle: 1Himley House Hotel – Tools stolen from a van that was parked on the rear car park overnight. Theft other: 2School Rd – Basket swing stolen from Playing Field. Baggeridge Country Park – Car park machine stolen. Criminal damage inc. vehicle: 0 Drugs: 0 ASB: 0

There will be a new Chief Inspector from 1st May, Mark Ward.

PCSO Wilkes left the meeting at 7.25pm

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* The clerk attended the seminar in Stafford on the changeover of parish council auditors from Grant Thornton to Mazars.
* Cllr Sinclair sent photos of the debris on the pavement and verge between The Rocks in Gospel End to SSDC who passed them on to County Highways to get the debris removed.
* A mechanical sweeper was ordered to remove the mud from the pavement on the A449 near the Railway Walk bridge.
* The Connect bus service has had the number of buses reduced from 4 to 2, one will be used roughly to the north of Codsall and the other to the south. Residents will not be allowed to book journeys but the bus will run on a circular route in each area.
* We have received an estimate for the new charges for the 2019 Parish election of £3,270 plus either the hire of a room or portable polling station for Gospel End. The latter would incur a further cost of £2,500 which we want to avoid. Costs would be halved if held concurrently with a District election or there would be a charge of £50 if the Parish seats were not contested.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :- None

 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION:

* 18/00193/FUL - Land east of Red Lane, Proposed storage building Val 09.03.18, consult to 12.04.18, deadline 04.05.18, C.O. Paul Turner18/00215/FUL – Orchard Cottage, Churns Hill Lane, new bungalow, val 16.03.18, consult to 12.04.18,deadline 4.05.18, C.O.Laura Moon.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 18/00083/FUL - 20 Chalmers Road, to seek retrospective planning permission for the movement of the fence to sacrifice an area of front garden to increase the size of rear garden. Also to seek permission for change of use of front garden (classed as open space) to an enclosed larger rear garden. Val 04.02.18, consult to 06.03.18, deadline 01.04.18, C.O. Lucy Duffy. Approved with conditions 29.03.18.
* 18/00098/FUL – 11 Brick Kiln Way, 3 storey side extension, val 31.01.18, consult to 22.02.18, deadline 28.03.18, C.O. Laura Moon. HPC and Highways have no objection. Approved with conditions 12.03.18.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT :-

* 18/00096/BOC & 18/00170/BOC – Construction has been halted behind 89/91 School Road by Enforcement officers as the building is not to approved plans. Owners have been told to submit a new application*.*

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* Posters were distributed for the notice boards.
* The basket swing on The Playing Field was bolt-cropped and stolen around the middle of March. We are awaiting an estimate for a replacement to send to the insurers
* Cllr Nock completed the Enhanced Parish Survey from SSDC which had to be completed by 31.03.18.
* About 8 black bin bags of garden soil were dumped alongside the Bridgnorth Road litter bin at Easter.
* A Pay and Display machine at Baggeridge Country Park has been stolen.
* Because of abysmal internet speeds, Cllr Nock has approached our MP Gavin Williamson to see if he can help us get the option of Fibre. He has replied that he is happy to take this matter up with the Chief Executive's office at BT and as soon as he hears back will immediately be in touch. Cllrs asked the Clerk to invite Paul Chatwin for the County Council to the next meeting to discuss this with him.
* Cllr Nock asked the Clerk to decline the invitation to the Civic Service on 16/5/18.
* The Clerk advised Cllrs that she had spoken to Lorraine Fowkes at SSDC regarding the General data Protection Regulations which come into force on 25/5/18. She has been advised that a service aimed at smaller Parish Councils was to be offered by SSDC where they charged for their services by the hour and provided an ongoing data protection officer. Cllrs agreed that this was a more favourable and cost effective way forward and the Clerk is to contact them to arrange this service. *Cllr Lees declared an interest in this matter and did not comment or vote on this item.*
* The Zurich Insurance renewal was agreed for the next 12 months cover.
* Citizens Advice Bureau asked for a donation but it was declined as there will soon be no local office.

 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100428 £110 Swindon Community Centre.
* 100429 £25 S Farley expenses for auditor meeting at Stafford.
* 100430 £517.96 Zurich Insurance.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

**WEDNESDAY MAY 16TH 2018 at 7.00pm** – **this will be the Annual Meeting of HPC.**

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