

Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

Held on Wednesday 27th April 2011 at 7.00 p.m.
at the Victoria Club, Holmes Chapel

Present: Jacqui Barton (JB), Andrew Butler (AB), Glyn Chambers (GC),
Dennis Eborall (DE), Stuart Gammon (SG), Les Gilbert (LG),
Phil Hargreaves (PH), Heather Jones (HJ) Nancy May (NM).

Apologies: John Clowes (JC), Sheila Hodges (SH), Chris Jones (CJ),
Hazel Sutcliffe (HS).

Resignations The Chairman reported that he had received 2 resignations within the
past week, Vicky McAdam and Zeta Rowley, who will both be sadly
missed.

1. Previous Minutes/Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 23rd March were approved.

GC reported that he had spoken to the Congleton Partnership regarding insurance who had informed him that they were insured under the Town Council's insurance. GC is liaising with the PC in this respect.

2. Group Reports

Children and Young People

AB reported that he is to speak at 5 assemblies within School, one for each year group.

Youth Club – Nigel Petter has resigned as Leader of the Youth Club. AB reported that there are 3 or 4 volunteers within the School willing to teach dance lessons as soon as possible and that there was a Youth Club party due to be held and it is hoped this would promote the Youth Club and future dance classes.

A new Head Boy and Head Girl are due to be elected in the near future and one of the first tasks AB intends to set up with them is the Children and Young People Thematic Group, this will start at the end of May.

Mr. Oliver has arranged for AB and the Head Girl to meet with Fiona Bruce and they are to speak to the School Council to formulate a set of questions to be put to her.

AB/GC to contact Laura Wilson (dance teacher) as she has a connection with someone within Cheshire East as regards funding.

AB can attend Village Fair.

Economic

As reported above, Zeta Rowley has resigned but had passed a list of contacts to SG which he had used to send out the Newsletter. She had also started talking to traders regarding the setting up of a Traders Association receiving some positive and some negative feedback. It was suggested that Alison Dale and Julia from Village Lantern be approached to hopefully take Zeta's place. **Post Meeting Note: Following the Village Fair, Alison Dale has expressed an interest in representing the Traders.**

SG to send an e-mail to Alison Dale.

CG is prepared to visit traders to try to promote Traders Association and it was agreed that this would be a useful exercise.

Community Safety and Security

CJ was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a report:-

Cheshire Police are reviewing Home Watch. It is run differently across the 3 police areas (4 Unitary Authorities) so they have a working party looking at the future. It is difficult to anticipate the result, but with the establishment of Neighbourhood Teams and improved community contact, what is the purpose of Home Watch? It is difficult to argue that it is about information transfer from the public to the Police as, on average, the local group do not make any contact with the Police save to inform them of new contact details or complain about circulations by the Police being on the wrong day of the month.

CJ is sure that local members are reassured by their membership but ultimately they provide no intelligence. He is to maintain liaison with the Police.

CJ has asked for a description of the Partnership that he can use to forward to the Home Watch members, the aim being to e-mail members to promote the Partnership and seek support and volunteers.

SG had received a visit from the PCSO who had informed him that the crime in Holmes Chapel is very low apart from a couple of recent thefts of hub caps on the Portree Drive Estate. She informed him that there are 2 things that the public are complaining about, speeding through the Village and the parking of vehicles by commuters for the railway station on Sandiford Road. It was thought that a traffic management survey could be carried out as far as the speeding was concerned to ascertain the time of day that most of the speeding occurs, with this data to hand the Police could attend at the appropriate time of day.

There was a discussion regarding the erection of permanent "smiley sid" signs as these also collect data, and the fact that the signage within the Village should be more visible as at the present time overgrown trees are obscuring some of these. It was agreed that we should speak to the Parish Council to see if there is an ongoing initiative at the present time in this respect and if they are planning a survey later in the year.

PH reported that he had received correspondence from David Betts in connection with the use of Smart Water and was informed that promotional kits were available for the sum of £18 (usual cost £60). It was agreed that this item would be discussed more fully at a future meeting and that PH would liaise with CJ in this respect.

Action: PH to liaise with CJ.

