**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM**

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

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

**COUNTY CLLR V WILSON,**

**PCSO J BUZZARD (PART OF MEETING|)**

**APOLOGIES :- MR M CRISP,** **MRS M SINCLAIR, MRS S FROST, 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 from PCSO)

Dates:17/07/2019 – 18/09/19

Incidents of note:

Burglary / attempted burglary. 9th Sept – farm property off Wodehouse Lane. Large quantity of horse riding equipment stolen.

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

1 x isolated incident at Baggeridge Estate – complaint of very loud music playing although location not identified. No further reports. 3rd Aug report made.

Vehicle crime - Various incidents of vans being broken in to at both Himley Hotels.

Our equipment is currently being upgraded and should be back out in use very soon where we will carry out operations to combat these crimes.

Other - Deliberate car fire on Penn Road. Not believed to be a random attack.

Flytipping - Himley Lane 22nd and 30th July – various items, wood, bins (large quantity).

Cllr Nock also obtained the following figures from the Staffordshire Police website for July 1st to 31st.

Gospel End: 1 ASB on or near park/open space – no details are provided for ASBs, offender cautioned.

Himley: 1 other crime Himley Hall – offender cautioned.

1 violence or sexual offence on or near Churns Hill Lane – unable to prosecute (unstated reason)

1 vehicle crime on or near Cherry Lane – insufficient evidence to prosecute.

1 other crime on or near Bridgnorth Road – no suspect identified.

PCSO Jamie Buzzard joined meeting at 7.20pm. As well as ringing 101, anyone can now report to police online at www.staffordshire.police.uk and click on the report icon on home page and then on ‘Report’.

Movable APNR ( Automatic number plate recognition) cameras are being purchased for the district to combat crime. PCSO Buzzard left the meeting at 7.45pm.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* There will be another music event in Himley Park this weekend, 20th – 22nd September, DUBS Collective Party. Noise monitoring equipment will be used in Himley village.
* Weeds in the gutter near Himley’s notice board were removed and the gutters were swept.
* Cllr Nock has yet to receive quotes for a fence around the play equipment.
* It was confirmed that development without planning permission in Baggeridge Village was being investigated by Enforcement.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

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

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 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. Approved with conditions 19.07.19.
* 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. Objection – over-development, not in keeping with other properties, potential parking will be a problem, lack of light for adjoining properties, existing extensions. Application refused 20.08.19

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* A Vegan Festival at Himley Country Hotel caused traffic chaos with cars parked on both sides of the whole length of School Road on pavements and into Bridgnorth Road.
* A donation of £30 was made to S Staffs Work Clubs who have an office in Wombourne run by volunteers and help support residents with their future employment ambitions.
* News broke on 24.07.19 that West Midlands Transport intended to withdraw the bus service from Himley completely. Residents were informed by Cllr Nock and many joined HPC in sending objections to both the National Express Group and MP Gavin Williamson before the deadline of 9th August. Talks are still taking place and Wolverhampton residents are also concerned about the alterations. Cllr Lees and C Cllr Wilson are trying to negotiate an arrangement with Connect Bus service to include Kingswinford in the route it takes. Wombourne Volunteer Bureau will be asked if they would take residents to hospital appointments.
* An advertising trailer was parked on the A449 lay-by for a month. Enforcement was contacted who will arrange to have the unauthorised advertising removed.
* There has been a report that The Playing Field equipment is being used by older people using drugs, people who are not Himley residents bringing their children to play, use BBQs and leave litter, cars park across or too near the entrance drive and climb over and sit on the mechanised drive gate. Police have been informed about drug use. HPC never said that the equipment was for Himley children only but does expect people to respect other people’s property, not use the gate for climbing or as a seat and park appropriately. We will be putting up a notice that BBQs are not allowed. It was also suggested that we make another entrance further along the road but this would be a long, complicated and very expensive process.
* The annual inspection report on the Playing Field equipment has been received from Playsafety. No action is required.
* Cllr Lees has received 2 complaints from Baggeridge village about speeding lorries after they have un-loaded at the care home site, one narrowly missing a boy. He will contact police but they might not be able to enforce as Brick Kiln Way is a private road.
* A request was made for an advert for yoga classes to be shown in our notice boards but this would set a precedent and we rarely have spare capacity.
* Cllr Wilson asked for volunteers to attend a meeting at Perton on the Code of Conduct for parish councillors, and the Parish Summit on 11th October.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

* 100458 SSDC £215.06 for election charges
* 100459 £86.40 for Playsafety
* 100460 £110.00 for yearly hire of Swindon Community Centre
* 100461 £349.90 for Clerks wages
* 100462 £87.60 for HMRC
* 100463 £30.00 for South Staffs Work Clubs

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -  **WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2019 at 7pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.36pm.