

Holmes Chapel Partnership

Minutes for Meeting on Wednesday 25th February 2015

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

Present

Jacqui Barton, Dorothy Davidson, Glyn Chambers, Stuart Gammon, Phil Hargreaves, Heather Jones, Hazel Sutcliffe

Apologies

Les Gilbert, Dani Russo, Steve Ranger, Bill Armstrong

Guest

Kathy Cornford

1. Guest

- We were joined by Kathy Cornford, who works for Cheshire East as a Health Manager.
- Kathy lives in Holmes Chapel and has a keen interest in community matters; she has recently helped with advice on the Healthy Hearts Grant application.

2. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

This refers to the minutes of the December meeting, as the January Committee Meeting was replaced by a Strategic Planning Meeting – see separate agenda item below.

• **Village Fair:**

- A meeting took place with Alison Dale in mid-January to discuss how the Partnership could help with the organisation of this year's Village Fair (Sunday 3rd May). We agreed that the Partnership would:
 - provide a mailbox for correspondence about stalls (villagefair@hpartnership.org.uk) which forwards on to Alison
 - handle the monies on behalf of the team organising the stalls (comprising mainly Scouts & Guides) – receiving payments from prospective stall holders, and paying out all monies received to the nominated beneficiaries after the event.

• **10K run:**

- We are waiting to hear back from Tom Birtles who is currently busy with Poynton's 10K run.
- **Action: Stuart to write to Tom to ascertain what progress has been made, and ask that we get the project up and running by April/May to allow plenty of time for publicity.**

• **Health and Wellbeing:**

- Hazel to obtain list of groups involved with health and movement. Contact Age UK for cooperation.
 - **Action: Hazel to follow up when able**

- Hazel to work with Heather to progress walking map. There is £500 available from the PC to produce the map. PC also offering mapping software that they hope to have by February.
 - The Parish Council have decided not to purchase the software.
 - **Action: Hazel/Heather to use Active Maps in Knutsford to produce the map**

Minutes accepted as correct.

3. Correspondence

- Email received from the Parish Council inviting us to help with the updating of the Community Resilience Plan. Stuart has agreed to take part.
- Email from Dot Flint (5 Towns Partnership) enclosing a confirmation from Cheshire East Council that they will continue to fund us for the next 3 years (2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18) at the same rate - £8000 per Partnership.
- Letter to Phil from Geoffrey Males (Friends of Holmes Chapel Railway Station) providing more detail about local transport options.
 - **Action: Phil to incorporate with the information he has already circulated.**

4. Review of Strategic Planning Meeting Output

- Glyn had previously circulated a document summarising the output from the Strategic Planning Session held on 24th January, in order that the actions could be agreed and prioritised.
- In general it was agreed that we have plenty of work to occupy the Partnership in 2015, so the list of actions referred to the Main Partnership will be used as and when we need more work; the items assigned to named subgroups will be worked on as soon as these groups are able to do so.
- The following comments / changes were agreed:
 - General:
 - Phil suggested that we have an annual Summer Show which could include a dog show, flower show, etc.. This would be held at a suitable venue (e.g. the AP Club/Community Centre), but unlikely we can organise in 2015
 - Main Partnership Actions:
 - Item 1 Cycle routes – Hazel is talking to developers (Persimmon Homes, Gladman Homes)
 - Item 2 Community Involvement – via events and publicity
 - Item 3 Walking opportunities – underway (walking map, etc.)
 - Item 4 Uniqueness of Village – identify / action through projects
 - Item 5 Local (un)employment – this is not under the control of and cannot be easily influenced by the Partnership. However we continue to be interested and will help if/when we can.
 - Item 6 Change the name of the Partnership – decided impractical and will create further confusion / loss of community awareness
 - *Item 7 – Same as Item 4*
 - Item 8 Don't make enemies – Business As Usual!

- *Item 9 - Same as Item 6*
- Item 10 Support AP Club project – via a project as/when requested by the Parish Council/Management Group
- Item 11 Art trails – defer
- Item 12 Cooperation between traders – handle if the opportunity arises
 - **Stuart to email John Curran, who is attempting to resurrect the Business Forum, re progress / working together**
- Item 13 Organise 10k Run – see Matters Arising above
- Item 14 Develop Playareas – underway
- Item 15 Organise dog show – Friends of Dane Meadow
- Item 16 Organise flower show – 2016 project (see general item above)
- Item 17 Learn from other Partnership – ongoing via bi-monthly meetings and other shared information
- Item 18 Village Fair/Events - ongoing
- Communications subgroup actions:
 - Heather to set up a meeting to decide on group's scope and act as Chair *pro tem*
 - Item 4 Website currency – handled by Stuart, but need to have a deputy at some stage
- Health & Wellbeing subgroup actions:
 - Hazel and Kathy to review once Hazel is free of current personal issues
- Village Identity subgroup actions:
 - Liz to review (absent from this meeting)
- Young Persons subgroup actions:
 - Bill to review (absent from this meeting)