[Partnership publicity to be forwarded to CJ](#)

Health and Wellbeing

HS was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following report:

Update on Holmes Chapel Cycling Village Project

- Visited printers *e-signs* in Sandbach and got a quote for leaflets and a sign. We both went and spent an hour with the designer (12th April) in order to produce a professional looking map. Still waiting for him to get back to us – several attempts at contact have been made by both Glyn and myself. It looks unlikely that we will have anything in time for the Village Fair.
- Got sponsorship / advertising from local businesses to go on the map / leaflet. Took photos for leaflet, designed a postcard asking for support.
- Glyn got permission from Cheshire East to use their version of the OS map (15th April)
- Investigated putting a cycle shelter on the precinct with the representative of the Precinct owners. After initial enthusiasm she replied that they would not want one. Looked into purchasing cycle shelters. Seeking permission from Cheshire East for a different site.
- Met with a representative of Cheshire East who works with the cycling organisation Sustrans and cycled round the routes discussing the possibilities for improvements and some technical issues.
- Emailed Alan Rickards about the gate through to FADs / Eastgate – he seemed dubious about our chances of success. Discussed also with Graham at the station who gave us a contact number for Stockport Train Users Association. Need also to contact Network Rail.

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SG reported that the Library are happy to have a Partnership Noticeboard on the wall but not a cycling map, they would prefer this to be on the land to the side of the Library on posts (similar to the Music Society one). Feedback awaited.

Baileys of Macclesfield had been approached in connection with a cycle rack at a cost of £1,700. Permission from Cheshire East Council is necessary before this can be erected. Site to be agreed, possible by the Library or in front of the Fire Station.

3. Project Updates

Litter Bins – Latest information is contained in the Newsletter.

It was agreed that the contact from CB Richard Ellis (Landlords) be approached to see if they can replace/improve the existing bins on the precinct and ensure that they are regularly emptied.

Action: [Contact at CBRE to be approached in connection with precinct bins.](#)

CG to ask DW to find out if the PC is contributing towards a Lengthsman.

Play Areas - SG had contacted Nich Guthrie who had reported that progress was being made and that Playground Markings Direct had produced (and hope to have available for the Village Fair) a conceptual design including a small skate board park.

Karen Freeman (Secretary of PTA at Holmes Chapel Primary School) has been approached and has agreed to contact PTA's, Governors, Heads, and the Playgroups to seek volunteers. KF to report back to SG on her progress.

It was reported that the play area on elm Drive needs to be levelled and perhaps cheaply improved to bring it into a better state of repair for the time being.

It was agreed that funds for Play Area meetings could be supplied by the Partnership, if required.

Traffic Management – Latest information is contained in the Newsletter. CEC have agreed to hold a public meeting in the Village, LG is hoping that this will be sooner rather than later and the key will be the funding for some kind of study. The Area Highway/Strategic Highway Authorities could be approached towards funding for a traffic study. It was agreed that we could decide how we can help when the public meeting takes place.

4. Treasurer's Report

Current liabilities (including room hire since January, prizes for the logo competition, Village Fair fee and room expenses for the economic group) will be covered by money left over from the last fiscal year.

Grants from the Parish Council (£1,000) and Cheshire East (£2,000) are available for the administration of the Partnership for the new fiscal year.

A grant of £325 has been received from IBM and will cover the cost of the notice board.

A grant of £3,000 has been allocated by Cheshire East to be spent on the cycling project.

Project Officer costs of £6,000 will be covered by Cheshire East.

5. Arrangements for Village Fair/Holmes Chapel Today

GC,HS,LG,NM,PH and AB could all attend. GC/SG to look at the Partnership logo to see if this could be printed on photographic paper, CG to collect materials for boards from SG. NM would take the Play Area photographs she has. It was also hoped that the cycle leaflets would be available from the printers.

SG asked that the boards be kept in tact for the Holmes Chapel Today event to be held on the 14th May. SG, PH and JB could attend.

Action: CG/SG to look at logo
CG to collect materials for display boards from SG
NM to supply Play Area photos

6. It's Our Partnership

This was an informal discussion where members aired their views as to how the Partnership was run and if they were happy with their current input/role.

7. Mission and Vision

CG has offered to run an informal and fun half day session (probably on a Saturday or Sunday) to agree the mission and vision of the Partnership. It was suggested that this could be held at The English Dining Room. It was agreed this would be discussed more fully at the next meeting.

Action: PH to speak to Betty Riddell with regard to dates.

8. Publicity/Newsletter

It was agreed that a green coloured 6 x A4 notice board should be purchased from the company in Coventry and that this would not be shared with the Parish Council. The order would be in the name of the Parish Council in order for them to claim the VAT back.

9. Any Other Business None.

10. Date of Next Meeting The next Meeting is due to be held on 25th May at 7.00 p.m. in the School Room at The Victoria Club.