

Holmes Chapel Partnership

Minutes for Meeting on Wednesday 29th January 2014

7:00 pm in the Bradshaw Room at the Methodist Church

Present

Jacqui Barton, Susan Cooper, Dorothy Davidson , Stuart Gammon, Phil Hargreaves, Heather Jones, Steve Ranger, Daniella Russo, Hazel Sutcliffe

Apologies

Les Gilbert, Charley Pettit

Guest

Stuart Dow

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

Minutes agreed. Actions had been carried out.

2. Correspondence

- Tony Stamp (see item 4)
- Nigel Player requested a copy of the constitution and minutes of the AGM. These have been made available to him

3. Reports

- Treasurer's – PC has agreed to pay for market stalls and the electrician for the Christmas Market.
£1747 still remains to be spent on the Dane Meadow.
HCP and PC have each contributed half towards the cost of 6 display boards for use by the community. Hazel is storing them.
Action: Hazel to work out a deposit scheme and write a notice to publicise the existence of the display boards. Stuart to circulate to his email groups.
- Playarea – see item 5
- Dane Meadow – final touches being made (gate from Daresbury entrance and final surface on roadway) Awaiting bids in order for work to commence on the WREN grant. Opening event to be organised for May 11th
- Cycling Village / SECCAG. Discussions with Highways ongoing to improve the cycling infrastructure in CE. Proposal to train members of the group to undergo cycle leader training
- www.4hc – meetings on January 23rd well attended, consensus of those present and those returning the questionnaires is to make a bid for the AP Club. This has been submitted to CE. A gym seems to be the most popular requirement. Jay Ashall to talk to planning. Glyn was asked to help to fill out the forms to bid for funding.

4. Communications Update

Stuart Dow was invited along to tell the committee about his ideas to improve business in the village.

He proposed the creation of a **Holmes Chapel Deals** website to promote local businesses, allowing them to offer vouchers redeemable at their businesses, and publicise what they sell, as well as offering a community resource. It aims to interact with the whole community and is currently working with the school.

Concerns were raised about the proliferation of HC websites and the need to be connected to social media was emphasised. It was pointed out that this scheme would duplicate Love Local Life, an initiative supported by Cheshire East and already in place in other towns. Susan was dubious about the efficacy of vouchers to boost business.

Tony Stamp met Stuart on Tuesday (28th) to discuss his ideas to help promote community cohesion in the village; he is newly retired, and will be moving to live in France in late May so his time is limited. The discussion revolved around creating some form of newsletter, whether online or paper (or both), and he is prepared to engage with various residents and organisations in the village to establish one. Stuart mentioned **Henfield Hub** (a community website which came to his attention at the AMT conference in November) an example of what can be achieved (he had earlier circulated a link to the website to the committee online).

There had already been discussion about producing a Village Newspaper but this could be backed up by a web version. It was thought desirable to have a paper and not just an online newsletter. PC, Churches Together, HCP would be interested in contributing.

Action: Tony Stamp to be invited to put some proposals together, contact Stuart Dow, and attend Feb meeting.

5. Forward Planning – New Projects

- **Welcome Pack for new residents:** create a sub-group to work with local estate agents and developers so as not to duplicate effort. Other groups to be invited to have representatives on the committee. It was agreed that the Pack should be non-commercial

Action: Phil to lead project, Dorothy also volunteered her services

- **Elm Drive Play Area:** Project board to be set up with PC, HCP and local residents. Steve suggested producing a flyer to publicise and attract people to the project in order to generate funding.

Action: Stuart volunteered to lead project.

- **Parish Plan update** to be used as evidence of community needs. Need people to lead the project both from PC and HCP. Heather expressed interest but she is fully committed until the end of April.

- **Community cinema:** Steve has list of at least 150 people interested in the idea.

Action: Stuart offered to contact people on list to find volunteers to set this up.

6. Any Other Business

- Susan Cooper elected onto committee as Business representative.
- Action: Stuart to put electronic version of 'Cycle rides around HC' on HCP website and return CD to Hazel
- Action: Stuart to book pitch for Village Fair on May 4th

7. Next Meeting

26th February, 7pm, Methodist Church Hall

2014 Meeting Calendar

- 26th March
- 23rd April
- 28th May
- 25th June
- 23rd July
- 27th August
- 24th September
- 22nd October
- 26th November
- 17th December