

Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

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

Present: Jacqui Barton (JB), Glyn Chambers (GC), Stuart Gammon (SG), Phil Hargreaves (PH), Heather Jones (HJ), Hazel Sutcliffe (HS).

Apologies: Andy Butler (AB), Jessica Cragg (JC), Alison Dale (AD), Les Gilbert (LG), Nancy May (NM).

1. Previous Minutes/Matters Arising

An amendment to the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 29th June under the Economic Group, whereby HJ pointed out that AD had visited shopkeepers as opposed to AD/HJ visited shopkeepers was carried out, these were then approved.

2. Group Reports

2.1 Children and Young People – AB/JC away

1. Although AB and JC were away AB had forwarded an e-mail to say that as School was now closed for the Summer, no meetings would be taking place until September. A team had taken part in the Village Clean Up Day and a team of Year 10's had also been involved in cleaning up within the School grounds.

2. DS reported that the proposed transfer of the Youth Club premises to Holmes Chapel Scout Group was progressing well. The valuation, Surveyors and Structural Engineers' reports had been carried out and were satisfactory. A meeting is due to be held at Scout Headquarters on the 3rd of August and it is hoped that the transfer will be completed by the 15th August. It is anticipated that the internal work should be completed before Christmas to include relocation of the toilets etc. A mezzanine floor is to be installed together with a wide staircase, kitchen and office. The Scout Group would be looking for grant money in this respect.

3. The e-mail recently circulated to the Partnership regarding £14m to empower communities and build safer neighbourhoods was discussed and it was agreed that this would be looked at carefully to see if a grant could be obtained for the Youth Centre. CG to look at terms and conditions of the grant to see if there is anything that can be applied for.

DS suggested that a grant could be applied for to obtain cavity wall insulation, solar panels etc.

4. HJ suggested we approach the Scouts to let them know what the Partnership does and that if they need help we can support them however we are able.

Action: [CG to look at the terms and conditions of the £14m grant.](#)

[An approach be made to the Scouts to inform them of the Partnership](#)

2.2 Economic

1. AD was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a short report via e-mail to say that she is going round the Village with Mandy from Love Local Life to ascertain what interest there is in launching a scheme in Holmes Chapel in the Autumn. AD had attended a Home Grown in Holmes Chapel Meeting and reported that it would be possible to have a presence at their Harvest Celebration on 1st October provided the HC LLL is up and running by then.

There was a discussion regarding the traders and it was suggested that if there was a core interested in supporting the LLL scheme, then this would perhaps encourage other traders who were not initially interested, to take part.

DS would speak to the PC (Amenities Meeting on 18th August) to ascertain if any funds would be available to support this initiative. DS requested a representative from the Partnership attend.

2. It was reported that Knutsford had produced a Food Map and perhaps this is something HC ought to think about.

3. It was agreed that the Group should support AD by hopefully forming an Economic sub group to discuss the issues and move forward.

[Action: DS to speak to the PC in respect of the LLL card \(representative from Partnership to attend\).](#)

2.3 Health and Wellbeing

1. HS tabled the Cycling Village Project Map and reported that she had delivered 20 maps at each of the businesses that had sponsored the map together with a stock at the Library, Health Centre and the Railway Station.

2. There was a discussion regarding cycle racks and DS reported that there were 6 D bars near the Youth Centre which could possibly be relocated near to Barclays Bank. HS will carry out an inspection of these and DS will find out if they are available.

3. HS reported that she had not as yet received a reply from the Co-op to her request that a rail be installed along the side wall.

4. HS had approached a few people in the hope of organising a meeting to discuss a follow on map to include outlying areas.

5. There was a suggestion that cycle parking could be made available near the Dane Valley and possibly near Daresbury Close, Bramhall Drive etc.

6. It was agreed that the money collected from the sponsors would be set aside to be used for the next supply of maps.

7. CEC had requested that the Partnership enter into a 6 month Licence for the piece of land to be used for the shelter near the Library and this would extend on an annual basis unless stopped for any reason. The Heads of Terms in this respect had been received and required the Partnership to enter into PI insurance and

several conditions. DS would speak to David Cowgill to see if the PC would be prepared to enter into the Licence as opposed to the Partnership, or possible take over the piece of land concerned under the new transfer of ownership rules. The Partnership's Constitution prevents us from entering into the Licence.

The cost of the shelter would be £1,600 exclusive of VAT and this is also exclusive of fitting into a concrete base.

Action: DS to enquire as to whether the cycle bars at the Youth Centre are available for re-use.

DS to speak to David Cowgill in respect of the piece of land near the Library for the proposed shelter.

