

Holmes Chapel Partnership

Minutes for Meeting on Wednesday 27th August 2014

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

Present

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

Apologies

Steve Ranger, Charley Pettit, Daniella Russo, Phil Hargreaves

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

- Minutes agreed.

2. Correspondence

- Request for articles for the PACE magazine. Suggestion to put forward something about Elm Drive and Community cinema
 - **Action: Glyn to produce copy**
- Connections conference cancelled
- Skateboarding event on Sept 7th behind library. Organised by private company in conjunction with the Police, financed by CE

3. Parish Plan Update

- Spreadsheet containing issues raised at Village Fair – report back at AGM and hope for feedback. Suggestion for a dynamic plan that is being constantly updated in anticipation of a suitable moment to respond to a need for Parish / Neighbourhood Plan.
 - We have to consider Partnership resources and the fact that there are currently many uncertainties (e.g. AP Club, Planning Applications) which will influence future aspirations for HC.
 - There is a need for some document to provide evidence when applying for grant funding for future projects.
- Suggestions to update action plan and revisit the vision statement.
- **Actions:**
 - **Heather to send out spreadsheet**
 - **Glyn to summarise situation of Parish Plans in the North West**

4. Redesigned Website / Communications

Redesigned Website:

- Launched over Bank Holiday weekend.
- Stuart congratulated on the quality of the new website and thanked for all the work involved.

Newsletter:

- News has been a bit slow over the summer.
- Suggestion that Dani could email people to ask for project updates and give a deadline.
- It is envisaged that the Newsletter will mainly be circulated by email but there should be a few printed copies available – a Partnership folder in the library for instance.

5. Cycle shelter repairs

- Stuart phoned to get a quote but still awaiting it for refitting cover – half metal, half perspex.
- Original quote for £390.05 to cover back in polycarbonate (thicker than previous covering) seems best option. (This was later found not to be possible as a sheet of this thickness would not be flexible enough to bend)
- Repair materials could possibly be purchased via PC (les pointed out that they own the asset) in order to reclaim VAT.
- **Actions:**
 - Stuart to check with Nicola Clarke, and also investigate whether PC would contribute to the cost.
 - Bill to investigate ways of preventing further damage once it is repaired by raising the issue at school.

6. Brief reports

- **Treasurer's:**
 - HCP has received £8000 Partnership funding from CE. Uncommitted funds approx £2500.
 - No change this month.
- **Saltersford Corner:**
 - Public meeting in the Scout Hut on Sat 6th September from 10.30 to 12.30. Developers have appealed to Planning Inspectorate.
 - **Action: Stuart to provide statement of support from Partnership.**
- **Bridge from Dane Meadow:**
 - Cranage and HC Parish and Cheshire East Councils fully support the project but there is no obvious source of public funding according to the footpaths officer for CE.
 - CE would be looking to Partnership to investigate possibility of gaining grant funding.
 - **Action: Glyn to investigate possible sources of funding**
- **Welcome Pack:**
 - Has been distributed around the village.
 - Mostly for reference – link from Partnership website for electronic version.
- **Dane Meadow:**
 - All works more or less complete.
 - Final Programme Board meeting Sept 15th.
 - The Friends have had a few working sessions to put woodchip on the picnic area and to keep back the undergrowth from the shrubs in the bird viewing area.

- Graffiti on the trailhead information board at Moreton Drive has been cleaned off.
- Next Friends Committee meeting Sept 23rd at 2 Hatfield Court.
- **www.4.hc / AP Club site:**
 - Bid made before the end of July
 - The bid was supported unanimously by the Parish Council. It will be funded by a Public Works Loan.
 - No change.
- **Elm Drive Play and Fitness Area:**
 - Productive meeting August 26th.
 - Two play areas for younger and older children, running/cycling track and adult gym equipment.
 - There is a plan to create a fitness trail along Dane Valley to link in with the Dane Meadow.
 - HC Health Centre support the project.
 - Looking at £100,000 to achieve this but trying to get a more accurate price before seeking grant funding. Could be part of a healthy heart project.
 - Next meeting 23rd September.
- **Community Cinema**
 - First showing 18th September at the Vic Club. Film being shown is *Belle*.
 - Now confirmed.
- **Business Forum**
 - Next meeting in September.

7. AOB

- **Skateboarding:**
 - The PC and Cheshire Police have organised a one-off skateboarding event in the Library car park on Sunday 7th September
 - Half-pipe etc. will be provided
 - Professional tuition plus bike marking
- **Christmas Market update:**
 - Posters to go out soon.
 - **Actions:**
 - **Glyn to book stalls.**
 - **Dorothy to check with Coop manager about use of car park.**
- **Cycling Update:**
 - SECCAG have organised a Pedalling Picnic for September 14th. Cyclists from the five towns to meet up at Brereton Heath Country Park.
 - Flyers distributed.

8. Remaining Meetings in 2014

- 24th September
- 22nd October
- 25th October (Exhibition and AGM)
- 26th November
- 17th December