

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Meeting

held on Wednesday 27th April 2016

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

Present

Glyn Chambers, Dorothy Davidson, Stuart Gammon, Les Gilbert, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa Mcfarquhar, David Savage, Hazel Sutcliffe

Apologies

Kathy Cornford, Declan O'Regan

1. **FairerPower:** a representative of this initiative by CE to provide cheaper power to local residents was to attend but failed to appear.

2. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

Actions arising from previous minutes all carried out or dealt with in the agenda. Minutes approved.

3. Correspondence

- Invitation to propose families to take part in a Family Documentary series. No suggestions were forthcoming.
- Invitation to Stronger Communities/Town Partnership Workshop May 2016. Stuart to attend.
- Ex Library Chairs: Everybody Trust is to take them for the Community Centre
- Grant of £250 from Methodist Church received: to go into the Youth Facilities Fund
- Dane Meadow website licensed image usage: see Project Updates

4. Village Fair Arrangements

Arrangements were finalized; the emphasis to be on the 2Gs Challenge and recruitment for it. Several activities planned.

Also to be publicised - Welcome Pack, Newsletter, Christmas Market.

Youth Facilities group to raise money with games like Splat the Rat and steady hand test.

Suggestion to invest in Partnership pens as promotion for the organisation.

Action: Phil to get prices

The Village Fair was subsequently postponed because of the poor weather prospects and the waterlogged state of the field.

5. Parish Council Representation on the Partnership

Owing to the number of meetings undertaken by Parish Councillors there is a proposition to reduce the role by nominating a Liaison member who is not necessarily obliged to attend every Partnership meeting. There was a wide ranging discussion after which it was proposed that Stuart and Glyn attend the PC Strategy meeting on 2nd June to put the Partnership case as we had not previously been consulted.

After the meeting the Clerk of the Parish Council confirmed that a Member would raise an amendment to the Strategy and Partnerships report, before a vote to accept it, at the Full Council meeting on 19th May; in the meantime the Parish Council would continue to send a representative to Partnership meetings. She also stated that it had been agreed that representative from the Partnership would attend the next Strategy and Partnerships meeting on 2nd June to discuss the issue.

6. Project & Financial Updates

- **Finance:**

- Phil had previously sent round a statement of Partnership finances. There is money available for projects.
- Revive the idea of a fitness trail? A bench for the Dane Meadow?

- **Health & Wellbeing:**

- 2Gs Challenge: The recruitment drives in the village on Saturday 23rd April succeeded in signing up 13 more people to bring the total to 50. Pedometers purchased for the project have been distributed to the first cohort of participants as well as recent joiners.
- *It was hoped to attract more at the Village Fair, however as this was unfortunately postponed it was proposed to have another session on Saturday May 7th outside Costa, as we are obliged by the funders to get the scheme fully subscribed by July.*

- **Youth Facilities Working Group**

The exact location of the Skateboard Park at the Community Centre is still under discussion. The result of the application to Veolia for funding will be known early in June.

The young people involved are still raising money which will be matched by the Partnership. They are also deciding exactly what they require so that once funding has been obtained, construction can start.

- **Dane Meadow**

An email had been received (see Correspondence) demanding money for use of a copyrighted photo on the Dane Meadow website; that the photo was subsequently removed. The Parish Clerk contacted the organisation and negotiated a reduction of the fee which has been paid. Mark Thornton has removed the menu tab giving access to the background information but it will need to be investigated for possible further infringements.

The website domain has been hosted by David Savage's son at his own cost. This situation needs to be regularised so he will invoice the Partnership for the annual fee of approximately £30.

A team of Community Payback volunteers visited the Dane Meadow on 26th April and carried out extensive work including spreading woodchip kindly donated by Alan Bethell, removing rhododendron and laurel from Cotton wood. They are due for a second visit on May 10th.

7. AOB

- As some members of the committee find Wednesdays difficult a change of day was suggested but no immediate solution was found.
- David reported that work on the function rooms at the Community Centre was due to start but that asbestos had been found in the bar area. Nevertheless the facilities are due to open at the end of June.
- He also reported that the PCSO contract had run out and that it was proving difficult to negotiate a further contract. The brief of the PCSO has been extended to the Dane Valley Ward area but no extra funding is forthcoming.

2016 Meetings (all 7:00pm at Methodist Church Hall unless otherwise noted)

- 25th May
- 29th June
- 27th July
- 24th August
- 28th September
- 26th October
- 23rd November
- 12th December (Mon)
– Old Red Lion