

Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

Held on Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 7.00 p.m.
at the Victoria Club, Holmes Chapel

Present: Jacqui Barton (JB), Glyn Chambers (GC), Stuart Gammon (SG),
Les Gilbert (LG), Phil Hargreaves (PH), Heather Jones (HJ),
Steve Ranger (SR).

Apologies: Alison Dale (AD), Jess Cragg (JC), Hazel Sutcliffe (HS).

1. Previous Minutes/Matters Arising

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd February 2012 were approved apart from 1 amendment (under Christmas Fair presentation) being that SR to speak to David Cowgill (Parish Clerk) and not David Savage.

Actions from Previous Meeting

PH had spoken to Rotary to advise them that we would be seeking a road closure on a Sunday for the proposed Christmas Fair.

SR had spoken to David Cowgill in respect of writing to CEC regarding the road closure and will e-mail the response to the Committee.

The signage on the shelter is complete.

HS attended the cycle marking event.

HS has liaised with HJ in respect of maps for the Dane Valley.

PH has contacted the photographer (Tony Hartley) who is keen to be on board as photographer for the Dane Valley Project.

SR has spoken to the PC in respect of the display boards for the Village Fair.

HS has spoken to David Monks who has agreed to loan us his large gazebo.

PH/SR had attended Diamond Jubilee meeting.

GC had e-mailed JC in respect of the Battle of the Bands but to date had not received a response.

2. Village Fair

SG reported that a triple pitch and 6 tables had been booked to be shared by us and the PC. Dot Flint from the Sandbach Partnership has agreed to loan us as many display boards as we need (up to 12 - 2 per table). David Monks has agreed to loan his large gazebo.

There was a discussion as to the content of the display boards as follows:

- There will be a ready-made exhibition for the **Dane Valley** as this will already have been undertaken for the library (to be displayed in April).
- The **Play Area** exhibition will also have been completed.

- SR suggested that the PC would create two display boards in respect of the **traffic survey** and the **Jubilee celebrations**. SR to liaise with the PC.

Action: SR to liaise with PC in respect of display boards

- It is envisaged that one board be used for the **Cycling Project** and one board for the **LAP cycling project** with the new map that HS had produced.

Action: HS to collate cycling material

- A suggestion was made that an area be set aside for recruitment of a PR/communication person together with a Partnership board explaining what the Partnership is, how it works with the PC (although separately) to achieve one goal, The Vision, and Parish Plan. GC and HJ to liaise on the wording in this respect.

Action: GC/HJ to liaise on wording

- PH requested a small area for the display of an A4 Homewatch poster.

It was agreed that all the display boards need to be virtually finalised by the next meeting on the 25th April. SR has laminating facilities up to A3 size if required.

If any space is remaining it was agreed that HJ could promote Adult Learning Week and JODFAS and if other organisations approached us, we would be willing to display literature provided that relevant personnel were on hand to explain. HJ to speak to organisations who may be interested in providing literature.

Action: HJ to speak to organisations who may be interested in providing literature

It was noted that the following members (who were at the meeting) would be available to man the stall on the day:

SG, PH and JB, but more volunteers are required

Action: SR to communicate the need for the materials for their boards to the PC

All – assemble as much as possible at next meeting

SG to speak to HS regarding the cycling display

HJ to advise at next meeting if the walking map is ready

3. Core Strategy

The Joint Core Strategy which had been circulated to all members with the Agenda for the last meeting, was discussed and approved with a suggested heading of:

Holmes Chapel

Partnership and Parish Council

Working Together

4. Funding Update

CEC funding has been granted to each partnership in the sum of £8,000 but no letter of confirmation has been received to date. Funding has been received from the PC – two lots of £3,000 split across the year plus £12,000 to pay for GC, which leaves £2,000 for general expenses.

5. Project Updates

Cycling Village – SG reported on the cycle shelter damage and had carried out a temporary repair with duct tape. Various options were discussed these being; to leave it as is for the time being unless the damage becomes worse; replace the panel(s) with stronger material which would be more costly or replace with the same material (currently 4mm thick PET-P). GC has spoken to Dot Flint's son-in-law who works with this type of material. Another option would be to replace the panels with polycarbonate which is virtually unbreakable although the cost of this (2m – 3m sheet - £300) may be prohibitive. Dot Flint's son-in-law has agreed to come and assess the damage and will report back. LG suggested we should also speak to the original manufacturer and ask for suggestions. It was agreed to “hang fire” with the repairs for the time being until the relevant information is to hand.

