

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 23rd August 2017 at 7.00p.m.

in the Bradshaw Room at the Methodist Church

Present

Stuart Gammon, Anita Armitt, Dorothy Davidson, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa McFarquhar, Stuart Smith Hazel Sutcliffe
Les Gilbert, Alison Wright

Apologies received from: Kate McKay

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

Minutes of meeting held on 26^h July agreed. Actions arising dealt with in the agenda.

2. Correspondence

- Community Resilience Plan

Table top exercise at Community Centre on 14th Sept.

Actions: Stuart, Les and Anita to attend

- Nicola Clarke has resigned to take up the post of Clerk to Alsager Town Council. The Partnership is very grateful to her for all the help and support she has provided and wish her well in her new role.
- Dane Meadow – some damage to the Home Grown in HC sign was reported. There have also been several reports of a mini motorbike being ridden round the meadow.

Actions: Les to check whether they are allowed to ride on the bridleway

Hazel to report to PC

- Invitation to **Cheshire East: Connected Communities**
October 31st 2.00pm – 4.45pm , at Congleton Town Hall
Action: Stuart and Phil to attend
- Invitation to **Active Cheshire: Part of the MOVEment 2**
October 6th October at Cranage Hall
Action: Stuart G and Stuart S to attend

3. Sensory Garden

John Clowes has drawn up a design for the garden along with a planting plan and a suggested action plan.

The Partnership has been asked for funding to develop this area. After some discussion the committee proposed to spend the money that had originated from the William Dean Trust (£840), to bid for Co-op funding and to also bid for money under the Community Grants scheme. Anita has offered £200 as part of the chit chat bench scheme and there is money remaining in our Health & Wellbeing budget which could contribute as a Sensory Garden is an element of the Dementia Friendly village..

Action: Hazel to ask John Clowes to get quotes for the groundwork involved in preparing the site.

Stuart to investigate/apply for CEC Community Grant

4. Banner and display boards

These were presented by Stuart who had prepared some attractive designs. The committee approved them after making a few suggestions for changes in wording. They will hopefully be ready by Sept 17th for the Celebrating HC event.

5. PCSO Jill Cope Memorial

Since Jill played such a large part in getting the Skate Park up and running it was suggested that the Partnership should fund a bench in her memory to be sited there. Rather than the conventional wooden bench the Committee agreed that an individual design – possibly in metal – would be a more distinctive memorial. Once the bench is in situ it was decided that there should be a small event to dedicate it.

Action: Teresa to investigate whether Sam Dale's could produce such a bench and possible cost

6. Celebrating Holmes Chapel

Dorothy had sent out a document informing the committee of the state of play in the organization of the show on Sunday 17th September. It was decided that set up on Sunday morning from 9am would suit people better than Saturday afternoon. Volunteers from the committee are needed to set up, marshal and clear up afterwards. Most members of the committee are available on the day. There will also be some CC centre staff available to marshal.

7. Printed copies of the Newsletter

The committee agreed to go ahead with a 3 month trial of distributing spiral bound plastic backed copies of the newsletter via various outlets around Holmes Chapel. 25 copies will be produced by the Print Room at a cost of £30. Stuart will distribute the first round (Sept newsletter) thereafter other committee members will take on responsibility for this.

8. Reports

- Finance

Financial position as at 20th August (for the year commencing 1st April).

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Available</u>	
Admin	£1000	£161	£839	
Dane Meadow/Elm Dr	£840	£0	£840	
Health and Wellbeing	£3532	£0	£3532	
Christmas Market	£817	£0	£817	
Walking Map	£880	£798	£82	
Defibrillator	£442	£442	£0	
Skatepark	£88	£88	£0	
The Great Get Together	£373	£373	£0	Note 1
Unallocated			£11,592	Note 2

Note 1 - Partnership agreed to fund TGGT banners. Grants totalling £300 were received from the PC and CEC. An additional invoice received recently took the Partnership total spend to £72.80.

Note 2 – “Unallocated” includes funds to cover a paid Project Officer. The CEC grant of £8000 has now been received.

- **Dementia Friendly Village:**

A Memory Café is being held on 16th September from 10-12 at the Methodist Church. There will be tables of photographs on various topics to stimulate conversation. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

- **HCCS**

Alison reported that on 29th August a documentary about Manchester bombing will be shown on ITV. It will feature the family of Nell Jones who lost her life in the incident.

- **Parish Council**

A new PCSO will be arriving in September

- **Cheshire East Council**

The Local Plan was adopted in July. This stabilizes the situation as far as speculative housing development is concerned. 3500 homes will be shared between 13 local service centres but it is not yet known how they will be distributed. CE will continue to support Jodrell Bank who now has a policy Of objecting to any new housing development on the grounds of interference.

Air quality measurements made in 2012 have since proved to be erroneous. Although this potentially affected planning decisions Les was satisfied that the mistakes had not adversely affected Holmes Chapel. Systems put in place for it not to be repeated

- **Everybody Trust**

Stuart S reported that 54,000 visits had been recorded in the first quarter of year to Leisure Centre / Community Centre. Current membership of the CC is almost 1300.

The CC is looking forward hosting the Celebrating HC event.

9. Any Other Business

None

Provisional 2017 Meeting Dates (all at 7.00pm at Methodist Church unless otherwise noted):

27th September

25th October

22nd November

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