**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT: - MRS Y NOCK**

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

**PCSO G MURPHY**

**APOLOGIES: - MR R LEES, MRS S FROST, MR P HEMMINGS**

**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.

POLICE REPORT - 17TH January 2018 – 20th February 2018

Burglary - 2 Himley Cricket Club – garage broken into, with over £15,000 worth of tools and equipment stolen. Dudley Arms – entry gained but nothing stolen. Theft from motor vehicle - 3 School Road – van broken into and high value tools stolen. Himley House Hotel – 1 car and 1 van broken in to. Sat Nav stolen from both. PCSO Murphy warned that residents should be on their guard as burglaries have been rife in the Bobbington area.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING –

* The grit bin at the end of High Arcal Road has not yet been replaced. As soon as the fallen branch on Dudley Road was inspected, the job was considered urgent and removed.
* The other reported faults were not considered urgent and will be dealt with when resources become available or the job becomes cost effective. Cllr Nock has now been thanked by the Structures Team for her report on self-seeded trees growing on the bridge over the clay road in Dudley Road which Highways had earlier dismissed as ‘no action to be taken’.
* Cllr Nock had to ask for the bin by the Commemorative Bench to be emptied at the end of January after it was not emptied for a whole week.
* The Himley Parish precept for the coming year will be the lowest but one in Staffordshire.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 18/00083/FUL – 20 Chalmers Rd Gospel End. Retrospective planning permission for moving a boundary fence. deadline val 15.02.18 deadline 6.3.18 Lucy Duffy
* 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.

PLANNING DECISIONS: -

* 17/00727/FUL – 85 School Road, Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling. – val 25.08.17, consult 08.11.17, deadline 20.10.17, C.O. Paul Turner. Amendment: Orangery replaced by Dayroom with solid eastern wall, consult to 26.01.18. Approved with conditions 09.02.18.
* 17/01062/COU – Baggeridge Brick Co Ltd., Fir Street – Change of use from Craft Unit to Dog Groomers, val 29.11.17, consult to 26.12.17, deadline 24.01.18, C.O. Lucy Duffy. Approved with conditions 24.01.18

17/01103/FUL – 7 Fir Street, single storey rear extension, val 08.12.17, deadline 02.02.18, C.O. Rob Duncan. Approved with conditions 01.02.18.

* 17/01122/FUL – Baggeridge Country Park, extension of existing miniature railway and associated landscaping, val 18.12.17, consult to 24.01.18. deadline 12.02.18, C.O. Lucy Duffy. Approved with conditions 21.02.18.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION:

* 17/00899/FUL – Beggars Bush Lodge, Stourbridge Road – Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of new detached oak-framed garage and maintenance equipment/feed store, val 03.10.17, consult to 01.11.17, deadline 28.11.17, C.O. Rob Duncan.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL: - None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* The chain of office has now been valued by Fattorini for insurance purposes.
* Cllr Nock attended the meeting at SSDC which covered local elections and the forthcoming change in the law in May for data protection. Parishes now have extra costs for elections and The Parish Summit in autumn will be focused on elections.
* Builders waste from a bathroom refurbishment was fly tipped next to 32 Bridgnorth Road around 22:30 hours on 10th February from a very large white panel van. There would have been more had they not been disturbed.
* Some residents were alarmed on the weekend of 10th/11th February by a man knocking on doors in Himley village purporting to be conducting a survey on behalf of Staffordshire Police. Cllr Nock was contacted by a resident who had called the Police Control Room and she contacted Sgt Walker who explained that it was a genuine survey on behalf of the police by an outside company. She told the Sgt that as we are often advised not to answer the door to cold callers and there are scams by bogus police callers, she did not consider the survey to be a good idea unless we had prior notification. Staffs County Consultation is to be contacted regarding the survey as it appears to be a duplicate of the SSDC online survey which is sent out twice yearly.
* The invoice for the noticeboard has been paid by DWH directly to Fitzpatrick Woolmer and the Clerk has chased payment for the legs which is due to Thermetal.
* A large hole and a dead fox on High Arcal Road had been reported by the Clerk to Highways for action.
* The Clerk advised that she had been in contact with David Campbell at SSDC regarding the General Data Protection Regulations which are due to come into force on 25/5/2018. Cllrs agreed that she should meet with him to discuss this and put plans in place to make sure that this is complied with. An initial cost of £400 + VAT had been estimated by him. Cllr Nock thought that this had been quoted at £300 for small parishes. Approval given for the Clerk to meet with him and investigate this further.
* The Clerk advised that the Transparency Fund grant that she had applied for to help to purchase an up to date laptop had been rejected as this had been paid out when the ipad was purchased.
* Cllr Sinclair asked that a thank you letter was sent to Tarmac to acknowledge and thank them for the new gates and the road surface repairs in Fir Street – Clerk to complete.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – None

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: - **WEDNESDAY 21st March 2018 at 7.00pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.22pm.