

Holmes Chapel Partnership

Minutes for Meeting on Wednesday 23rd July 2014

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

Present

Jacqui Barton, Glyn Chambers, Susan Cooper, Dorothy Davidson, Les Gilbert, Stuart Gammon, Phil Hargreaves, Hazel Sutcliffe, Bill Armstrong

Apologies

Heather Jones, Daniella Russo

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

- Minutes agreed.
- St Luke's Church Hall booked for AGM for morning of 25/10/2014

2. Correspondence

Request from Villages Mag for information to put in their September issue – Stuart supplied requisite information

3. AGM

Date and venue:

October 25th at St Luke's Church Hall

Format:

Coffee morning with formal AGM at the beginning to be followed by free tea and coffee + presentation by Guides.

- Hall open at 9.30am for set-up
- AGM at 10am / exhibition to finish at 12.00.
- Clear down by 12:30

4. Parish Plan Update

The latest version of the spreadsheet recording issues raised by the public at the Village Fair is now available. Feedback should be put on website and displayed at AGM.

Action:

- **Stuart to send out latest version of spreadsheet**
- **Committee to follow up actions indicated on spreadsheet**

Situation still not clear concerning Parish Plan / Neighbourhood Plan.

- Do we go ahead and put out another questionnaire?

- Do we sample the community through focus groups?
- Should start by looking at Action Plan and see what has been achieved and what still remains to be achieved.
- Could use Census data, data from GP's practice etc to see what people's aspirations and needs are.
- Although there are issues over which the Partnership has no say, they could play the role of lobbyist.
- Could use the contacts from the Welcome Pack to cascade information and seek views.

Updated spreadsheet will be presented at next meeting by Glyn and Heather.

5. Redesigned Website

Stuart asked for comments on the re-designed website:

- Calendar of events needs to be more prominent
- More user-friendly now but needs more photos to add interest

Stuart put in a request for updated information for projects past/present/future

6. Communications

- We should use email to disseminate a newsletter – use Welcome Pack contacts to cascade electronically.
- The newsletter should contain a small amount of textual information but have (hyper)links for each item so that people can just read what interests them.

7. Cycle shelter repairs

Stuart had contacted the manufacturers for advice about making the structure more stable.

- Stuart awaiting quote for refitting cover – half metal, half perspex.
- There was a suggestion just to cover the top and part way down.

8. Brief reports

- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - HCP has received £8000 Partnership funding from CE.
 - Uncommitted funds approx £2500
- **Saltersford Corner:**
 - The plans which had been turned down in May have been re-submitted but are almost identical to previous ones. Former plans going to appeal.
 - Bill Armstrong has contacted all previous objectors to get them to comment again. 7th August deadline for comments.
 - Committee offered support.
- **Welcome Pack:**
 - Goes to print soon so any suggested amendments need to be made quickly.
 - A superb document – thanks to Dorothy and Phil.

- **Dane Meadow:**
 - Still some “snagging” issues to be addressed.
 - The boarding on the dipping platform needs to run parallel to the pond rather than towards it.
 - The final brown surface has now been added to the roadway so that it matches the footpaths better.
 - The vegetation has been cut back from footpaths. Precise mowing requirements still need to be agreed.
 - Friends’ working parties are keeping the shrubs in the bird viewing area from being crowded out and will tackle the picnic area in mid-August.

- **www.4.hc / AP Club site:**
 - Formal bid submitted before the end of July.
 - The bid was supported unanimously by the Parish Council; it will be funded by a Public Works Loan

- **Elm Drive Play Area:**
 - Stuart elected chair of Project Board; PC, Partnership and CE also to be represented.
 - Aim is to develop not only play area but the whole area and to do this by May 2015.
 - Suggestions are to put in a running track and some gym equipment in the general area as well as to provide a more traditional playground.
 - Parish Council to contribute £15,000 towards funding, Other options are to bid for funding from Healthy Heart initiative and council grants.
 - Next meeting August 26th.
 - Trying to develop a Friends of Elm Drive group.

- **Community Cinema**
 - First showing 18th September at the Vic Club. Film being shown is *Belle*

- **Business Forum:**
 - Membership is increasing.
 - Going to adopt Love Local Life from September.
 - Certain reluctance amongst members to fill posts of Chair and Treasurer.
 - Next meeting in September.

9. AOB

Possibility of a walkway between Sainsburys and the Coop currently being investigated

Meetings in 2014

- 27th August
- 24th September
- 22nd October
- 26th November
- 17th December