**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH 2022 at 7.30PM**

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

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

**MR R LEES, MRS V WILSON, MR P HEMMINGS**

**APOLOGIES:- MRS S OLIVER**

**OTHERS :- MRS S FARLEY CLERK, PCSO PAULA WILKES**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:- MR M GRIFFITHS, MR D HOUGH, MS C WILLIAMS,**

**MR R PAINTER, MR G FANTHOM**

**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 - 14/02/2022 - 15/03/2022 as received

Main headlines since the last meeting:

Vehicle Crime –

• Himley Hotel, School Road – 17/02 - A White Ford Transit van was securely parked on the car park overnight, Unknown offenders have snapped the lock on the sliding door to gain entry and have made off with various power and hand tools. No lines of enquiry.

ASB hotspots –

• Baggeridge Country Park – 10/03 - Report of off road bikes. There is a good image of a rider from Cctv which is being sent to West Midlands Police to try to get identification.

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.

Proactive news –

• Operation Cable targeting ASB hotspots and Operation Lightening 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. The next Operation Cable is due to take place on 25/03/2022. NPT shift 2.

**Special Note** :-As a representative of SSDC, Cllr R Lees was congratulated on the prestigious award received of being UK Council of the Year.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* The gully in Gospel End Road has not been cleared, it has a jammed lid and a follow up job has been raised for this to be freed. It is currently waiting to be scheduled.
* Superfast Broadband: Gareth will now be included in the Openreach information emails to hear how work is progressing on Himley’s Fibre installation. There is still no news as to when it will be completed.
* Roadside Welcome Signs: After asking another company for a quote, the clerk was told that they could not quote unless digital artwork was first provided. Cllr Frost to investigate (Dan)
* Defibrillators: The Dudley Arms and The Summerhouse have not replied to the second request to have a defibrillator fitted.
* The litter bin on School Road bus stop was replaced as scheduled.
* Bank Account: HSBC only have Business Internet Banking accounts with one person to sign, the clerk to enquire if Lloyds have a suitable account.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 22/00069/FUL     3 Hughes Road, Single storey kitchen/dining room extension.  Val 17.02.22, Consult to 15.03.22, Deadline 14.04.22, C.O. Laura Moon
* 22/00185/FUL     25A Penn Road, Single Storey rear extension with raised decking and glass balustrade. Val 22.02.22, consult to 25.03.22, deadline 19.04.22, C.O. Laura Moon.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :-

* 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.
* 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 :-

* 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. Approved with conditions 11.03.22.
* 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. Approved with conditions 11.03.22.
* 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. Refused 24.02.22 This refusal pertains to the following plans: 1274-300 BLOCK PLAN - SCHEME and 1274-600 PROPOSED ELEVATIONS AND FLOOR PLANS (received 22/9/21). Proactive Statement - Whilst paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) requires the Local Planning Authority to work with applicants in a positive and proactive manner to resolve issues arising from the proposed development; in this instance a positive solution could not be found and the development fails to accord with the adopted Core Strategy (2012) and the National Planning Policy Framework (2021).
* 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. Refused 24.02.22. This refusal pertains to the following plans: 1274-300 BLOCK PLAN - SCHEME and 1274-600 PROPOSED ELEVATIONS AND FLOOR PLANS (received 22/9/21). Proactive Statement - Whilst paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) requires the Local Planning Authority to work with applicants in a positive and proactive manner to resolve issues arising from the proposed development; in this instance a positive solution could not be found and the development fails to accord with the adopted Core Strategy (2012) and the National Planning Policy Framework (2021).
* 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. Approved with conditions 10.03.22

HIGHWAYS

Statistics of potholes repaired for weeks beginning 23.02.22 and 01.03.22 had been received

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* Buses: Mr Griffiths and Mr Hough explained their concerns and fears over the change from private coaches for school runs to a public bus service bus without seat belts and a much longer journey for some pupils. It was reiterated that SCC was entirely responsible for school buses and HPC had no input for the decision that had been made. C Cllr Wilson explained the technicalities of the decision. HPC agreed to write to SCC and express concern after a Himley resident gave Cllrs his views including the change of the school coach service to buses with no seat belts and the twice-daily 55-minute travelling time for Wollaston pupils, expressed by a Stourbridge parent. “Following complaints at the March Parish Council meeting from a Himley resident and a Wollaston resident, Himley Parish Council would like to express concern over the change from coaches with seatbelts to buses with no seat belts and the lack of DBS checks on bus drivers. The following was sent to SCC “Following complaints at the March Parish Council meeting from a Himley resident and a Wollaston resident, Himley Parish Council would like to express concern over the change from coaches with seatbelts to buses with no seat belts and the lack of DBS checks on bus drivers.”
* C Cllr Wilson asked if any jobs were required to be done when she had monies available. Flooding on the A449 corner with Dudley Road and opposite The Dudley Arms, both due to blocked drains
* Historic documents about Baggeridge Brick works had been found and would be displayed in The Lydiate Room at Baggeridge Country Park and Minutes of HPC dating back to the 1880s would be on display too.
* C Cllr Wilson asked if there were any flag poles in the parish to display the Ukrainian flag in support of the country. She was advised that there were not any prominently placed ones.
* HPC was approached by Lower Penn PC to ask for improvements to the road surface on the A449 from Lloyd Hill island to Battlefield island. The Clerk sent a message of support with their concerns.
* Cllr Frost reported she had attended the police meeting and had been asked if residents would be interested in Smart Water again. Previously we had received little response.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: -

* 100522 £500 – S Farley (Clerk wages)
* 100523 £125 – HMRC ( Clerk taxation)
* Automated debit HSBC bank charges 20/1/2022 – 19/2/2022 £9.00

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -

**WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL 2022 7.30pm @ THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE – this will be Annual Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting**

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