**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM**

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

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

 **MR R LEES, MR P HEMMINGS**

 **APOLOGIES:- MRS S OLIVER, MRS V WILSON**

 **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 - 20/01/2022 - 13/02/2022 as received:

Main headlines since the last meeting:

Theft other –

* Himley Hall and Park, Himley Road – 29/01 – Overnight, unknown offenders have entered the grounds of a secure park and stolen copper piping from temporary toilets, estimated value £100. No CCTV / No witnesses.

ASB hotspots –No repeat hotspots

* 1 x ASB reports this month – Report of rowdy persons utilising walkway on BAG POOL WAY, BAGGERIDGE to access Baggeridge Country Park. Persons believed to be in drink and it is suggested that they are fishing illegally on the grounds of the county park. All local officers aware to pay passing attention. Contact has been made with Park Rangers and District Council to tackle the matter as a combined effort with Police.

Suspicious incidents –

* We have received reports of suspicious behaviour across the village and have, and will continue to, assess every one. 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.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Pavement sweeping will now be carried out by Contractors.
* The Himley sign by the Commemorative bench has been repaired.
* The blocked gullies reported to County: Dudley Road by Himley Church had been cleared.
* Himley Superfast Broadband Gareth Was told by Digital, Culture, Media and Sport that it was down to Openreach to apply for extensions to our vouchers for broadband. Openreach replied that they were waiting on dates from the sub-contractor to complete the work and that teams internally are working with the DCMS to raise extensions of expiring vouchers, so there is no immediate cause for concern. If we need the support from the community, we will come back to you otherwise this will be taken care of in the background. So please reassure the community not to worry. Gareth asked for an update on 7th February but has not yet received a reply from Openreach.
* Roadside Welcome Signs: Clerk has requested quotes from the suppliers used by SSDC – still awaiting information.
* Proposed Defibrillators: Emails asking for positions to install have not been answered. Clerk will chase these. Cllr Frost is looking into costs to purchase or lease these.
* The bus stop in School Road was replaced without the much-used litter bin. SSDC have pencilled in 18.02.22 for a replacement bin to be installed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 22/00032/COU Bridgnorth Road, Land adjacent to Sandiacre. Use of land for holding car boot sales for 28 days per year. Val 17.01.22, consult to 11.02.22, deadline 14.03.22. C.O. Laura Moon. HPC commented: HPC has no objection to the current Wednesday car boot sales but objects to the larger Sunday and Bank Holiday sales which have produced problems previously, for the following reasons: - Quite a lot of attendees do not park on the field but park in Bridgnorth Road through Himley village including the bend near the junction with the by-pass where the angle of the bend is little more than 90 degrees. This, not only causes inconvenience to residents who find their drives blocked, but causes a dangerous situation. At any time, an incoming bus and outgoing car cannot negotiate the bend at the same time, one has to stop and give way. When car boot sales are taking place, buses can find it impossible to proceed because of cars parked inconsiderately all around the bend. Bank Holidays and Sundays in particular are a problem because there is a dramatic increase in attendance and traffic backs up beyond the A449 Wolverhampton Road junction with the B4176 Bridgnorth Road, with cars at a standstill approaching the traffic lights on the three other roads as well as queuing on the approach to the sale on Bridgnorth Road for a long distance, probably half a mile. This approach with a 60mph limit is normally carrying a lot of traffic without car boot sales and there is now an increase in both domestic and commercial traffic because of the new housing development at Himley Meadows. Sandiacre Farm Shop loses custom as people give up trying to reach the shop. Police do not have the man-power to attend on Bank Holidays or Sundays. The car boot organiser should be responsible for keeping the roads clear for other users; depositing cones early in the morning on the entrance into the village from the by-pass is not enough, the cones are merely thrown onto verges or over hedges; there needs to be an operative there all morning. There is obviously an obstruction and safety issue regarding Sunday and Bank Holiday car boot sales. If you are minded to grant permission, please can you add conditions to the approval which take into account the residents’ concerns