3. Project Updates

3.1 Play Areas

NM was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted an e-mail to say that the meeting which had been scheduled for the previous Wednesday had been cancelled but that progress was being made. NM attached 2 documents to her e-mail, these are inserted below:

a. Consultation

Individual consulted	Really like	Don't like/missing	Suggestions
HCPS PTA member Parent of KS1 & KS2 children	Picnic benches	More for little ones	Flying fox (zip-wire)
HCPS PTA member Parent of pre-school and KS1 children	Net swing Scooter track	Reduction in number of things little ones can play on – currently have baby swings, tractor climbing frame, little slide, roundabout & see-saw. In plan only have new swing and small slide.	Baby swings springy animals flying fox (zip-wire) wooden stepping stones and balance beams Climbing frame for little ones with different play activities e.g. slide, climbing net, role play area, steering wheel
HCPS PTA member	Net climber	No baby swings	Flying fox (zip-wire)

Parent of KS2 children	Net swing		
HCPS PTA member Parent of pre-school and KS1 children Staff at Hermitage primary School	Skate ramp		Springy animals Zip-wire Barrier/low rail around little ones area
Management at NuNu		No baby swings or low level climbing for little ones	animals on spring (bit like a see-saw)
Happy Days Staff	Scooter Track	Missing things for younger children, e.g. springy animals, baby swings, climbing frame	It would be good to separate out the older and younger areas with a low level fence/railing around the younger area. Springy animals. Wooden stepping stones or balance beams

b. Middlewich Road Playground feedback 20th July 2011

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Current plan

Scooter Track

- Could this go around the whole area not through the middle?
- use of crossing "zones", road markings and or signs etc for added fun
- Are bikes to be prohibited to keep safe for little ones on scooters?
- Will it be skateboard friendly during grown up play time? Inevitably happen anyway?

Skate board area

- Question scale of skate board area - could the surplus space re bowling green be utilised at the back to give more area, i.e. shift everything forward?
- Perhaps section off in some way to encourage containment.

Bowling Green Space

- General consensus that this space should be used for other activities.

- Maybe Hop scotch, snakes and ladders etc (Tatton Park have similar), stepping stones, outdoor gym style eqpt, musical items (wind logs, sound tubes etc), sensory eqpt (feeling walls, low level mirrors, living willow sculpture, zip wire, see-saw)

Slide

- Mound mounted slide good for parents who may need to carry children to the top. A slide built into a raised area would be much better particularly if this was a gentle slope with a single hand rail.
- Maybe a climbing wall/net at the side or fireman's pole.

Swing

- Specially adapted swing for children with mobility/stability issues
- More required for toddlers ?fence this area off to prevent injury.

Picnic tables

- Must allow access under the table for wheelchairs. Wheelchairs can get under both ends of the plans design. If the table top were a little longer then knees could go under without banging on table frame.
- More than six might fit in the space, could spread them around rather than in one space.

Additional suggestions

- Availability of lockable bike racks (in conjunction with project for cycle routes in the village)
- Recycling bin in the play area
- Plenty of rubbish bins

Groups consulted:

Cubs, Scout leaders, Guide leaders, childminders, Preschool play leaders, parents of a child who uses a wheelchair, network of parents with young children.

PH/HS to liaise regarding a possible cycling route along Middlewich Road in front of the School. HS to e-mail NG in this respect. NM to be asked what the working group had done in terms of funding.

Action: HS to e-mail NG in respect of a proposed cycling route in front of the school.

JB to e-mail NM to ask what the working group had done in terms of funding.

3.2 Traffic Management

1. The Chairman reported that he had attended the recent public meeting in the Library and that this was a very constructive meeting although few local people were aware that it was taking place.
2. Kevin Melling of CEC promised to keep us and the Parish Council updated on progress; both we and the PC will post updates on our respective websites.

3.2 Dane Valley Project

Nothing to report at present – awaiting information from CEC. GC to pursue grant submission as this need to be submitted in August.

Action: GC to pursue grant submission.

4. Treasurer's Report

1. PH reported that the cost of the maps was £625 and there is still a balance of £2,375 plus contributions from the sponsors to be spent on the cycling project.

2. There is a balance of just under £3,000 available for projects other than cycling.

5. Action Plan

1. Following the recent Mission and Vision day, CG read his pen portrait interpretation of the vision for Holmes Chapel for the future and asked that once this was circulated, everyone to make their individual comments.

2. There followed a long discussions regarding the format of the meetings, it was generally felt that there was too much on the Agenda to cover in 2 hours and that in the future the Chair from each topic group and project group would be asked to submit a report to be attached to the Agenda and unless there was specific items in need of discussion, then the Group updates and Project updates would not form part of the Agenda for discussion. It was felt that by doing this the Partnership could concentrate on relevant priority issues such as Sanofi Aventis etc.

6. Review of Village Clean Up Day

This was a successful day with several bags of rubbish collected.

7. Publicity/Newsletter

Due to time constraints, this was not discussed.

8. Any Other Business

1. PH suggested that all the Partnerships could perhaps get together to apply for Smart Water and he would reply to the e-mail recently circulated.

2. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed development at the Sanofi Aventis site and the use of any proposed S. 106 Agreement money. It was confirmed that an outline application had now been submitted in this connection. It was agreed that DS/SG would invite David Malcolm from CEC Planning Department to talk to the Partnership about S. 106 Agreements but that the Partnership would need to do some work in this respect before this took place.

3. GC reminded all that the AGM will take place at the October Meeting. We need to start planning now, including:

- Advertising the date in the local press
- Covering in the next newsletter

- Organising the meeting

Action: PH to follow up on e-mail regarding Smart Water.

DS/SG to invite David Malcolm to meeting.

All – work to be carried out in connection with David Malcolm meeting.

GC/SG to start work on AGM planning.

9. Date of Next Meeting The next Meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 24th August at 7.00 p.m. in the School Room at The Victoria Club.