**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.00PM**

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

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

**MRS M SINCLAIR,**

**APOLOGIES :- MRS S FROST, PCSO ALEX RATHBONE,**

**COUNTY CLLR V WILSON, MR R LEES**

**OTHERS :- MRS S FARLEY CLERK. MR A PITT-website consultant**

**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 – Police report for HIMLEY Parish Council (As received from PCSO)

Dates: 19/09/2019 - 15/10/2019

Incidents of note:

• Vehicle crime

Various incidents of vans being broken in to at both Himley Hotels and one theft from a van on Brick Kiln Way. One report of vehicle broken into at Himley Hall. One report of damage caused to vehicle on Gospel End Road.

• ASB

No repeat or hotspot locations for ASB in the area at this time.

• Burglary

Multiple sheds / outbuildings / stables broken into on Baggeridge Close / Gospel End Road / Red Lane. Local officers aware and paying close attention to location during hours of darkness.

• Other

One report of possible poaching off Red Lane. Wildlife officers aware and are checking location regularly

Other news:

•Members from the Special Constabulary conducted a dedicated operation on Gospel End Road and the Baggeridge Estate in relation to speeding and other motoring offences on Tuesday 08/10. Multiple drivers spoken to in relation to excess speed and phone use whilst driving. Due to concerns raised by local residents, this operation will continue in coming weeks.

•We are looking for volunteers for Speed Watch. If any residents are interested please direct them to http://www.staffssaferroads.co.uk/my-community/community-speed-watch

•Please recommend Smart Alert to any residents interested https://staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs/

•Please follow @SStaffspolice on Twitter for up to date tweets from your local Police. Look out for #Himley for local info. On Facebook, our new page can be found by searching for ‘South Staffordshire Police’

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* The DUBS Collective Party at Himley Hall, September 20th to 22nd again led to complaints about the noise which could be heard miles away. Cllr Nock contacted the Head Warden and the sound level was reduced for the second afternoon and evening but could still be heard in Wombourne. The sound increased at night and bass levels were particularly annoying. Cllr Lees investigated the terms of the licence and DMBC were given a warning. DMBC has apologised and acknowledged that the terms of the licence were broken and have assured us that the DUBS event will not be held at Himley Park again
* National Express has still not made any decision about running buses through Himley. Wombourne Volunteer Bureau will take Himley and Gospel End residents to medical appointments but expect a donation and the resident will have to pay any car parking charges. Cllrs Lees and Wilson are working to ensure that the Connect bus service will alter it’s routes to include Kingswinford if the buses are stopped but as they will only run in this area 2 days per week and to a timetable, residents will need to plan their trips very carefully to use the service.
* The advertising trailer that was left on the A449 lay-by was dealt with by Enforcement as ‘Unauthorised Advertising’ and was subsequently removed.
* Mis-use of play equipment on Playing Field: Police are continuing to monitor the situation. The complainant has not noted any further miss-use.
* Cllrs Sinclair and Oliver attended the Parish Summit on 11th October.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 19/00695/FUL 88 Gospel End Road, proposed single storey side extension with 2 no. rooflights and proposed ground floor enclosure beneath first floor increased balcony. Val 14.09.19, consult to 11.10.19 , deadline , 09.11.19, C.O. Jennifer Mincher. No objections
* 19/00740/FUL 8 Baggeridge Close, ground floor extension at rear and side/rear extension to first floor. Val 14.10.19, consult to 05.11.19. deadline 09.12.19, C.O. Lucy Duffy. No objections

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :-

* 19/00678/HEDGE - Field access track off Bridgnorth Road (and bridle path to Maidensbridge), 160 meters hedge removal - Val 09.09.19, consult to 23.09.19, C.O. Steve Dores

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* We were informed about a resident building a garage without planning permission but it was in fact Permitted Development.
* Mr Pitt from Chipmonk Computing attended the meeting from 7pm until 7.45pm to discuss the setting up of a Himley Parish Council website. Cllr B Edwards had written to advise that SSDC would not be able to offer this service after 31st December 2019. Mr Pitt discussed what was required with Cllrs and Cllr Nock and the Clerk are to provide him with information to assist with a website being designed.
* Posters were distributed for placing on the notice boards.
* Cllr Sinclair had received a complaint about litter between ‘The Rocks’ on Gospel End Road – Clerk to contact Bob Taylor to request this is litter picked.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100464 - SSDC – Ground maintenance £86.35

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -  **WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2019 at 7pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.