

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 27th March, 2019

7.00p.m. in the Bradshaw Room at the Methodist Church

Present: Hazel Sutcliffe, Mike Blomeley, Dorothy Davidson, Les Gilbert, Teresa McFarquhar, Peter Whiers and Alison Wright

Apologies received: Phil Hargreaves and Phil Roberts

Hazel welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

- ◆ The Dog Show has been passed to Girl Guiding
- ◆ Sensory Garden – Hazel has had a quote of £420 from Peter Williams for a granite plaque with silver lettering. The committee felt this was very costly for what we saw as an unnecessary expense.
- ◆ Newsletter – Laura Henderson is editing the newsletter and it is going well. Teresa will distribute the next edition
- ◆ Village Fair – Marie Bennett and Alison Dale have this in hand and have created their own email address
- ◆ Elected Officers could be for a length of 24 months or re-elected at the AGM

2. Preparation for AGM

The chairperson **MUST** be someone who has served on the Executive for 1 year.

Nomination forms were filled in for proposed Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and 2 ordinary members. Peter and Hazel have worked on a new constitution which was circulated. Peter outlined the changes they have made to bring the document up-to-date. **Please read this carefully and get back to Peter by Sunday, 31st March with any amendments (or not) so that the document is ready for the AGM.**

Peter will send out invitations to various bodies regarding the AGM on 24th April which will be held in the Middlewich Hall so that the screen can be used.

Peter will prepare a presentation for the meeting.

3. Towns Forum

Hazel attended the recent meeting

- Dot Flint is keen on creating a Friends of Parks Network in CE. However Holmes Chapel does not have a park as such.
- 5 Towns Trail map got funding of £10,000 from NHB
- Dan Coyne from CEC is acting to create a strategy within CE to support Dementia Friendly initiatives.
- We are in the final agreed year of the £8,000 grant.

4. Meeting with Parish Council

Hazel and Peter had an introductory meeting with Tina the new Clerk and Brian Bath, Chair of the Parish Council. They discussed updating the Constitution of the Partnership and the potential for future joint initiatives.

5. Website Update

Peter has managed to access the Website and has got access to the Mail Server. Having had a quote of £329 he will now actively get another 3 quotes from local firms. Teresa will shoot good photographs of local interest. It was agreed to invite South Cheshire Print to quote

6. Updates from Committee Members

Dementia Friendly Village

Dorothy has re-registered the village as being Dementia Friendly. She and Hazel went to the recent meeting in Congleton with a representative of the Alheimers Society. The main topic was the lack of support from Cheshire East. Holmes Chapel are doing something different to the other centres as we are creating social opportunities rather than dealing with safeguarding issues for those living with Dementia. The Sainsbury Manager is being particularly helpful to those in need.

Dementia Awareness Week – There will be a presence at the Sensory Garden on Saturday, 18th May and

John Clowes has his Garden Opening on Sunday, 19th May. The Methodist Church are putting on an afternoon tea on Wednesday, 22nd May.

Hazel has offered to invite Memory Café to her home on 29th May.

As part of the Bridge the Gap Project, 2 families have come along to Memory Café – what a success!

Dorothy will attend the “Dementia Buddy” meeting on 23rd April.

Finance

Phil Hargreaves has already sent his report

Bridge the Gap

Alison outlined what their group was arranging. There are various suggestions on the table.

The first launch is on 6th April at the Scout Headquarters - 10.00 – 12.00

Future Projects

Peter has already sent out his report but he made special mention about the Allotments. He has been to a meeting with Alsager who gave him lots of tips and advice. Their model works well. Brain Bath had suggested he look into land owned by Paul Ford and Hazel will approach him to ‘test the ground’.

The Bridge the Gap grant request was unsuccessful.

Mike suggested that Peter speak with Cheshire East before putting too much time into the suggestion of erecting a Youth Shelter on the land adjacent to the Library as the land belongs to them.

Parish Council

- The response to the presentation to Cheshire East about the Traffic Issues should come next month.
- There are now 9 volunteers on the Traffic Steering Group.
- The meeting on the proposed Roundabout should be soon.
- The Parish Council spoke with Paul Carrol at the Health Centre about the difficulties with prescriptions but the problems have not all been resolved. Lloyds Pharmacy seems to be improving.
- Since there has been vandalism at Middlewich Road Play Park there is now CCTV being installed.

Cheshire East Council

- There is £77,000 in the local highway budget for Congleton area. The double yellow lines on Selkirk Drive will come soon but this money is in last year’s budget. There will be money needed for the Sandiford Road survey. Funding is required for the Macclesfield Road speeding issues.
- There is concern about the activities of off-road biking at Cotton Farm. There is an application for 1 field only and it should be for private use only.
- Unlike Alsager and Sandbach .Holmes Chapel was not successful in getting any funds from the New Homes Bonus. There is a new tranche of money, so hopefully there will be something in the next round. Peter will bid from for funds to erect a Youth Shelter. Most of the monies went to the Voluntary Sector.

7. Any Other Business

Dorothy has taken over the Partnership Noticeboard

Future Meeting will be held at the Methodist Church at 7.00pm

24th April (AGM)