

# Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

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Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at the Victoria Club

## **1 Attendees**

**Present:** Glyn Chambers Stuart Gammon, Phil Hargreaves, Steve Ranger, Hazel Sutcliffe, Bethan Wiggett

**Apologies:** Jacqui Barton, Harry Brooks, Dorothy Davidson, Les Gilbert, Heather Jones

## **2 Previous Minutes / Actions arising**

Minutes of meeting held on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March approved. Actions to be dealt with on agenda.

## **3 Correspondence**

Communication from Alison Wright of the Scouts concerning Holmes Chapel Showcase. This is a successor to Holmes Chapel today to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> June from 9-12 at the Scout Headquarters.

Partnership committee agreed to participate. Use same display as at Village Fair.

**ACTION:** Stuart to respond to Alison and provide a table for display

## **4 Communications / Young Persons Update**

Meeting at HC Comprehensive at 12.00 on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Partnership to seek ideas and suggestions of students applying for leadership roles within the school next year and apprise them of the Partnership's role in the community.

Partnership is seeking a Youth Representative and people with IT skills and journalistic ambitions.

**ACTION:** Stuart, Phil, Hazel to attend

## **5 Project Updates**

### **5.1 Play area**

Tender for the project went out in March. Deadline for quotations: 17/04 at midday; 7 submissions invited/expected.

Meeting arranged for April 25<sup>th</sup> to evaluate quotations and make recommendations (PC, Partnership, CE and the community represented).

Final decision to be made by PC Amenities Committee on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 5.2 Dane Meadow

Planning permission for the track and car park was granted on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Tim Allen from CE is sending out people to do ground and tree surveys. Two week slippage in anticipated timescale of works – now likely to commence in August.

Second bid submitted to WREN to fund a Nature Trail. If successful, will bring in £30,000 to be matched by £10,000 from the PC.

Friends of Dane Meadow has been set up to organise community involvement and co-ordinate environmental projects. 180 whips of native shrubs ordered and planted in the bird feeding area to provide habitat and forage for birds in the future. Work was hampered by the freezing weather – the Barclays were unable to come owing to the weather. Next community working party on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 12 when wood chippings (supplied free of charge by Alan Bethell) need to be transported to the bird feeding area as a weed suppressant.

The Partnership agreed to adopt the Friends of Dane Meadow as a working group of the Partnership. This means the volunteers are covered by the Partnership insurance.

**ACTION: Hazel to email a copy of the Terms of Reference of the Friends of Dane Meadow to Stuart**

## 5.3 Cycling Village / SECCAG

- Bikeability event took place on April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> organised by CEC at Holmes Chapel in conjunction with Happy Days. There was good attendance.
- Andrew Rowland has organised a Bike Week at Hermitage Primary School for the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> April comprising training and fun activities. He has also created a questionnaire that has been sent out to parents to try and encourage more cycling, especially as a means of getting to school. He hopes to roll this out to Middlewich Rd Primary next year.
- The third path identified in the minutes dated 20/03/13 is incorrect. It should be the route from Bramhall Drive to Helton Close over the crossing to facilitate cycle access to the Comprehensive. The path chosen in Middlewich has been approved by the Town Council and will be put on the list of minor works.

**ACTION: Hazel, Harry and Andrew Rowland to make a case to present to the Parish Council to get their support.**

- Cycle Shelter:
  - no further communication from Turleys / Sainsburys re-cycle parking or support for cycling.

**Action Outstanding from previous minutes:**

- **Hazel/Harry to liaise with Fine Decor and Northern Rail regarding access to the station platform from Eastgate Road**

## 6 Business Updates

- About 8 local business people attended meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> to found business forum. Fine Decor provided the venue and were most helpful. Idea well received by attendees and it was agreed to have a follow-up meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to be facilitated by Glyn. It is hoped that a member of the group will join the Partnership.

- Love Local Life is being relaunched.
- Partnership to be discussed at a later meeting
- Work club: awaiting further information from Heather. Glyn has been studying statistical information on unemployment and related issues in Holmes Chapel. He suggested inviting Family Services Manager Liz? McVeigh to next meeting.

**ACTION: Glyn to invite Family Services manager**

## **7 Events Updates**

### **7.1 Village Fair**

Steve has recruited volunteers from the PC to help man the stall. He reported that the PC now has an A3 printer and a laminator to help produce display material.

Displays to be produced as per previous minutes.

**ACTION: Glyn to source 8x3-pane display boards from LAP or Sandbach Partnership**

### **7.2 Christmas Market**

Dorothy has booked the Scout HQ and St Luke's Hall, Phil has booked the Fairground Organ. Stuart has approached the Coop about the car park but has received no formal confirmation. Christmas Market to be advertised at Village Fair.

**ACTION: Stuart to approach Chris Appleton and Handbell Ringers**

### **7.3 AMT Convention**

Meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the details

## **8 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, organised by the parish Council, where Adrian Fisher of Cheshire East Council will outline the process of creating a Neighbourhood Plan, and indicate how it affects local planning.

Cheshire East is asking local council to locate sites for future housing. Partnership committee supports the principle of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**ACTION: Members of Partnership invited to attend meeting on 29/04/13. Hazel gave her apologies.**

## **9 Any Other Business**

- Discussion of new Arts / Drama building which has just received funding and Planning Permission. Stuart and Phil to meet Mike Oliver for clarification. Concern about future viability and ownership of Leisure Centre expressed and level of community consultation concerning the new building.
- Newsletter: it was decided that in view of the Village Fair and the HC Showcase which offer opportunities to communicate with people in HC, it would be sensible to defer a further letter to September and use it to publicise the AGM

- PC AGM to be held at the Library on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Michael Jones to attend.

## 10 Date of Next Meeting (note change of venue)

Wednesday 15th May 2013 - the **Bradshaw Room, Methodist Church** 7:00 p.m.

### Dates of future 2013 Meetings

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| 19 <sup>th</sup> June      | 17 <sup>th</sup> July     | 21 <sup>st</sup> August |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> September | 16 <sup>th</sup> October  | ? <i>October*</i>       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November  | 18 <sup>th</sup> December |                         |

*\* Date of AGM to be agreed*