A discussion took place regarding the information that had been received by the PCSO in connection with the damage to the cycle shelter and it was agreed that SG would contact Cheryl (PCSO) to ascertain if she had received the information on a specific date and thereby progress the matter further. It was also agreed that all organisations should work together more closely to eliminate the ASB.

Play Area – It was reported that the Play Area is owned by CEC and not the PC as was thought, this needs to be transferred asap in order to for the project to move forward as funding cannot be applied for until this is resolved. It is thought that £75,000 in WREN funding could be applied for and a successful bid is dependent on a counter signature from Marianne Hogkinson at CEC. Three quotations are required to comply with CEC rules – GC to attempt to resolve the various issues. David Cowgill has e-mailed CEC to ask if they are in agreement to the transfer. The next round of grant applications through Wren are in May

Dane Valley – The Dane Valley Programme Board have now agreed the scope of the programme together with three main projects:

1. Access for All which is: To improve access to an area of local natural landscape along the Dane Valley including both footpath and vehicular access.
2. Environmental Education: To utilise the Dane Valley project as a model for all aspects of environmental education and to develop managed habitats for a range of native species in conjunction with interested groups.
3. Art in the Valley: To develop a unique project combining art and the environment and provide and promote the opportunity to use parts of the area for village public occasions.

Meetings are being held with Cheshire East Council to develop funding bids for the projects targeting funding from WREN.

There will be a public display and public consultation about the programme for one week commencing 16th April in Holmes Chapel Library and a local resident will give a brief presentation on Dane Valley Wildlife on the 19th April commencing 19.30 in the Library followed by a nature walk on Saturday 21st April starting at 10.00am.

The programme board are now very keen to get community involvement and have issued a press release about the projects.

Detailed action plans and resourcing plans are currently being developed.

GC to liaise with HJ regarding a walking week and to launch walking maps.

An application to be made by CEC to the Jubilee Fields Scheme for this project to designate the area as a Jubilee Park/field.

There is a grant available from the William Dean Trust to plant a tree – GC to apply

Action: GC to e-mail LG and he will arrange to follow this up

GC to apply to William Dean Trust

GC to liaise with HJ regarding walking map

Love Local Life – No update, this needs to be looked at in conjunction with the Business Forum at a future date.

GC has invited shopkeepers from other partnerships to come to talk to Holmes Chapel businesses to highlight the benefits of being involved in a Business Forum. David McGifford has offered to also give a talk to local businesses, it was agreed he should be approached.

Action: GC to speak to David McGifford

6. 2012 Events and Projects

Diamond Jubilee – SR reported on the events that are to be held for the Diamond Jubilee. On Sunday 3rd June there will be a joint Church service to be held in the Leisure Centre followed by a parade around the field and the “Big Lunch” (everyone to bring their own picnic), circus entertainment etc. Dorothy (Guides) has circulated the information to all organisations in the Village hoping that they will participate in the Buckingham Palace theme, each stallholder having a themed Palace room e.g. music, games etc. Replies were due to be received by the end of the week and at the next meeting (due to be held next week) it should be clear how many organisations wish to take part.

On Monday 4th June, the Victoria Club will be holding various events including the firework display on the Thames to be seen via big screen and a cricket day.

A beacon has been secured by GC from the Hadrian’s Wall Charity which is to be erected on top of the church Tower. This has been registered with the Pageant Master and we will receive a time when we are to light it. It was thought that the ringing of the Church bells to coincide with the lighting of the beacon would be appropriate. In return for the beacon (which is free), we are required to make a donation to the charity. Bottled gas would be required for the beacon and it was agreed to approach Morreys to see if they could help with this. SG has agreed to take on the role of marshal (more volunteers required, there should be a ratio of 1 marshal per 100 people in attendance), St. John Ambulance to be approached and public liability insurance of £5m to be obtained. We would also need to register by 9th April with CEC to let them know we are having an event

Action: Morreys/St John Ambulance to be approached

SR to register with CEC and obtain public liability insurance

7. Any Other Business

PH had been approached by a Homewatch co-ordinator who is trying to raise the sum of £17 for a Homewatch sign, it was agreed that the Partnership would fund this.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 25th April 2012 at 7.00 p.m. in the Committee Room at The Victoria Club.