**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2022 at 7.30PM**

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

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

 **MR R LEES, MR P HEMMINGS**

 **APOLOGIES:- CCLR V WILSON, MRS M SINCLAIR**

 **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**

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL:

Election of Chairman –

Mrs Yvonne Nock - proposed by Cllr Roger Lees, Seconded by Cllr Philip Hemmings

Election of Vice Chairman-

No candidates put forward for election, therefore post remains vacant.

Meeting closed.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Nock gave her annual address with a resume of the works that Himley Parish Council had completed during the last 12 months.

One member of the public present – Mr R Painter

Meeting closed.

APRIL 2022 HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCED:

CRIME FIGURES - 16/3/2022 – 18/4/2022 as received:

Main headlines since the last meeting:

Burglary Business –

* Red Lane – 05/04 – During the hours of darkness, unknown offenders have gained access to a secure yard, housing horses and stable equipment. Offenders have also gained access to a lorry parked at the location. Saddles, bridles, saddle pads, head collars, coats and a radio were stolen. Investigation ongoing.

Vehicle Crime –

* Wolverhampton Road – 19/03 – Vehicle broken into on hotel car park. House keys and purse stolen. CCTV obtained. Investigation ongoing.
* School Road – 25/03 – Male detained after seen interfering with vehicles. Damage was caused to one vehicle and male responsible was arrested. Ongoing.
* Wolverhampton Road – 10/04 – Damage caused to vehicle parked on hotel car park – both doors to van have been peeled back however no entry gained and nothing stolen. CCTV obtained. Investigation ongoing.

ASB –6 x reports in total –

* 4 x Baggeridge Craft Village – Reports of off road bikes and youths congregating. CCTV obtained and some riders identified. Relevant warnings to be issued to riders (2 x warnings and their vehicle is seized)
* 2 x Baggeridge Park – Youths causing issues. Persons have accessed outdoor adventure equipment after hours also.

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. The next Operation Lightning is due to take place on 20/04/2022 - NPT shift 3
* Please follow South Staffs Police on Twitter: @SStaffsPolice and 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:–

* Baggeridge Country Park - Due to ASB, SSDC have had to employ an extra warden to patrol the Park.
* Himley Broadband: Fibre Installation for Himley has now been placed as Top Priority by Openreach.
* Roadside Welcome Signs Cllr Frost is working on this but having difficulty obtaining specific images for the signs.
* Defibrillators Both The Summerhouse and The Dudley Arms have tentatively agreed to housing one. We have to decide whether to buy or rent, awaiting Ts & Cs.
* Bank Account - Lloyds Bank have a suitable online and telephone account with no charges that we are in the process of opening.
* Blocked Drains – The drain opposite the Dudley Arms which had work carried out is still blocked.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 2/00380/FUL 4 Wood Farm Barns, Proposed Orangery. Val 11.04.22, consult to 03.05.22, deadline 06.06.22, C.O. Laura Moon. No objections.

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.

PLANNING DECISIONS :-

* 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. Approved with conditions 04.04.22.
* 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. Approved with conditions 12.04.22.
* 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. Approved with multiple conditions 19.04.22

APPEAL DECISION:-

* RE 21/00884/FUL 4 Whitehall Barns Orangery Appeal dismissed 23.03.22.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* Cllr Nock attended the virtual Localities meeting on 07.04.22.
* We were informed that the owner of Himley Country Hotel had died suddenly in March.
* Bus shelter: A group of children were witnessed playing in the shelter in Bridgnorth Road late on Saturday afternoon 16.04.22. causing damage. Clerk to send letter to parents.
* It had been agreed by Cllrs that the clerk’s salary will be increased by 2.8%, to £2,570 per year.
* The Clerk advised that she would be working on the year end accounts and that Mr D Walker had kindly confirmed that he would undertake the independent verification of these.
* Details of the S106 workshops were given – apologies had been sent by the Chairman.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: -

100524 Zurich Insurance (Annual insurance premium) - £561.87

100525SSDS (grounds maintenance 3rd and 4th quarters 21-22) £64.18

Automated debit – (HSBC bank charges) £9

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -  **Wednesday 18th May 2022**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm