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

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

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

 **MRS M SINCLAIR, MR R LEES, COUNTY CLLR V WILSON,**

 **PCSO ALEX RATHBONE**

**APOLOGIES :- MRS S OLIVER**

**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: 16/10/2019 – 16/11/2019

Incidents of note:

Vehicle crime:-

A few incidents of vans being broken into on car parks at both Himley Hotels. There was also a van stolen from the Baggeridge Estate.

ASB:-

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

Other news:

* Local PCSOs have conducted speed checks along Gospel End Road due to residents’ concerns. Of all vehicles checked, around 5% were travelling at excess speed; we will continue to monitor this location. A further traffic focused operation is being arranged by PCSOs with the help of the Special Constabulary.
* 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’
* Feel free to encourage public participants to try reporting incidents via our ‘Digital 101’ service. A private message can be sent to ‘Staffordshire Police’ pages on Facebook / Twitter, instead of phoning 101 and waiting in a queue. Photographs and short video clips can also be sent via this service.

PCSO Rathbone left the meeting at 7.20pm.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* The Rocks litter pick through Gospel End was not done.
* Enforcement had notified the owners of property in Brick Kiln Way that they would need to provide a retrospective planning application for their illegal extension.
* Mr Pitt now has most of the information we require to be on the website and construction is progressing .
* HPC is in the process of adding ‘accessibility’ to the website; it is required by law.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 19/00848/TREE Whitehall, Wolverhampton Road, (Conservation area) reduce height of Tulip tree by 15 feet and balance remainder accordingly. Val 14.11.19, consult to 28.11.19, deadline 26.12.19, C.O. Steve Dores. No Objections.

DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS:-

* 19/00318/COND 2 , Baggeridge Brick, Fir Street, discharge of conditions 4 (landscaping) and 6 (bird nest boxes) for LNT Care Developments, Val 31.10.19, consult to 28.11.19, deadline 23.01.20, C.O. Lucy Duffy.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :-

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

* 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. Approved with conditions.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

* Due to grit being stolen from roadside grit bins, the bins will only be filled once per year.

 ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:-

* The National Express Newsletter at the end of October stated that final decisions to local bus services would not be announced until early 2020 after carefully reviewing all of the feedback and final decisions have been made.
* The Connect Bus service has been re-launched. It runs in this area on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm. Book your journeys on 01902 910 263 between 8am and 5pm. Costs: £3 single, £5 return.
* Community transport is available to residents in South Staffordshire which can be booked for travel to doctors, dentists, clinics and hospitals only from Wombourne Volunteer Bureau. To book telephone 01902 892 492 mornings only or email wombournebureau@talktalk.net. A donation is expected and you have to pay any parking charge.
* Rock fall on The Rocks, Gospel End, had been reported to SCC but no result had been seen
* Cllr Lees reported that 8,900 new houses needed to be built in S Staffs. The Local Plan Review was now out and comments on where developers have suggested building are invited from residents before 15th December. Details to be found on S Staffs website. HPC to comment that there is no room for development within the Parish.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

 None

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

**WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER 2019 at 7pm**

 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.