**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY ON**

**WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

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

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

**MR P HEMMINGS, MRS V WILSON**

**APOLOGIES:- MRS S OLIVER, MRS M SINCLAIR**

**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 :- 17/01/21- 16/02/21:-

Main headlines since the last meeting:

Theft from motor vehicle - 2 Samsung Tablets stolen from gritting vans – Red Lane, Gospel End

Theft of motor vehicles -Keyless theft of Nissan Juke overnight – Bridgnorth Rd, Himley, Vauxhall Corsa stolen of railway walk carpark – Himley Lane, Himley

Suspicious Incidents: -We have received multiple reports of suspicious behaviour across the area and have, and will continue to, assess everyone. Some are innocent or misinterpreted incidents however some provide us with invaluable information. Thank you to the residents who take the time to contact us; it is much appreciated.

Other –Report of 1 travellers setting up camp on Baggridge Country Park, Gospel End.

ASB hotspots: Quarry off Himley Rd – Off road bikes, Himley Country Hotel – Cars parking up in the evening

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Himley Country Hotel. An extension to the closure order was requested by SSDC at a magistrate’s court on 12.02.21 but the leaseholder had employed a solicitor to fight the closure so the extension was only allowed until 2nd March when there will be a further court appearance.
* Gospel End notice board. A resident has offered to look at the problem with the rubber compression strip.
* Playing Field Fence drop bolt. The hole for the drop bolt has been drilled out and the bolt now drops fully. It is hoped that a notice on the gate, ‘pull to open’ will stop users opening the bolted gate which then allows dogs to enter.
* Off- road bikers on Railway Walk. There was another report on 31st January of bikers on the infilled tip. Biffa security was informed by a resident. Police have called Biffa to a meeting to discuss fence repairs and responses to complaints.
* The unstable manhole cover at the junction of School Road and the A449 was reported online but had already been reported together with a second one at the same junction.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 21/00049/FUL 90 Gospel End Road, two storey side and rear extensions and internal alterations for lounge and games room with bedroom balcony and bathroom over. Val 18.01.21, consult to 11.02.21, deadline 15.03.21. C.O. Ester Cuthill.
* 21/00067/FUL 6 Whitehall Farm Barns, Cart Barn, Erection of a temporary timber summerhouse structure within the curtilage of a private garden in a Conservation Area. Val 07.02.21, no consultation, internal target 04.04.21., C.O. Planning Team.
* 21/00104/FUL Land off Red Lane, Proposed additions to existing base station installation. Val 03.02.21, consult to 26.02.21, deadline 31.03.21. C.O. Lucy Duffy.
* 21/00115/FUL 92 School Road, single storey extension/orangery with internal alterations. Val 05.02.21, consult to 02.03.21. deadline 02.04.21, C.O. Dudley Planning Team.

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.
* 20/00063/COND Baggeridge House, Fir Street, Discharge conditions 4 - materials, 5 - finished floor levels, 6 - foul water drainage, 7 and 8 - refuse storage / cycle storage. Val 21.08.20, consult to 30.09.20, deadline 13.11.20, 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
* 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.
* 20/00974/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.
* 20/01045/FUL Himley Country Hotel, The demolition of part of the former Hotel, and erection of 9 dwellings with garages and car parking, the refurbishment of the retained former School Building / Private Residence to a 2 Bed Bungalow with garage, together with private amenity and new gated private road from the existing access from School Road. Val 04.01.21, consult to 25.01.21, deadline 05.04.21, C.O. Planning Team. HPC commented Himley Parish Council wish to support this application as they feel it will enhance the village of Himley. They do however have concerns over the amount of parking available for these properties and would like planners to consider this. Most houses of the sizes within this development have 3 or 4 cars and there is insufficient space at each dwelling for this They do not want overflow parking along School Road to become a future problem on an already very busy road.
* 20/01115/FUL 20 School Road, single storey rear extensions and alterations. Val 14.12.20, consult to 27.01.21, deadline 08.02.21, C.O. Ester Cuthill.
* 21/00029/FUL The Old Smithy, School Road. Erection of new garage and internal alterations. Val 09.01.21, consult to 03.02.21, deadline 06.03.21, C.O. Planning Team. HPC commented: The documents do not show the boundary of the site with existing buildings and land owned in relation to the bridle path. Be aware that there is a turning space for any vehicle on the bridle path in to the existing double gate and the side of the existing garage; the drawings do not show this.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 20/01004/FUL Baggeridge Country Park. The stationing of a shipping container for use by Breathing Space Therapeutic Services only. Val 1.11.20, consult to 10.12.20, deadline 06.01.21, C.O. Lucy Duffy. Approved with conditions 28.01.21.
* 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 objected on too much housing for plot, not enough parking for 3 cars on each drive and will overshadow bungalow next door. Amendments have seen a change to the roof design of the properties [incorporation of a small hip]. Approved with conditions 26.01.21
* 20/01155/FUL 16 Chalmers Road, Single storey orangery. Val 23.12.20, consult to 28.01.21, deadline 17.02.21, C.O. Ester Cuthill. Approved with conditions 01.02.21.

DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS :\_

* 20/00905/COND 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 objected to the building in Green Belt. Approved with conditions 18.12.20. Condition 3: Materials – approved Brick - Wienerburger Farndale Multi Render - Weberpral M Chalk Tile - Russell Grampian Anthracite. The submitted materials are acceptable and Condition 3 discharged.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* The Himley village Polling Station for May elections will be at Himley Cricket Club. Postal voters are being encouraged to register early. Posters to be displayed on the notice boards.
* A litter bin has been installed next to the bus shelter in Bridgnorth Road.
* Brook - Yet another plank has been fixed across the brook and the area on the other side is being well used by children playing. It is quite muddy around the shrubs. A fence is to be considered and a ‘Keep Out’ notice put up.
* Roadside Litter – Cllr Crisp and Cllr Nock reported that there is a lot of litter again on the by-pass and High Arcal Road. Clerk to ask for litter-pick.
* A temporary road closure for 23-24th February for cleansing works to Gospel End Road through the rocks had been notified to the clerk.
* Residents in Fir Street had advised that a mattress had been dumped by the gates. Clerk to contact Staffs Report It online to get this removed.
* HSBC had acknowledged the Know Your Customer return that the Clerk had completed and submitted.
* Cllr Frost advised that she was looking into a payroll system for use from the beginning of the next financial year as she no longer had access to the current one.
* Both County Cllr Wilson and Cllr Nock have been dismayed at abuse that is now directed at Councillors who are only doing their job trying to help residents.
* The paperwork towards having Superfast Broadband installed in Himley village is progressing well.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: - None.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

**WEDNESDAY 17th MARCH 2021**

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