**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 20th JUNE AT 7PM**

**PRESENT: - MRS Y NOCK**

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS: - MRS S OLIVER, MRS M SINCLAIR, MR M CRISP,**

 **MR P HEMMINGS**

**APOLOGIES: - MR R LEES, MRS S FROST, PCSO G MURPHY, MRS V WILSON**

 **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.**

 POLICE REPORT - Dates: 19/05/2018 - 19/06/2018

Burglary: 0 ,Theft of motor vehicle: 0, Theft from motor vehicle: 2 - Himley House Hotel – Sat-nav stolen from vehicle overnight. Baggeridge Park – Dash camera stolen from vehicle parked in the car park. Theft other: 1- Marl Way – Decorative trees in plant pots stolen from front of the property. Criminal damage inc. vehicle: 2 -Himley House Hotel 2 incidents – vehicle windows smashed on the car park. Drugs: 1 - A449 Himley – Vehicle driver dealt with for being in possession of green vegetation believed to be cannabis. ASB: 1- Wodehouse Lane – males attempting to fly para-glider from a field. This incident is not ASB and would not constitute an offence this incident would be best reported to the Civil Aviation Authority. The only offence that will be being committed is trespass, however, trespass is a civil offence and there is nothing we as the police can do in regards to this incident. Other things of note: Baggeridge village patrols are at an increased level for the time being -no incidents of note from the area this month. Serious RTC on Wodehouse lane, driver left scene before police arrival, enquiries ongoing.

 MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* Cllr Crisp had been in correspondence with Wicksteed and it was agreed that an order would be placed with them to replace the swing which was stolen from the playing field some months ago and that a claim for this would be made through the insurance.
* Our MP Gavin Williamson, after being told by Cllr Nock that there is no chance of having Superfast Broadband in Himley for the foreseeable future, says that he is very disappointed and that he ’will contact Openreach again to see what can be done in order to be able to help on this’.
* GDPR - no further details have been received.
* Delays to 101 phone calls – the Clerk has contacted the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding delays when using this service and had received a reply advising that they would look into this and come back to us.

 PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 18/00463/C OM – Himley Wood Landfill, val 30.05.18, consult to 27.06.18, deadline 27.06.18, C/O.Debbie Hall. To retain existing electricity generating plant for landfill gas and replace equipment to generate from compressed natural gas.

 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION:

* 18/00193/FUL - Land east of Red Lane, Proposed storage building. Amendment – val 09.03.18, consult to 28.06.18, agreed expiry date 20.07.18, C.O. Paul Turner. Applicants have reduced the size of the proposed storage building by 6ft in length and width and 12ft in height.
* 18/00363/VAR - 12A Himley Lane, Removal of condition 4 from application 16/00779/FUL dormer bungalow, applicant wishes to use garage as a living room. Val 03.05.18, consult to 28.05.18, deadline 28.06.18 C.O. Laura Moon. HPC Objected
* 18/00365/FUL – 12A Himley Lane, Double garage and boundary wall - HPC Objected

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - None

 ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* The annual accounts were present to Cllrs for approval. The S1 Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 was approved by all Cllrs present and Cllr Nock signed the return prepared by the Clerk S Farley.
* The S2 Accounting Statements 2017/8 Audit Approval was approved by all Cllrs present and Cllr Nock signed the return prepared by the Clerk S Farley.
* HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* Posters were distributed for the notice boards.
* On 21st May intruders were seen to access a field next to the building site in Bridgnorth Road to look at plant and materials behind the old buildings. This was reported to police along with a vehicle registration.
* Clerk received notification from Diane Firkins, Community Traffic Management and Highway Liaison Officer notifying us that the Neighbourhood Highways Team is no longer operational and we could meet to discuss how we could get jobs done in future. Most of the jobs that need to be done are a Highways matter so Cllr Nock decided that we would contact her if and when a problem occurred.
* A resident reported that trees on the wide grass verge along Bridgnorth Road are now overgrowing the road.
* A Wall Heath resident reported a sunken area around a small metal cover on the A449 just south of the junction with Dudley Road. Cllr Nock contacted Mark Keeling at Highways but has not received a reply.
* A section of the Sandstone wallin School Road collapsed under pressure from a flash flood during a thunderstorm at the end of May; it was rebuilt by the owner.
* There have been problems with grass cutting in Himley; there was a complaint that the verge in front of the Seven Dwellings was not mown when other verges had been cut and the grass was about a foot tall and similarly, the Playing Field grass had not been cut for about six weeks. Cllr Crisp reported The Playing Field to Andy Cousins and Cllr Nock reported both to SSDC Street Scene Services. The Playing Field was cut the following day and the verges within a week.
* Residents in Gospel End have again been concerned by someone flying a paramotor from a field in Wodehouse Lane but police confirm that there is no criminal act being committed in the attempt to fly the craft. The act of trespass to gain access onto the complainants land is that of a civil nature and would need to be taken up by the landowners solicitors should they wish to prosecute the individuals responsible.
* Cllrs Nock and Oliver confirmed that they would attend the Police Accountability Forum on 11th July at 6.30pm at Wombourne Civic Centre.
* Cllr Nock had completed the dog fouling survey for Himley.
* Cllrs agreed that Playsafety should undertake the annual inspection of the play equipment on the playing field.
* Cllr Sinclair had received complaints regarding the rubbish and debris on the side of the road on Wodehouse Lane between Wombourne Island and Gospel End – Clerk to contact highways to request that this is litter picked.
* Cllrs agreed that a £25 voucher should be purchased as a thank you gesture for the independent audit carried out by Mr D Walker.
* Cllrs requested that following complaints, we would request a letter be sent from SSDC to a resident who has ignored verbal notifications that he is breaking rules regarding him riding his horse around Baggeridge Country Park in areas other than the designated horse riding paths.

 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* £40 – S Farley – Expenses for 2017/18 – 100432
* £300 – S Farley – Clerk wages – 100433
* £75 – HMRC – Clerk tax – 100434

 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

 **WEDNESDAY 18TH July 2018 at 7.00pm.**

 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.28pm.