5. AOB

- Elm Drive Playarea Update
 - The project has been split into two phases, as agreed by the Project Board:
 - Phase 1 – Play area equipment improvements
 - Phase 2 – Creation of a Fitness area
 - Cheshire East Council has a number of 'free' items of play equipment donated by suppliers. It had been agreed that if the Project Board could raise the money to install the equipment (including surfacing and paths) then they could choose 5 items to replace the current equipment (excluding the cradle swing, which will be refurbished).
 - This was agreed and the Project Board chose 5 items from the inventory, with a nominal value of about £70,000.
 - The Parish Council have agreed to fund the installation costs using their 2014/15 and 2015/16 capital contributions. As it stands there will be no further contributions to the project from the Parish Council, so other monies to complete the project will have to be raised from grant funders.

- It is hoped that work will commence on the play area improvements week commencing 20th April, and will take up to 4 weeks, during which time the fenced off area will be closed.
- The details of the second phase – creating a fitness area – have yet to be agreed by the Project Board.
- The membership of the Project Board may change in May after the local (Parish Council) elections.
- Healthy Hearts Grant Application
 - Glyn has spent a great deal of time formulating the application, and initially discussed with Stuart
 - Subsequently circulated to Hazel and Kathy as well, and all 4 met to agree the finer details.
 - Completed application to be sent to HRUK on guaranteed delivery basis on Thursday 26th in order to meet the 28th February deadline.
- Village Fair
 - This is largely covered in Matters Arising above.
 - Assumption that we will use Dave Monk's gazebo
 - We need a list of people available to help erect and run the Partnership stall
 - **Action: Stuart to email Committee to establish availability**
 - **Action: Discuss Village Fair attendance/preparations in detail as main agenda item at March meeting**
- Meeting with Gladman Homes
 - Hazel and Stuart met with Gladman Homes on Tuesday 24th February
 - Hazel (and Andrew Rowland) had been put in touch with them by Cheshire East (Genni Butler) regarding cycling, representing SECCAG
 - Stuart had been contacted directly by Gladman to 'bid' for facilities as part of the (ultimate) developers' Planning Section 106 (S/106) commitment.
 - Gladman act as agents for the land owner, and will not be involved in the building of homes / commercial units on the site. However they have drawn up and submitted Outline Plans, and will be involved in any negotiations regarding commitments that the developers will have to make (e.g. S/106 commitments). It is anticipated that the commercial units will be built first.
 - It had been noted from an email sent by Steve Ranger that the Parish Council (together with Brereton Parish Council) firmly oppose the development and did not wish to discuss S/106 options at this stage.
 - SECCAG and the Partnership took the view that it is highly likely that the development will go ahead – given both its sustainability and the previous record of approved developer appeals by the Planning Inspectorate – and that we should therefore make a bid for facilities before it is too late and/or the developers are less receptive.
 - The facilities we proposed were to make a viable route from the new estate to the 'linear park' along the north side of the Croco, so that parents and children can more easily (and safely) get to both the Comprehensive and Middlewich Road Primary schools:
 - Improve the public right of way which leads from the north side of the lane to Dunkirk Farm, under the railway, across the field(s) to the south side of the River Croco and then westwards towards the bridge to the north side of the river / linear park along

the Croco. The path would need to be at a standard suitable for both cyclists and walkers.

- Repair the bridge across the Croco
- Work with the Parish Council to link to the linear park.
- Gladman felt that this would be achievable given public support for the development; if the plans were rejected and went to appeal, they felt that rather less might be offered.
 - Both Hazel and Stuart felt that the plans were sustainable, and personally saw no reason why the Partnership should oppose the development.
- Parish Council Representation and Communications
 - Action: Stuart to email Clerk of the Council regarding the wording of Parish Council communications about joint projects with the Partnership
 - Action: Stuart to email Clerk of the Council regarding the (future) attendance of the Council's representative

Next meeting:

- Wednesday 25th March, 7-9 pm

2015 Meeting Dates (*all 7:00pm at Methodist Church Hall unless otherwise noted*)

- 25th March
- 22nd April
- 27th May
- 24th June
- 22nd July
- 26th August
- 23rd September
- 17th October (AGM)?
- 28th October
- 25th November
- 16th December