

Holmes Chapel Partnership

Minutes for Meeting on Wednesday 22nd October 2014

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

Present

Bill Armstrong, Glyn Chambers, Susan Cooper, Dorothy Davidson, Stuart Gammon, Phil Hargreaves, Heather Jones, Daniella Russo, Hazel Sutcliffe,

Apologies

Les Gilbert

1. 10K Run

- Tom Birtles who contacted the Partnership about organising a 10K run gave a presentation. Bollington (pop 7000 so a similar size to HC) organised a run and got 400 participants, which he felt could be duplicated in HC. He is starting up a company called Town10K which will shortly have a website – the company organises entries, payment (£15 suggested entry fee), marshals, electronic timing etc.
- The committee received his presentation enthusiastically and expressed an interest in staging a 10K run early in September. This could possibly double as an inaugural event for the Elm Drive Play Area and Fitness Trail if it is complete by then.

2. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

- Stuart contacted Alan Lawson who agreed that there was insufficient interest in HC for a Work Club.
- Minutes accepted as correct.

3. Correspondence

- Renewal notice for Public Liability insurance (£325)
- Email from Emma Gardner who wishes to get involved in the community. She will come along to the AGM.
- Email from Vic Sumpter about the traffic lights – what have they done? Stuart referred him to PC for information.

4. Communications

- It was felt that some clarification was needed on the Twitter account policy, as it could be perceived that Partnership was promoting some businesses.

- Dani explained that the Twitter account follows all local businesses in order to keep abreast of events in HC but does not re-tweet information.
- There was a reminder that items for November's Newsletter were needed by 25th October.
 - Several articles were promised.

5. Exhibition and AGM

Theme "Our Village - Our Future"

We have borrowed display boards from Sandbach to add to our own.

Displays:

- Parish plan – responses to issues raised at Village Fair - **Heather**
- Newsletter - **Dani**
- Elm Drive Play Area - **Stuart**
- Welcome Pack- **Phil**
- Christmas Market - **Dorothy**
- Dane Meadow – **Hazel**
- Cycling - **Hazel**
- Treasurer's Report - **Phil**
- Young people – **Bill**
- Poster for AGM – **Dorothy**

Refreshments – **Jacqui, Susan and Dorothy**

Community Cinema and the International Guides to provide displays.

Written nominations have been received for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer received.

Preparations to start at 9am.

6. Christmas Market

- 38 outdoor stalls and 10 indoor stalls have been booked by traders and organisations.
- There will be a stage outside – music licence has been obtained.
- PC has agreed to pay £600 for lighting and a request for further £200 has been made to cover the increased price for the hire of the market stalls.
- No fairground rides have been booked so suggestions were made for the use of Steven Docker's car parking area:
 - parking for stall holders?
 - Skateboard area similar to the event held in September? (Steve to investigate funding as the hire of equipment is costly.)

Action: Hazel to email S Docker to ask for permission to use car park again this year

7. AOB

- Car parking on the Precinct and the recent fine that was issued:
 - Nicola Clarke to approach owners of Precinct to clarify the rules.
 - PC to get businesses together to establish general parking rules for the benefit of the community.

Next meetings: 26th November, 17th December

APPENDIX: Reports

1. Elm Drive Play & Fitness Area (Stuart Gammon)

Next board meeting is Tuesday 21st October

We have conceptual designs and indicative quotes from 4 potential suppliers (Kompan, Play & Leisure, Proludic, The Playground Company) which we requested in order to both assess how much we would need to raise, and use for Public Consultation

We have a meeting with the Hermitage School on the afternoon of the 21st, followed by one with the prospective 'Friends of Elm Drive Playarea' later in the evening. We will talk to both about our ideas, and seek their feedback.

Current thoughts are that we will apply for grants (e.g. from Wren) in (or before) the March 2015 run; this means constructions is likely to start June/July next year

2. AP Club (Steve Ranger)

Still waiting for a reply from Sanofi. May hear something soon when Jean Stephenson returns from leave. We are applying for a grant to fund the negotiation phase.

3. Dane Meadow (Hazel Sutcliffe)

The Friends are in the process of establishing a wild flower / pollinator patch on the soil that was excavated from the pond. Work session on Tues 21st October at 10.30am.

Hazel went briefly to the PC Amenities Committee meeting to explain the plans for the wild flowers since there was some opposition from the PC and was given the backing of the committee. The subject of the final sign for the Dane Meadow which was to be sited on Knutsford Rd was also raised. Hazel had met with Highways who had raised no objections at the site meeting, then failed to confirm, failed to answer two emails and then at the last minute said no. Hazel wrote to appeal against the decision but with no success. The PC have promised to write to Highways. Les Gilbert has offered to query the decision.

November work sessions: Sunday 2nd, Tuesday 17th. The first Sunday and third Tuesday of the month at 10.30 down at the Bird Viewing Area.

Next Friends of Dane Meadow Committee meeting Tuesday November 4th at 7.15pm at 2 Hatfield Court.

4. Cycling (Hazel Sutcliffe)

There is a Cycling Seminar in Congleton at 6pm on Oct 22nd. Holmes Chapel will be represented by Andrew Rowland. A Dutch firm will be making a presentation about cycling infrastructure.

The SECCAG monthly meeting was on Tues 14th October in Sandbach. The group is keen to influence Highways to create cycle and walking friendly infrastructure, particularly where new housing developments occur. Three members of the group attended a session in Manchester on Sat 18th October run by the national cycling organisation CTC on the subject of Space for Cycling.

The group has also obtained funding for Cycle Leader Training and Bikeability Level 3 to create a team of people who can lead rides.

5. Saltersford Corner (Bill Armstrong)

On Wednesday the application was once again refused planning permission by the strategic planning board on the basis of the local plan. The appeal date is in early January and this is one of the most critical aspects of the process. We are keeping up our fight over the coming months as you might expect. Thank you from me and the SSC team for all the support you have given us as a committee over the past 10 months.