

Holmes Chapel Partnership 2017 AGM

held on Wednesday 24th May 2017

at 7.00p.m. in the Middlewich Hall at the Methodist Church

Present (Committee members)

Alison Wright, Dorothy Davidson, Hazel Sutcliffe, Les Gilbert, Mike Blomeley, Phil Hargreaves, Philip Roberts, Stuart Gammon, Teresa McFarquhar

Before the business of the meeting started, a minute's silence was observed for victim of the Manchester Arena bombing (on 22nd May) especially Nell Jones who died. and Freya Lewis who was very badly injured and is in hospital - two 14 year olds from the village.

AGM Main Business

1. Introduction

Stuart Gammon welcomed 25 people present and read the minutes from last year's AGM which were accepted and carried.

2. Chairman's Report

Stuart then gave his Chairman's report for 2017 (which is attached).

3. Treasurer's Report

Phil Hargreaves gave the Treasurer's Report and explained various items. These were adopted and carried.

4. Elections

There were no elections.

It was explained that the partnership's Project Officer Glyn Chambers had tendered his resignation in March but there was no urgent need to find a replacement as all current projects are in hand.

5. Motions

There were no Motions.

6. Questions / Any Other Business

There were no Motions

Thanks were given to Hazel Sutcliffe for her work on the Walking Map.

--- There was a break for refreshments ---

Dementia Friendly Village

Unfortunately, the guest speaker - Sara-Jane Rathbone from the Dementia Awareness Alliance - was ill so was unable to attend.

In her absence, Dorothy Davidson gave a very comprehensive outline of the vision of making Holmes Chapel a Dementia Friendly Village and all the details which are needed to make this happen. The

Neighbourhood Plan highlighted that the “over 60 population” of the village was now 25% and therefore it is highly likely that the onset of Dementia will need to be addressed.

- The Methodist Church is willing to host a meeting place for those in need plus their carers. (This could be called CAMEO – Come and Meet Each Other).
- There could be an area for those living with the condition to have an area where they can do a bit of gardening and Steven Kay offered to discuss this with Home Grown in Holmes Chapel Group.
- Perhaps some groups could offer to run sessions where persons need to go at a slower pace. – games, table tennis, bridge etc
- There was a discussion about the colours of mats, dishes and even toilet seats which help to make life easier for those with dementia.

We were very fortunate to have Kath Reader, the Vice Chairman of the Alsager Partnership and Maria Ashdown their Project Officer with us. Alsager is already a Dementia Friendly Community and Kath spoke at length about how they achieved this.

- They have a working group of 25 people and hold monthly sessions. There is a lot of enthusiasm there and the first Memory Café on 28th April was very busy.
- The High School has been very involved and students have been meeting with local people and this has been a great success story. Fiona Bruce, our former Member of Parliament was able to show pictures of the school’s involvement. This is something Alison Wright is going to take up with the Comprehensive School. The Beavers have also been involved
- They have also involved all the retailers in the town and got 12 outlets showing a “Safe Haven” badge - blue and yellow. They also give out I.D. Cards.

Janet Ollier from Goostrey spoke about her involvement with raising funds to create dementia projects to enhance patient care. She is the Governor for Congleton Constituency for Leighton Hospital New Charity for the hospital – on dementia.

There was general discussion on all these matters and Alison Wright and Dorothy Davidson are going to try to visit as many groups and businesses in Holmes Chapel to encourage as many people as possible to become “Friends of Dementia” after their illustrations and talks. The Dental Practice has already signed up.

The meeting closed at 8.32

Provisional 2017 committee meeting dates for Holmes Chapel Partnership (all 7.00p.m. at Methodist Church unless otherwise noted)

28th June

26th July

23rd August

27th September

25th October

22nd November

Monday 11th December – Market review and social (Old Red Lion?)

Appendix 1: Chairman's Report

The past year has been a very busy – and successful - one for the Partnership, and has certainly kept us on our toes! Since April last year our main activities have been:

- **Putting on our 5th Christmas Market (December '16):** This year we changed the way we opened the Market, by having a parade of dancers from the Precinct to the Coop Car Park, led by Father Christmas (riding his reindeer) and the Coop Silver Band (playing festive music). This was definitely a big hit and set the mood for the rest of the market.

