**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.30PM**

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

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

**APOLOGIES:- MRS M SINCLAIR, CCLR V WILSON,** **MR P HEMMINGS,**

**MR M CRISP**

**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 - None received

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Playing Field: Still awaiting bolt repair and padlock to Play Area, debris removal from brook and brook-side and quote for alterations to A449 bus shelter.
* Cllr Nock reported to SSDC that a dangerous patch of grass on the field where the remains of branches from the felled ash tree had not been removed for weeks and were overgrown and hidden, causing a trip-hazard. A reply was received the same day that it would be cleared ASAP.
* Forest of Mercia: Cllrs Crisp and Nock met with a representative from Forest of Mercia to discuss tree planting near the brook on The Playing Field. It was mutually decided to plant on a strip of the field about 4 metres wide along the brook and along the eastern side with Alder, Willow, Guelder Rose, Oak, Rowan and Hawthorn. The Landowner Pledge Form to be sent to SSDC.
* Gospel End pavement: Cllr Nock met with C Cllr Wilson and County Community Highway Officer Ms Firkins to try to finalise work required to remove detritus and make the pavement safer. Enquiries would be made regarding a specialist pavement-scraping machine but it is uncertain as to how much of detritus build-up can be removed in certain places where hedge roots are above pavement-level.
* Superfast Broadband for Himley: Openreach are still working on the preliminary works such as extra poles necessary, the overhead and underground fibre roll-out, and repairing manholes.
* Fir Street sewage problems: The newly-found underground chamber at the pumping station in Baggeridge Country Park has not overcome the problems with the sewage system in Fir Street. Many more residents are experiencing foul smells, both in the streets and in houses. Severn Trent Water, Darlington is going to investigate blockages and odours and monitor the situation.
* Penn Road double yellow lines: These have been repainted.
* Information signs on roads entering Himley Parish: Cllr Oliver contacted a company for information but is unable to proceed further as she is not online. Further enquiries to be made with SSDC.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 21/00969/TREE    Himley Hall, Section 211 Conservation Area Notification. Fagus sylvatica (Beech) - Pollard to approx 6m above ground level due to significant decay onset into the cambium tissue of main stem and a significant lean towards the main car park. Val 22.09.21, consult to 06.10.21, deadline 03.11.21, C.O. Gavin Pearce.
* 21/00979/TREE    Himley Hall, Section 211 Conservation Area Notification. Fell Fagus sylvatica (Beech) - Fagus sylvatica (Tag number 366).  Val 13.10.21. consult to 27.10.21, deadline 24.11.21, C.O. Gavin Pearce. HPC to ask for replacement.
* 21/00993/FUL    Himley Hall. Installation of air source heat pumps and construction of timber fenced compound, Installation of photo-voltic panels on roof. Val 28.09.21, consult to 25.10.21, deadline 23.11.21, C.O. Tom Nutt
* 21/00999/LBC   Himley Hall, Installation of air source heat pumps and construction of timber fenced compound. Installation of photo-voltic panels on roof. Val 28.09.21, consult to 25.10.21, deadline 23.11.21, C.O. Tom Nutt.
* 21/01022/FUL   Ward House, Himley Hall, Installation of air source heat pumps and construction of timber fenced compound, Val 28.09.21, consult to22.10.21, deadline 23.11.21, C.O. Laura Moon.
* 21/01023/LBC   Ward House, Himley Hall, Installation of air source heat pumps and construction of timber fenced compound. Val 28.09.21, consult to 22.10.21, deadline 23.11.21, C.O. Laura Moon.
* 21/01043/TREE   Himley Hall, Section 211 Conservation Area Notification. T3294, Quercus rubra (Red Oak) - Fell and T3295, Quercus rubra (Red Oak) - Crown reduction by up to 5 metres in height and up to 3 metres from lateral branches. Val 14.01.21, consult to 28.10.21, deadline 25.11.21, C.O. Gavin Pearce. HPC to ask for replacement.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :-

* 19/00922/COU Wood Farm, Gospel End Road. Change of use of existing farm building from equestrian use to dog day-care and training facility, val 25.09.19, consult to 29.10.20, deadline 19.11.20 C.O. Planning team
* 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.
* 21/00770/FUL Development of 7 now amended to 6 Dwellings on Land Adjacent to Sedgley Court Care Home, Brick Kiln Way. Val 28.07.21, consult to 20.08.21, deadline 22.09.21, C.O. Laura Moon. HPC asked that a condition be added to this development that there is no access through Fir Street.
* 21/00884/FUL 4 Whitehall Barns, Wolverhampton Road. Single storey orangery, Val 06.08.21, consult to 14.09.21, deadline 01.10.21, C.O. Tom Nutt.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 21/00545/FUL 32 Penn Road. Proposed conversion of existing outbuilding into granny annex. Val 17.05.21, consult to 23.06.21, deadline 12.07.21. Case Officer Laura Moon. HPC objected – Green Belt, not suitable, difficult access and intrusion on neighbour’s property. Application Refused 17.09.21.
* 21/00868/FUL 20 Lickey Close single storey rear extension to form an orangery and shed/garden room to the side of the property. Val 16.08.21, consult to 09.09.21, deadline 11.10.21, C.O. Emma Possillo. Approved with conditions 08.10.21.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS HIGHWAYS DATA:

Stats from 14/09/21 and 01.10.21 Highways enquiries raised: 922, Highways enquiries closed: 1703, Gullies visited: 2362, 93% and 87% cleansed at first visit, Potholes patched: 1524, Emergency jobs completed: 7, Pothole jobs completed by Category of pothole 608, Cat 3 – 410, Cat 2 – 171, Cat 1 – 24, Emergencies –3

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* Liaising with Swindon Community Centre over the times we did not use the Council Chamber during the pandemic, we are now fully paid up to July 2021. In the future an annual donation to Swindon Management Committee is to be made.
* There is a virtual meeting on the Local Plan on Wednesday 17 November 2021 6-8pm. This coincides with our HPC meeting. Clerk has sent apologies.
* Cllr Lees suggested that we buy 2 SIDS for alternate use in Himley and Gospel End – Clerk to look into this.
* Cllr Lees also suggested we start plans for buying 2 defibrillators – Cllr Nock to approach possible site for this in Himley. Further thoughts for a Gospel End site to be discussed with Clr Sinclair.
* Himley is included in the Commonwealth Games cycle race on Thursday, August 4th 2022. Roads will be closed to traffic during the day.
* Clerk to contact Dave Heywood for an alternative date for the Parish Council Meetings with the Leader and CEO for the Clerk and Chairman as those suggested were not suitable to both.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: - None

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

**Wednesday 17th November 2021 at 7.30pm - COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.