**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY VIA TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM**

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

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

**COUNTY CLLR V WILSON**

**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**

CRIME FIGURES as received :- 20/10/20 – 15/12/20

• Main headlines since the last meeting:

Burglary –School Road – 2 x males disturbed attempting to break into property via rear patio doors.

Himley Hall – Two store rooms and steel container broken into – nothing taken.

Theft –Chalmers Road – Theft of number plates

ASB hotspots :-Quarry off Himley Rd – Off road bikes

Proactive news –

-Over the past month, officers on proactive patrols have conducted countless vehicle stops and the below results have supervened –

-A449 Stourbridge Road – Driver provided positive drug-swipe test result and was arrested for same; he was further arrested for drug supply offences. Warrant gained for home address where cannabis grow was discovered.

-A449 Stourbridge Road – Vehicle recovered / driver processed for no insurance x 2

-A449 Stourbridge Road – Vehicle failed to stop for officers. Pursued into Wolverhampton town centre where the driver alighted the vehicle and attempted to make off on foot. Driver detained and arrested; namely for fail to stop and dangerous driving, amongst other driving related offences.

-11/12/2020 & 12/12/2020 – Our Road Crime Team came and joined us in Wombourne / Himley, carrying out stop checks on multiple vehicles travelling along the A449 – numerous seizures for no insurance and also 2 x drivers arrested for failing a roadside drug swipe.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Photos of the splits in the ‘Infant’ swing were sent to Wicksteed by Cllr Crisp who stressed how disappointed we were that the seat cover had only lasted for 3 years. Wicksteed agreed to replace the cover FOC. It has been received but not yet fitted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 20/00905/FUL 10 Baggeridge Close, Demolition of existing building and erection of a 5-bed dwelling with swimming pool attached and a gym at end of garden. Val 04.11.20, consult to 26.11.20, deadline 30.12.20, C.O. Laura Moon HPC objects to the building in Green Belt.
* 20/00974/TREE Beggars Bush Lodge. Remove a Beech Tree in Conservation area. Val 16.11.20, consult to 30.11.20, deadline 28.12.20, C.O. Steve Dores.
* 20/01004/FUL Baggeridge Country Park, we will be placing a refurbished shipping container onsite to provide a base for breathing space therapeutic services CIC which is a community-based organisation offering alternative therapeutic interventions to children and young people, with a core focus being activities based outdoors within the surrounding woodland. Val 11.11.20, consult to 10.12.20, deadline 06.01.21, C.O. Lucy Duffy.
* 20/01050/COU 2 Baggeridge Craft Village, use as an upholstery and soft furnishings workshop, renovating antique upholstered furniture and manufacturing soft furnishings. Providing training in upholstering small items. Val 25.11.20, consult to 16.12.20, Deadline 19.01.21, C.O. Laura Moon.
* 20/01067/FUL 10 Penn Road. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 3-bed dwellings. Val 09.12.20, consult to 05.01.21, deadline 03.02.21, C.O. Laura Moon. HPC objects on too much housing for plot, not enough parking for 3 cars on each drive and will overshadow bungalow next door.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :-

* 19/00901/FUL The Firs, Wodehouse Lane. Staff and customer car park extension on neighbouring local authority land to the west of existing car park, Val 02.03.20, consult to 24.03.20, deadline 27.04.20, C.O. Gemma Smith. 17 trees need to be removed. This application has been amended.
* 19/00922/COU Wood Farm, Gospel End Road. Change of use of existing farm building from equestrian use to dog daycare and training facility, val 25.09.19, consult to 29.10.20, deadline 19.11.20 C.O. Planning team. Additional information has been added regarding hours, trainer, how and when dogs are trained.
* 20/00466/FUL Baggeridge House, Fir Street, amendments to 20/00046/OFFRES, internal and external alterations of the converted proportion. Val 12.06.20, consult to 03.11.20, deadline 07.08.20, C.O. Gemma Smith.
* 20/00182/FUL The Firs. Staff and customer car park extension on neighbouring local authority land to the south of existing car park i.e. further back from Wodehouse Lane extending behind a house in Fir Street