There were plenty of stalls selling all sorts of things, entertainment, food and drink, plus (another first) a computer games 'TechTruck'

- **Holding a Health & Wellbeing Fair (April '17):** Following on from successful fairs at Congleton and Alsager, we arranged and held the fair on 1st April. There were around 30 stalls covering many aspects of health and wellbeing, including local organisations who promote activities that aim to improve our general wellbeing.

There were talks from the North West Ambulance Service (First Response / How to use AEDs), the Dementia Awareness Alliance, and SWANS (Emotional wellbeing).

- **Completing the skatepark project ('April 17):** *This was a joint project with the Parish Council, the PCSO, Everybody Sport & Recreation and young people from the village.*

Having identified the need for a skatepark, and secured funding, we set about finding suitable companies to build a skatepark for us. Throughout the process we were guided by our 3 young people (Tom Armstrong-Mortlock, John Draper, James Mansell) who told the companies what they wanted and, when the bidding company was picked, worked closely with them to finalise the design. The work started at the end of February and was completed at the end of March – after just 5 weeks! We informally opened it at the beginning of April – when it proved very popular – and formally opened it on the 6th May, with PCSO Jill Cope cutting the tape.

- **Creating a Walking Map of Holmes Chapel:** Some time ago attempts were made by the members of the Parish Council to create a map of walks in and around Holmes Chapel – but this was never completed. This year, we picked up the project and produced a brand new map – which is available here today.

My thanks go to all my team for their hard work and dedication over the past year.

Sadly, in mid March, our Project Officer (Glyn Chambers) told us that he would be leaving due to a move to Cornwall. Glyn helped us a great deal over the 6 years he was with us, using his skills and knowledge of local government to help make our projects successful. Through his efforts in putting together grant applications we raised over £400k in grant funding!

Looking forward, we are concentrating (initially) on Health & Wellbeing, and in particular creating a Dementia Friendly Village, with your help – hence the talk by Sara-Jane Rathbone, and ensuing discussion. However, we are open to suggestions for other projects that you and others feel would be of benefit to the community of Holmes Chapel in general.

Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report

<u>Administration</u>	2015/16	2016/17
Brought forward	<u>£4550</u>	<u>£5024</u>
- Grant from Cheshire East Council	£8000	£8000
- Committee Meetings, AGM, admin expenses	-£402	-£298
- Web fees	-£53	-£62
- Public Liability insurance	-£336	-£324
- Donation to Margaret Williamson Fund	-£100	
- Project Officer	-£6400	-£6600
- Matching funding (for Youth Group)	-£235	-£987
Carried forward	£5024	£4753
 <u>Christmas Market</u>		
Brought forward	<u>£568</u>	<u>£829</u>
- Income from Stallholders	£975	£950
- Expenditure	-£714	-£962
Carried forward	£829	£817
 <u>Cycling Village</u>		
Brought forward	<u>£450</u>	<u>£450</u>
- Contribution to Tour of Britain		-£200
- Cycling map, Shelter removal		-£250
Carried Forward	£450	£0
 <u>Dane Meadow and Elm Drive</u>		
Brought forward	<u>£1631</u>	<u>£870</u>
- Donation from Minibus fund	£1245	
- Expenditure	-£2006	-£30
Carried forward	£870	£840
 <u>2Gs Challenge</u>		
Brought forward		<u>£4902</u>
- Grant from Cheshire East	£1000	
- Grant from Sport England	£4000	
- Expenditure	-£98	-£1370
Carried Forward	£4902	£3532
 <u>Youth Group</u>		
Brought forward		<u>£5470</u>
- Grant from Cheshire Police	£5000	
- Income from Cake Stall	£235	
- Matching contribution from Partnership	£235	£987
- Transferred to Parish Council		-£6903
Carried Forward	£5470	£0
 <u>Walking Map</u>		
- Participatory Budgeting grant		£880
Carried forward		£880
 <u>Defibrillator</u>		
- Donation from Holmes Chapel Action Group		£442
Carried forward		£442
 TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	<u>£17545</u>	<u>£11264</u>