Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday 22nd February 2017

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

Present

Stuart Gammon, Dorothy Davidson, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa McFarquar, Les Gilbert, Hazel Sutcliffe, Mike Blomeley, Phil Robertson, Alison Wright

Apologies received from: Glyn Chambers, Stuart Smith

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

Minutes agreed as correct. Actions all carried out. All matters arising were included within the main agenda items.

Correspondence

- Fairerpower suggested they might attend the H&W Fair but committee deemed this not entirely appropriate
- Suggestion that Civic Service be revived under chairmanship of David Savage to celebrate the work of the community. Suggested date June 25th. This proposal was supported by HCP

2. Events

Health and Wellbeing Fair

The organisation of the Health & Wellbeing Fair is progressing well. Sufficient groups have expressed an interest in taking a stall for it to be viable (24 at this point). There are four speakers who will give talks.

- Sam Wilkinson (Partnerships CE) has offered to produce publicity material: 30 A4 posters 4 banners. Can have use of laminator in Parish Office to produce outdoor posters. Press advertising: Villages Mag, Sandbach Chronicle, Health Centre, front page of Community News April edition
- Timing of talks still needs scheduling
- Email sent out by Teresa to stallholders with full details
- Need volunteers to put up tables, man stalls, do refreshments

Celebrating Volunteering

- **4th June** is the suggested date
- Dorothy has sent out a letter to local organizations to try and gauge the level of interest in this event. Before making any further arrangements we will await the response.
- Suggestion that ANSA be contacted so that the Dane Meadow can be mown in the preceding week
- Phil proposed a treasure hunt around the Meadow based on the wooden sculptures as an activity that would encourage people to explore the site more fully.

Village Fair

- The suggested date is **Sunday 16th July**
- Whether HCP continues to facilitate the event by providing banking and email facilities is still under discussion. Awaiting contact from the Vic Club.

3. Project Updates / Acceptance of Reports

Finances

- No change in the state of the finances
- Phil has confirmed the existence of a Fire Service charity and has donated £50 to reflect the Partnership's gratitude for the first aid cover provided by the fire service for the Christmas fair at no cost.
- Les reminded the committee that HCP had been promised some money from Holmes Chapel Action Group when it disbanded. No one was aware of any donation having been made
- Action: Les to make enquiries

Skatepark Update

- Work has just started: laying track to protect sports field whilst the skatepark is under construction.
- Meeting with Canvas to sign contract 23.02.2017. Work should be completed by 24th March.
- There will be a formal opening about 6 weeks after completion which will hopefully include a demonstration. It will be possible to use the facility before the formal opening with some limitations due to ground recovery and newly seeded areas..
- There will be a Display/advertising of the Skatepark at H&W Fair by HCP.
- Need a notice board to provide information about legal conditions of use, liabilities etc. It was proposed that this be financed by the Partnership. Possibly two notices: one containing all the legal requirements and one addressing the skateboarders in a less formal way.

Health & Wellbeing

- *See also Events above*
- The map of walks in and around Holmes Chapel has obtained finance from the Participatory Budgeting round. Hazel has visited Active Maps in Knutsford and got the production process underway. Hope to launch at the event celebrating volunteering on June 4th.
- A Dementia Friendly initiative in the village is to be led by Methodist Church. Dorothy had been to a "Dementia Awareness" event to obtain information. 2 Dementia organizations will attend the H&W Fair

Dane Meadow/Cycling Update

- There have been two notices in the Community Newsletter asking for volunteers to join the Friends of Dane Meadow in helping to maintain the area. The work sessions will take place on the 2nd Tuesday and 1st Sunday of each month starting in March. (March 12th is the first one) Some posters have been designed and will be put up at the entrances to the Meadow to try and get some support.
- The second edition of the SECCAG map is under production. This is being supported by the Town Partnerships and a grant from Participatory Budgeting.

4. Partner Updates

Comprehensive School

- School is investigating better methods of recycling
- Stuart raised the issue of parking on junction between Portree and Selkirk during the school day which obscures the access/exit to Portree Drive.

Cheshire East Council

Likely Council Tax increase of 4.99% (includes 3% social care precept)

Parish Council

- Police carried out two enforcement sessions in the area. They caught many motorists speeding, parking illegally, using a mobile phone whilst driving as well as HGV infractions. The Police have disseminated the details through Twitter to make people aware of the operation
- Croco path between Glencoe and Dunoon to be surfaced. The river bank is also to be shored up.
- Money has been allocated in the budget to employ a handyman to get minor jobs done around village.

Scouts & Guides

Alison asked whether any bulb planting had been scheduled as the scouts had not been asked to contribute. However none has taken place this season but there will be a session in the Autumn.

5. Any Other Business.

None

Provisional 2017 Meeting dates *(all 7:00pm at Methodist Church Hall unless otherwise noted)*

- 22nd March
- 26th April **AGM?**
- 24th May
- 28th June
- 26th July
- 23rd August
- 27th September
- 25th October
- 22nd November
- *Monday* 11th December – **Market review & social *(Old Red Lion***