**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2023 at 7.30PM**

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

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS: MR P HEMMING, MR M CRISP, MRS S FROST**

**MR R LEES,**

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

**NOT PRESENT :- MRS S OLIVER**

**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**

**South Staffs Police South. Crime and Anti Social behaviour report as received for Himley- 17/01/23 – 21/02/23**

**Public bodies can only disclose information if they have the power to do so. Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act provides a power to exchange information where disclosure is necessary to support the local Crime Reduction Strategy and Partnership in achieving the aims of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy and objectives outlined within it.**

**The degree of disclosure that takes place must be proportionate and relevant to the level of social ill or criminality it is intended to counter or prevent.**

**The information is only to be processed in relation to crime and disorder purposes. Information will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, the Human Rights Act 1998 and any other relevant legislation governing disclosures and will ultimately be disposed of in a secure manner.**

**Statistics:**

Burglary (residential): Nothing reported

Burglary (business):

 12/02 – Between 19:50hrs and 03:29hrs items were taken out of a suitcase in a

securely locked room at the Himley Country Club. No CCTV, not witnesses at the

location where the room was situated.

Vehicle crime:

 17/01 – At 20:27hrs Two securely parked vans had entry gained and tools taken from

within. 3 unknown offenders were captured on cctv. The vehicle the offenders were

seen to drive off in was a blue Ford Focus with cloned registration plates. There are

no other lines of enquiry.

 26/01 – Overnight a Silver Ford Transit van was stolen from the Himley House Hotel

car park. CCTV captured offenders in a silver Ford Fiesta which was on cloned

registration plates. No other lines of enquiry.

 19/01 – Overnight a securely parked van parked on the Himley House Hotel had the

side door drilled and golf clubs and tools taken from within. It appears that the

camera had been moved so no lines of enquiry.

 17/02 – Early afternoon unknown offenders wearing balaclava’s have pulled up in a

White Seat Leon at a stable yard in Gospel End Road and gained access to a Range

Rover Evoque they were disturbed. It is believed that they were attempting to take

the vehicle which was keyless. The victim later realised that her purse had been

taken. The Leon was on false number plates.

Anti-social behaviour:

 15/02 – At approximately 21:30hrs a report was made of vehicles parked up on the

car park at Baggeridge Village along with the sound of smashing bottles and shouting

there are ongoing enquiries regarding looking at the CCTV for vehicle identification.

Policing operations of note:

A Public Space Protection Notice is in place at Baggeridge Village which prohibits vehicles

parking up when the craft village is closed. This has had some positive effect coupled with

additional Police patrols.

A new dedicated team has been assembled with their primary objective of tackling serious

acquisitive crime, this includes a targeted approach to residential and commercial burglaries and

encompasses thefts of and theft from motor vehicles. The team have commenced Operation

BORMUS carrying out pro-active patrols throughout the locality, working in conjunction with

neighbouring forces to target cross border criminals utilising arterial road networks to carry out their

criminality. To date the operation has yielded a number of positive arrests and enquiries and

investigations remain ongoing.

With thanks from your local officers,

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MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:–

* Defibrillators – These are about to be fitted, the Clerk is to contact the 2 sites and ask if they are agreeable to overseeing the regular necessary checks on the equipment.
* HMRC - Our appeal against fines for not providing info in months when clerk is not paid has been accepted.
* Parish Summit - Cllr Nock attended on 10th February. Reports included updates from previous Summit, Staffs Health and Wellbeing, Staffs and Stoke Integrated Care and an invitation from IESE to take part in a pilot scheme on Cyber Security. There was a choice of discussions to take part in on Assisted Technology, Everyone Health, Healthwatch and How parishes can support the Wellbeing Agenda.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :-

* 23/00053/FULHH  4 Wood Farm Barns, Gospel End. Orangery, Val 24.01.23, consult to 24.02.23, deadline 21.03.23. Plans have been amended and C.O. is Laura Moon. No Objections.
* 23/00071/FULHH  Ranchette Cherry Lane, Remodelling and extension of dwelling to include demolition of existing front porch, erection of two storey side extensions and two storey rear extension, replacement of roof, and erection of detached garage. Val 14.02.23, consult to 14.03.23, deadline 11.04.23, C.O. Emma Posillico. Councillors expressed concerns that the detached garage was not within Permitted Development and in Green Belt, but it was deemed to be a waste of time to log a formal objection to the application as it would have no effect on the openness of the Green Belt and therefore be approved.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION :-

