**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE 2022 at 7.30PM**

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

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS: MR M CRISP, MRS S FROST, MRS S OLIVER,**

**MR P HEMMINGS,**

**MRS M SINCLAIR, MR R LEES, CCLR V WILSON**

**OTHERS :- MRS S FARLEY CLERK,**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MR R PAINTER**

**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 17/05/2022 – 14/06/2022 as received:

Main headlines since the last meeting:

* Vehicle crime – Himley Country Hotel – 29/05/ - At 21:23hrs unknown offender(s) have stolen a van parked securely on the car park, cctv shows the incident but the quality was poor and unable to see faces for identification.
* Himley Plantation – 01/06 – Between the times of 09:00hr to 09:42hr, unknown offender(s) have approached secure vehicle parked on a car park near to the wooded area and caused damage to the passenger side window by unknown means and stolen various items from within, no witnesses, cctv or lines of enquiry.
* ASB – Baggeridge Craft Village – 30/05 Report of youths congregating in vehicles on the coach car park possibly drug taking/dealing.

Pcso Millichap and Pc Wayne Green have had a meeting with land owner, Council and residents to resolve this issue.

In relation to the ongoing Anti-Social Behaviour at Baggeridge Park, we are taking positive action by working with South Staffordshire Council and Local Schools to get the involved youths identified

Proactive news –

* Operation Cable targeting ASB hotspots and Operation Lightning targeting vehicle crime are up and running frequently, with officers utilising both marked and unmarked vehicles Up-to-date information regarding these operations can be found on Twitter and Facebook.
* Please follow South Staffs Police on Twitter: @SStaffsPolice. Facebook: ‘Staffordshire Police’ & ‘South Staffordshire Police’
* Staffordshire Police are currently in the early stages of a working model restructure. This is set to see a number of response officers be based permanently in South Staffordshire on rotating shifts meaning better coverage for the local communities. We will update you when the transformation is due to go live over the coming months.
* 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 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.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Himley Superfast broadband: Installation of underground fibre cables is now in the final stages.
* Defibrillators: Suppliers know nothing about forms to be filled in. Clerk asked for standard application forms for Listed Building and Conservation Area with no fee to be paid and is in the process of filling in Planning Application forms to have a defibrillator attached to a Listed Building.
* Welcome signs: The Gospel End sign by the Rocks already has ‘Drive Carefully’ on it and the one approaching from Wombourne is a SCC sign. In Himley, the Dudley Road sign is County and has no more space, the approach from Wall Heath is County and the approach from Wolverhampton is covered by trees. There are 2 SSDC signs, one from Wall Heath and one in Bridgnorth Road by the Commemorative bench making a total of 2 possible purchases. Cllrs believe that residents are more likely to want money spent on tidying the village such as weeding traffic islands, gutters and pavements.
* Bank Account change: Application in progress.
* Playing Field trees: Cllr Crisp contacted SSDC re newly planted trees being too close together to allow mower between, and was informed that any trees moved now would probably die and smaller trees are normally removed after 3 years enabling access for mowers.
* Enforcement is investigating if ‘For Sale’ signs for Baggeridge Village have to be displayed on Gospel End Road, following a complaint from a member of the public.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 22/00547/TREE Himley Hall Park, T1 and T2, Fraxinus spp. (Ash) x 2 - Complete dismantle and Remove Val 31.05.22, consult to 20.06.22, deadline 12.07.22, C.O. Gavin Pearce.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :-