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :-

* 21/00770/COND Sedgley Court 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 , deadline, C.O. Planning team.
* 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   Listed building consent   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.
* 21/01026/FUL   32 Penn Road, Conversion of existing building to Granny annex. Val 22.08.21, consult to 29.12.21, deadline 12.01.21, C.O Tom Nutt. Previous application 21/00545/FUL was refused; the new application has sought to address the reasons for refusal on the previous application by reducing the height of the section closest to the adjacent dwelling. Except for this, the previous objection from the neighbour and points stated by the Case officer still apply.  HPC objects because only one of the reasons why the previous application, 21/00545/FUL was refused has been addressed in this new application, i.e., the height of one small part of the extension. All the other reasons for refusal still exist.
* 21/01216/FUL   . Land Off Plantation Lane. Erection of 11 dwellings (including 4 affordable) with associated works and access. Val 24.11.21, consult extended to 07.01.22, deadline 23.02.22, C.O. Jennifer Mincher.   To conform to Town and Country Planning, the developers had to submit a further application as they want to take land from 4 residents.
* 21/01255/FUL   Land east of Red Lane, Existing 18m x 15.5m storage shed/building to be modified - build a mezzanine floor internally to allow for offices to proposed first floor. Windows to be incorporated into existing cladded elevations for natural light. Fire escape to be added. Val 01.12.21, consult to 24.12.21, deadline 26.01.22, C.O. Laura Moon.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* Planners have determined that Himley Hall estate do have an ongoing tree planting program, therefore are not insisting on HPC recommendations to replant specific trees.
* 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. Notice to proceed given.
* 21/00969/TREE    Himley Hall, Section 211 Conservation Area Notification. Fagus sylvatica (Beech) - Pollard at 6 metres. Val 22.09.21, consult to 06.10.21, deadline 03.11.21, C.O. Gavin Pearce No TPO, Andrew Walton, Green Care, Lister Road, DMBC. 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. Notice to proceed given 06.11.21.
* 21/00979/TREE    Himley Hall, Section 211 Conservation Area Notification. 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.     Andrew Walton. Pollard to 5m due to major deadwood, wounding and fungal infection within main stem from ground up to 4m on woodland side of tree. Virtually no reaction wood present, therefore the tree is hazardous. Tree is next to another beech for which we recently submitted a planning application request to pollard. HPC has no objection as the tree needs to be felled but suggest that a replacement is planted. Notice to proceed given 23.11.21.
* 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. Diseased or might fall    Val 14.01.21, consult to 28.10.21, deadline 25.11.21, C.O. Gavin Pearce. Notice to proceed given 24.11.21
* 21/01085/TTREE   Himley Hall, Poplar TPO 10/00251 and Fagus (Beech) T2, Fell. Val 22.10.21, consult to 05.11.21, deadline 17.12.21, C.O. Gavin Pearce. Poplar has canker, Beech has Meripulus Giganteus.  Notice to proceed given 17.12.21.
* 21/01122/TTREE     Old School House, Churns Hill Lane. Cut down cherry tree TPO 84/1985 to 6 feet to leave stump only. Val 26.10.21, consult to 09.11.21, deadline 21.12.21, C.O. Gavin Pearce.      Notice to proceed given 21.12.21
* 21/01191/TREE - Whitehall, Wolverhampton Road, Section 211 Conservation Area Notification. Cedrus spp. (Cedar) - crown reduction back to previous pruning points and Acer spp. (Sycamore) – Fell.  Val 02.12.21, Consult to 16.12.21, deadline 13.01.22,  C.O. Gavin Pearce     Notice to proceed given 24.01.22
* 21/01218/VAR    Baggeridge House, Roadstone Drive, Gospel End, Variation of approved plan numbers for (RE 20/00466/FUL) which was approved 08.04.21. To bring the approved documents in line with the intended landscaping scheme, as-built floor plans, and provision of cycle and bin storage facilities. Condition Number(s): 2,5,6,8. Val 16.11.21, consult to 15.12.21, deadline 11.01.22, C.O. Gareth Dwight. Approved 02.02.22. subject to conditions.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:-

Staffordshire Highways Stats in past month: Highways enquiries raised: 1815, Highways enquiries closed: 2594, Gullies visited: 1720 gullies visited 92% cleansed at first visit on average, Potholes patched: 852, Emergency jobs completed: 8, Pothole jobs completed 529.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* Cllr Nock attended the Locality Meeting 10.02.22. Topics discussed were:
* The Queen’s Jubilee, 2nd -5th June. Licensing hours will be extended to 1am, groups can apply for a license for temporary events, road closures will be free (not allowed on through roads) but must still be applied for. We are encouraged to ask residents to have street and garden parties on Sunday, 5th June.
* Commonwealth Games 28th July - 8th August, people needed to be along route of time trial, i.e., Dudley Road, A449 to Battlefield Island, Wodehouse Lane to Gospel End and Penn Road to Penn Common. However, due to non-existence of pavements, the only viewing points will be Dudley Road, the A449, the western end of Wodehouse Lane and pavements in Gospel End village.
* Climate Change Festival, tree planting, improving air quality, flood resistance, reducing waste.
* We have been asked by SSDC if we have any parish car parks on which to install Electric Vehicle Charging points. We do not.
* Cllr Nock to contact HSBC regarding dual control online banking to reduce the costs incurred on the bank account now that HSBC have started to charge

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: -

* 100521 Y P Nock – reimbursement of Chipmonk Computing website annual costs £75.00
* Automated debit – HSBC bank charges 20/12/21-19/1/2022 £11.00

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

**Wednesday 16TH March 2022 7.30pm**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.