**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HIMLEY CRICKET CLUB ON THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.30PM**

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

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

**COUNTY CLLR V WILSON**

**APOLOGIES:- MR M CRISP, MR R LEES**

**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 :- 16/09/2020 - 19/10/2020

• Main headlines since the last meeting: Vehicle Crime –Lickey Close – Keyless theft of Ford EcoSport,

Theft – Penn Road – Theft of handbag from vehicle, Burglary – Penn Road – Offenders gained access to property through upstairs window. Other – School Road – Disturbance on car park of hotel (x4)

ASB hotspots: School Road – Reports of disorder on hotel car park, Baggeridge Park – Nuisance youths

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Himley Country Hotel: Two assaults on women were witnessed, one on and one outside the car park. Police were called and arrested the offender. Also, two Cllrs received emails from two residents that a noisy ‘party’ had taken place on the car park which stated that police were informed and attended but no date given. Police however, have no record of the incident and no near neighbours complained about noise.
* The three signs which were purchased for the play area were backed with steel, brackets made and fixed to fences by Mr I Nock, FOC. We thank him for the work involved.
* SSDC has agreed to install a litter bin in the picnic area of The Playing Field when materials become available.
* Following a letter from Staffs County Council to the owners of the hedge next to the Himley Notice Board, the hedge was cut back and clippings removed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 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.
* 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.
* 20/00702/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. Mon-Sat 9-6, Sun 10-2.

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. No Objections.
* 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.
* 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.
* 20/00063/COND - Baggeridge House. Discharge of conditions 4. materials, 5. Finished floor levels, 6. Foul water drainage, 7. & 8. Refuse – storage and recycling. Val 21.08.20, consult to 30.09.20, deadline 13.11.20, C.O. Gemma Smith.
* 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.
* 20/00182/FUL - The Firs. Staff and customer car park extension on neighbouring local authority lan**d** to the south of existing car park i.e. further back from Wodehouse Lane extending behind a house in Fir Street
* 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.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 20/00554/FUL - Wood Farm House, Gospel End Road. Erection of reception building (replacing a wooden shed) for equestrian business in Green Belt. Val 18.07.20, consult to 19.08.20, deadline 22.09.20, C.O. Laura Moon.HPC objected on Green Belt. Refused 07.10.20 Inappropriate development.
* 20/00656/ADV - Sedgley Court Care Home. V shaped directional sign at the junction of Gospel End Road and Brick Kiln Way, val 31.07.20. consult to 10.09.20., deadline 25.09.20., C.O. Kate Taylor
* Approved with conditions 08.10.20.
* 20/00569/TREE - Himley Hall Walled Garden, Conservation area. Remove 37 dead/dying/poor condition Cyprus trees, val 31.07.20, consult to 14.08.20, deadline 11.09.20, C.O. Steve Dores. Approved 09.10.20.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

* Details regarding grants available for broadband connection in Swindon were given and Cllr Wilson advised that Himley residents may also be eligible. Cllr Nock advised that a resident in Himley had already made residents aware of this.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS

* Rope swings have been attached to trees on the Playing Field by residents. These are not allowed as they are not covered by HPC insurance and in today’s sue-happy society, Cllrs themselves would be responsible if anyone was injured; therefore, they are removed.
* We received communication from County asking if we agreed to a lowering of the speed limit from 60 to 40mph on the section of Himley by-pass near the new development of Himley Meadows. Cllr Nock replied that we did but felt that the speed limit should be lowered back to the two junctions, Bridgnorth Road into Himley Village and Himley Lane where there have been numerous accidents.
* A second split on another corner has appeared on the infant swing seat where the ROSPA inspector noted had one split. Cllr Crisp has contacted Wicksteed.
* Due to COVID restrictions, the Council Chamber at Swindon Community Centre is unavailable; The Lydiate Room at Baggeridge has been offered as an alternative

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: -

100486 SSDC Grounds Maintenance £86.38

100488 Himley Cricket Club Room Hire £10.00

100489 Wicksteed Leisure Playing Field fence and picnic benches £14,108.88

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

**Wednesday18th November 2020 at 7.30pm TO BE HELD IN THE LYDIATE ROOM BAGGERIDGE**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

These minutes were confirmed online as the November meeting was not held due to COVID 19 restrictions