* 22/01104/FUL   The creation of a playground at Himley Hall.  Val 05.12.22, Consult to 28.12.22, Deadline 30.01.23. C.O. Laura Moon.
* 22/01152/FUL   15 Chalmers Road, Single Storey Rear Extension. Val 10.01.23, consult to 08.02.23, deadline 07.03.23, C.O. Natalie Ioannou.
* 23/00021/FUL    Himley House Hotel, Installation of four electric vehicle charging bays in the existing hotel car park. Val 11.01.23, consult to 08.02.23, deadline 08.03.23.

DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS :-

* 20/01067/COND3    10 Penn Road, Discharge of Condition 3 (materials) Roof Tiles

PLANNING DECISIONS : -

* 22/01172/FUL  24 Penn Road, single storey side and rear extensions. Val 17.12.22., consult to 30.01.23., deadline 11.02.23., C.O. Rebecca Potter. Approved with conditions 10.02.23

HIGHWAYS DATA –

This year, county councillors will be looking to agree £50 million to repair Staffordshire's roads and footways. This will allow County to continue work to create smoother journeys for the people of Staffordshire, but with 6,200km of roads in the county, they have to ensure making the most out of the funding available. This means working smarter, and continuing to look at different ways to repair roads. Following on from the trial of the Thermal Road Repairs machine last year, they are trialling lots of different ways of maintaining roads with a view to developing these ideas and implementing them in the next financial year.

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| Gritting winter operations will continue to run right through until April, mostly gritting during the night.  Over the next few months, you might see crews out and about repairing and cleaning road gullies at places across the county where flooding occurs. They have been working closely with local members and community representatives to identify problem hotspots in their areas, and these sites will be prioritised and attended to with a dedicated resource. This extra investment by the council will certainly help the drainage problem, but won't solve it completely. What it will do is allow targeting of some of the reoccurring issues. |

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

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| * The Coronation  - On 7th May, residents are encouraged to hold street parties, neighbour parties, celebrate their connections and get to know each other better. * SSDC CCTV    From the end of January, CCTV has been installed around Baggeridge Craft Village for a period of 3-4 months as part of the South Staffordshire Council CCTV Scheme. The locations have been decided based on police intelligence and local information. * Two dogs being exercised by their owner, attacked two small dogs on the Playing Field. Police were informed and dealt with the problem. * The Dudley Arms has been offered as a ‘Warm Place’ if any residents are having trouble keeping warm at home. * By-Pass - To provide a replacement plaque on the brick pillar it has now been confirmed that the opening was performed by Terry Dix who was Leader of the Council and Harry McTartan from SCC. * There is a Mandatory Teams meeting for Cllrs on 2nd March regarding Section 106 Requests and Spends. * Cllrs reviewed and decided to accept the quote for replacing webbing and seeding Playing Field swings – Clr Hemming declared an interest in this and abstained from the decision. Clr Crisp is to contact the contractor. * Clr Nock and the Clerk have a TEAMS call with the CEO of SSDC and the Leader of the District Council on Monday 27th February. * Bank statements from both Lloyds and HSBC were presented for information purposes. * Clr Nock advised that she will not be standing for re-election as a Parish Councillor in the forthcoming elections. It will therefore be necessary at that time to appoint a new Chairperson of Himley Parish Council. * Nomination papers for the forthcoming election need to be completed after 27/3/2022 and submitted by 4/4/2023. * Cllr Frost reported that the gullies under The Railway Walk bridge in Himley Lane were blocked, causing flooding of the whole width of the carriageway. |

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: -

* Lloyds bank online payment £134.37 made for 2 SSDC Grounds invoices – Q2 2022/23 £94.46 and Q3 2022/23 £39.91
* HSBC bank charges £10 for period 20/12 22- 19/1/2023 debited from HSBC ac 10/2/2023

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: -  **WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2023**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm