**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 17th JULY 2019 AT 7.00PM**

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

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

**MRS M SINCLAIR, MRS S FROST**, **PCSO J BUZZARD**

**APOLOGIES :- MR M CRISP, COUNCY CLLR V WILSON, PCSO G MURPHY**

**OTHERS :- MRS S FARLEY CLERK**

**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)

Dates: 19/06/2019 - 17/07/2019

Incidents of note:

Burglary / attempted burglary - none to report this month.

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

1 x isolated incident at Baggeridge Estate – youths smoking cannabis.

2 x incidents at Baggeridge Country park – boy racers and trespassers on the high ropes.

In future, we will have to source the police report ourselves from the police website

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Police non-attendance at meetings PCSOs are finding it difficult to attend meetings due to less PCSOs available, the time involved in collating crime figures for 8 parishes and being involved in incidents at the time of parish meetings. PCSO J Buzzard advised that the 2 PCSO’s for Himley are himself and PCSO G Murphy. However he is due to leave in October and a replacement will be appointed at this time.
* The bench for the Playing Field has been delivered and is being treated with stain and protector prior to installation. Cllr Nock had previously paid the deposit and was required to pay the balance before delivery.
* The cheque payable to Cllr Crisp for bench stain was returned and destroyed as an alternative stain has been purchased.
* The Musicom event at Himley Hall on 14th July passed without any complaints as the noise was kept to an acceptable level. Clerk to send a thank you letter to the organisers.
* The temporary no parking signs in Fir Street have now been put in the correct places but cannot be permanently erected until David Wilson Homes transfers land to SSDC. The transfer is likely to be very soon.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 19/00482/FUL - 7 Himley Lane, Proposed re-roof to raise roof and create loft extension with 1st floor extensions. Val 25.06.19, consult to 17.06.19, deadline 20.08.19, CO. Tyler Parkes. HPC to object on over-development, not in keeping with other properties, there is inadequate parking for the potential number of vehicles, the existing plans show a ground floor brick extension which is a conservatory and do not show an existing first floor extension.
* 19/00549/TREE\_T Proposal to fell TPO 84/1986, T21 Holly, Fell (T26 in application),T25 Horse Chestnut, Fell (T18 in application), T34 Lime, reduce length of branches (T39 in application)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION:-

* 19/00226/ADV – Himley Hall, to display 3 non-illuminated free-standing signs (at entrance gates). Val 22.03.19, deadline 17.05.19, C.O. Lucy Duffy, no consultations requested.
* 19/00318/FUL Brick Kiln Way, 3 storey, 66 bed Care Home for older people with associated access, parking and landscaping. Val16.04.19, consult to 17.05.19, deadline 16.07.19, C.O. Lucy Duffy. HPC sent the following concerns; - That the space allocated for car parking will be insufficient. There are 29 car park spaces outlined for the 66 bedroom facility. The nursing home will have 66 residents plus 20 staff on shift. The number of staff will be considerably more when there is a shift crossover. We feel that 29 car park spaces is insufficient.That the sewage system could be overloaded as it discharges into a small diameter pipe in Fir Street. There have been problems in the past with sewage discharging into the road. We would also like the effect that the development will have on air quality to be considered. A similar residential home within the Parish has had an effect on the air quality in the past from extraction and cooking fumes from the premises. This development will be situated in a residential area so this matter could have severe consequences to residents air quality.The Chair of Himley PC visited the site on Tuesday14th May and there was a vehicle on Brick Kiln Way, right outside the site, that looked similar to a gully emptier with the extraction pipe down a manhole. Another Cllr regularly sees this vehicle working on manholes in the vicinity. Why would this be if there is no problem with the sewage system?

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 19/00212/REM – Land at Beggars Bush (in Wombourne), Seeking approval for the layout, scale, appearance and landscaping in accordance with condition 2 on the outline approval 18/00559/OUT. The outline planning application was not subject to an environment impact assessment. Val 19.03.19, consult to 19.04.19, deadline 18.06.19, C.O. Jennifer Mincher. Approved with conditions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* We were contacted by the Children's Air Ambulance who asked if we could site a clothing recycling bin in the parish but we do not own any land.
* The hedge in School Road was promptly cut back after Cllr Nock contacted Homes England as it was causing a dangerous situation for residents on the blind bend.
* Cllr Nock contacted SSDC and SCC and asked if weeds in School Road, both on the pavement and in the gutter could be removed and the verge alongside the notice board cut. The verge was cut and the gutter weeds were sprayed with weed killer. The weeds on the pavement under the lime trees have not been removed, Cllr Nock to ask again.
* She also contacted The Limes and another property whose tree and rose bush were blocking the pavement and both were cut back.
* Cllr Nock to organise signs for the Playing Field and try to get quotes for picket fencing around the play equipment.
* A resident asked if they could put an advert in the notice board to do garden work but it was decided that in the unlikely event that the person had or caused an accident, the parish council could be sued so we regretfully refused.
* As part of an experiment in a few parishes, recycling bins in Gospel End have had tags attached to try to improve the recycling rate. The results will be analysed and if yields improve, the tagging may be rolled out on a district-wide level.
* The Clerk is to chase the planning department regarding the erection of sheds on the Baggeridge Estate without permission.
* Posters were distributed for display on the notice boards.
* The auditors have acknowledged receipt of the annual accounts and return.
* There is to be a review of boundaries for District Councils countrywide which may combine some Parish Councils.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100454 S Farley – re Auditor thanks -£25.00
* 100455 M Crisp - Replacement cheque for bench stain £16.99
* 100456 Y Nock – New Bench -£400.00

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -  **WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2019 at 7pm**

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