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 19/00969/LUE Hinksford Farm Units 6 and 7, Application for Lawful Development Certificate for both units, Val 16.01.20, consult to 07.02.20, deadline 12.03.20, C.O. Thomas Cannon. Both units have been used for general storage (B8) by a surfacing company. No Objections. Approved 13.11.20.
* 19/00970/LUE - Hinksford Farm Units 1 and 8A, Application for Lawful Development Certificate for both Units, Val 16.01.20, consult to 07.02.20, deadline 12.03.20, C.O, Thomas Cannon. Both Units have been used for general storage (Class B8 warehousing and open-air storage) by its current and previous owners. No Objections. Approved 13.11.20.
* 19/00972/LUE- Hinksford Farm Unit 11, Application for Lawful Development Certificate, Val 20.12.19, consult to 13.03.20, deadline 14.02.20, C.O. Thomas Cannon. This unit has been used and is currently used as general storage, B8. No Objections. Approved 13.11.20.
* 20/00649/FUL - 45 Chalmers Road. Single storey extension 5.7m x 2.3m with pitched roof foundation to building, val 15.08.20, consult to 07.10.20, deadline 10.11.20, C.O Ester Cuthill. Approved with conditions 06.11.20.
* 20/00702/COU Units 10 and 11 Baggeridge Craft Village, combine two units into one large unit, and change the use to Sui Generis - Aesthetics Clinic. Val 17.09.20, consult to 15.10.20, deadline 12.11.20, C.O. Planning Team. Approved with conditions 12.11.20.
* 20/00834/VAR Unit 8B Hinksford Farm. Val 01.10.20, consult to 20.11.20, deadline 26.11.20, C.O. Thomas Cannon. Vary Condition 2 of 19/00976/FUL to allow for the use of the existing hard standing area to the north of Unit 8b, to allow for power/pressure washing; jacking up of vehicles to enable the removal of wheels; and mechanical polishing (hand held tools only). These operations shall take place between the hours of between 08.00 to 18.00 Monday to Friday, 09.00 to 16.00 on Saturdays, and not at any time on Sundays or Bank or Public Holidays. This would align with the consented hours of operation of the Unit. Approved with conditions 30.11.20.
* 20/00902/FUL Unit 8, Baggeridge Craft Village, change of use from Sui Generis to Class E. Val 30.10.20, consult to 02.12.20, deadline 25.12.20, C.O. Laura Moon. Approved with Conditions 04.12.20 .

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: NONE

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* Following complaints from 2 residents that large dogs have been regularly let loose on The Playing Field and allowed to run onto resident’s property, a sign was ordered but not yet received that ‘Dogs must be kept under control and within The Playing Field’. HPC to put up a temporary sign.
* Cllr Sinclair to contact manufacturers of Gospel End notice boards to ask if there is a solution to stop rain entering as they were marketed as waterproof.
* Cllrs Nock and Lees joined the online Locality 5 Forum on 26th November.
* A plank bridge has appeared over the brook providing a right of way to The Whitehall Barns. Clerk to contact SSDC as this is not allowed
* SSDC offered money from a Christmas Fund for ‘vulnerable residents’. Cllrs Nock and Sinclair discussed this but did not know of any.
* Hello Internet, who had offered to supply wireless broadband to the village have informed us that it is not now viable because there are not enough households willing to join the scheme. However, there is an opportunity to bring full Fibre Broadband to eligible properties in Himley, utilising Government funding in partnership with Openreach as long as we have enough households who will agree to take part, potentially removing the cost to the community completely. HPC agreed to have leaflets printed to distribute to all Himley residents as many cannot work online with speeds as low as 0.5Mb/sec.
* C Cllr Wilson asked if we had any residents who would be alone at Christmas or needed a telephone chat occasionally.
* The precept request was agreed at £11,000 for 20/21 and the Clerk is to send this request.
* Residents have held a collection and funds raised have been used to purchase gifts for the nursing home in Himley.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: -

100490 S Farley – wages £390.10

100491 HMRC £97.40

100492 Y Nock – printing expenses for broadband leaflet £80.00

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

**WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2021**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.