* 22/00445/FUL     Himley House Hotel. [Alter existing partition wall between bedroom 19,20 and in toilets between bedroom 20,21 on the ground floor. Merge bedroom 2,3,4 into larger rooms, relocating door opening inside bedroom 6 toilet and store on first floor. Extend external terrace with stone piers and glass balustrades around. Form a new metal and glass veranda with brick fireplace around.](https://planning.sstaffs.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RB3YIMOXJLD00&activeTab=summary)Val 29.04.22, consult to 02.06.22, deadline 24.06.22., C.O. Emma Posillico.
* 22/00446/LBC    Himley House Hotel. [Alter existing partition wall between bedroom 19,20 and in toilets between bedroom 20,21 on the ground floor. Merge bedroom 2,3,4 into larger rooms, relocating door opening inside bedroom 6 toilet and store on first floor. Extend external terrace with stone piers and glass balustrades around. Form a new metal and glass veranda with brick fireplace around.](https://planning.sstaffs.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RB3YIMOXJLD00&activeTab=summary)Val 29.04.22, consult to 02.06.22, deadline 24.06.22., C.O. Emma Posillico.
* 22/00469/FUL  20 Bridgnorth Road, Proposed brick wall to side elevation/boundary.
* 21/00770/COND     Sedgley Court (Land Adjacent to Sedgley Court Care Home), Brick Kiln Way Gospel End.  Discharge of Condition 3 (Materials), Condition 4 (Landscape Scheme), Condition 5 (Boundary Treatment), Condition 6 (Finished Floor Levels) and Condition 7 (Drainage Plan). Val 13.01.22, consult to 09.02.22, deadline 07.04.22, C.O. Laura Moon.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* Annual accounts 1/4/2021 – 31/3/2022 were presented to Councillors and approved – Clerk to send Certificate of Exemption to the auditors, Mazars, and provide all statutory information on the website for inspection as required.
* Playsafety have advised that they will undertake the inspection of the play equipment on the playing fields in July/August.
* Following many complaints about the state of the A449 between Lloyd Hill Island and Himley, SCC repaired the worst areas.
* The new recycling programme caused problems as the Rural Himley round had not been given blue bags due to SSDC not receiving the number of bags that were ordered. This led to many blue bins not being emptied as residents were unaware that certain items were not allowed in the blue bins.
* 2 residents in Baggeridge Close have asked if they can have double lines in the cul de sac at the junction with Gospel End Road.  Cllrs would  not agree to match-funding the cost as it is SCC’s responsibility, there have been no accidents, few cars seen parked there and other areas in the Parish have also been refused.
* C Cllr Wilson joined the meeting at 8.20pm
* Cllr Sinclair, by email, also noted that Gospel End was looking extremely unkempt - the gully near to the entrance to Baggeridge Close was still blocked, the Staffordshire sign on Gospel End Road was still at 45 degrees, the pot hole at the traffic lights was still unfilled;     C Cllr Wilson would chase these. Cllr Sinclair also noted that the pavement to Red Lane was still over- grown and the verges were not cut. Clerk to contact Cllr Sinclair for reference numbers of the jobs that she has logged so that she can advise CClr Wilson to enable her to pursue these.
* The Highways bulletin - June 2022 had been received from C Cllr Wilson. This included the road treatment programme for the year 2022-2023. There are no treatments scheduled for Himley Parish.
* The agenda for the virtual Locality Forum meeting on June 30th had been received, this included Climate Change, Community Trigger, Diversity and Community integration and Be a Councillor.
* Car Boots:   Following complaints from Himley residents about parking from car boot customers, enforcement have contacted the organiser and asked him to ‘*ensure that staff patrol the no-parking areas to put cones back in place that have been moved and perhaps put a note on car windscreens that are parked in no-parking areas’.*
* Clerk to purchase £25 voucher for auditors work on the yearly accounts.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: -

Automated debit HSBC bank charges £10

100529 S Farley auditors gift £25.00

*(Cllr Frost to provide cheque amounts for over-due Clerk’s salary and HMRC the following day and cheques will be issued and authorised by Cllrs Nock and Frost.These amounts were: - £514.10 S Farley and £128.40 HMRC)*

100530 S Farley – clerk wages £514.10

100531 HMRC – clerk taxation £128.40

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -  **Wednesday 20TH July 2022**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm