**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20th 2019 AT 7.00PM**

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

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS: - MRS S OLIVER, MR R LEES, MR M CRISP, MRS S FROST,**

**MRS M SINCLAIR, CLLR V WILSON**

**APOLOGIES :- PCSO G MURPHY, 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 - 16th January 2019 – 20th February 2019

* ASB hotspots: off-road bikes. Crooked House, land owned by Biffa.
* Himley Country Hotel :-

6th Feb overnight, van broken in to and tools stolen.

6th Feb overnight, attempt made on van. Back door drilled and cut. Nothing taken.

* Baggeridge estate & Gospel End Road (GE.RD) :-

Lydiate Hill Road – suspicious incident. Two males disturbed trying to break in to an Audi SQ5 Quattro. Offenders made off in a black Seat Ibiza, possibly a 54 plate.

* Criminal damage – vehicle :-

8th Feb Penn Road. Vehicle set fire to although believed to be specifically targeted.

* Theft of motor vehicle :-

22nd January Himley Railway Walk car park. Lunch time theft. Citreon C1 stolen.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Roads and pavements have been swept including School Road and A449 from the Wall Heath border to the traffic lights which were badly covered with rotting leaves. A complaint has been received that the north side of School Road was not swept and the gutters are full of rotting leaves.
* Cllr Nock cannot ask for quotes for bench bases until we decide on the size of benches.
* Cllr Nock attended the Police Accountability Forum led by Chief Insp Mark Ward who gave an overview of current policing. He reported that there had been a reduction in all crimes except for vehicle thefts which had increased mainly due to thefts of key-less cars. He said that Special Constables are important to police work and is appealing for more volunteers to take on this role. SIDs (Speed Indication Devices) not only tend to reduce speed of vehicles but are also recording information which is later used in controlling traffic.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION:-

None

APPEALS AWAITING A DECISION:-

* 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. Application refused 16.10.18 The applicant has appealed against this decision. Appeal reference APP/C3430/W/18/3216179 – all representations to be lodged by 06.02.19.
* 18/00365/FUL – 12A Himley Lane now called 89A School Road, Double garage and boundary wall. HPC Objected. Application refused 16.10.18 The applicant has appealed against this decision. Appeal reference APP/C3430/W/18/3216307 – all representations to be lodged by 06.02.19

Environment Agency still objecting in August re flood risk to this property and others. .

HPC objections were sent to Planning Inspectorate

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 18/00964/FUL – 26 Bridgnorth Road, Front extension to dwelling, Val 28.11.18, consult to 01.01.19, deadline 23.01.19, CO Laura Moon Approved with conditions 21.01.19.
* 18/00987/COU - Baggeridge Craft Village, units 5, 7 and 9. Change of use from 3 craft units to one unit ClassD1 (non-residential institution) for an ‘Education role play centre for 2 to 8 year-olds to enhance social, speaking and listening skills. Val 15.12.18, consult to 09.01.19, deadline 09.02.19, C.O. Lucy Duffy. Approved with conditions 11.02.19

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* HSBC bank statement was presented for information purposes.
* County Cllr Wilson will receive £20,000 which will probably be spent on road matters within her 7 parishes during the next financial year. Along with most parishes HPC has decided to spend our share of the money on clearing gullies and drainage pipes to prevent flooding.
* Following several R T Crashes on the bend in High Arcal Road, Cllr Lees explained that more SIDs are being purchased for use around the parishes and he will ask for priority for High Arcal Road.
* Gareth Bowen who kindly offered to investigate grants for Superfast Broadband installation in Himley has received an estimate of the costs involved which are prohibitive but he is continuing to look at other options. There was a suggestion that HPC could make a donation towards the installation, however, the council does not have the funds to make a significant difference and the suggestion of putting the cost onto the rates would infuriate the majority of households as only 50 out of approximately 470 households in the parish need Superfast Broadband.
* A grounds invoice for the 3rd quarter of 2018-19 had been received; money overpaid in the 4th quarter 2017-18 was deducted.
* Police are asking for photos which represent the local area, scenery, monuments or recognisable place to include on their website.
* We are experiencing much litter being thrown from vehicles in Himley. If you see this happening, please make a note of the vehicle number and report it to us. Clerk to ask for litter picks in High Arcal Road, Dudley Road, By-pass and Wolverhampton Road.
* Clerk is still investigating the purchase of the laptop.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

100444 - £30.33 SSDC grounds maintenance

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -  **Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 7pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.