

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 22nd November 2017

7.00p.m. in the Goostrey Lounge at the Methodist Church

Present

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

Apologies received from: Teresa McFarquhar, and Kate MacKay (HCCS Student)

Stuart Gammon opened the meeting at 7.05 with a welcome to all

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

Minutes of meeting held on 25th October were agreed The following were discussed:-

1. Dementia Friendly –The Web Page has been done and the Stickers have arrived from Jess McFall. Dorothy and Stuart are attending a Community Awareness event at Warrington on 27th November.
2. Stuart has introduced himself to Sue Davies, the new clerk of the Parish Council
3. The circulation of the printed version of the Community Newsletter was on a 3 month trial and it was decided to continue this service, but put a message “For Information Only – please do not remove” as the documents have not been staying in situ.
 - Phil will deliver December copies.
4. The new PSCO, Liz Chesters has written a piece for the Welcome Pack and it was suggested she be invited to a future Partnership meeting and be given a 10 minute slot. She has rearranged her shifts so that she can be at Christmas Market on 3rd December
5. The Holmes Chapel Show will be discussed at the January meeting
6. Stuart laid a wreath on behalf of the Community of Holmes Chapel at the Remembrance Parade on 12th November
7. Hazel has not yet purchased the Gazebo but has it in hand.
 - She will also bring another gazebo on Sunday

2. Correspondence

Cheshire East S106 Monies

Les has found that two pots of money were available one for £5,160 which has been allocated for open space places and the other for £7,142 which is specifically designated for Elm Drive Play Area. The deadline to use the monies is June 2022.

- It was felt that the residents of the Elm Drive area should be approached to bring forward any suggestions they may have and also for help to carry out some improvements, regarding the latter.
- Mike Blomeley suggested that the Parish Council would like to put forward other bids – see later in report.

Cheshire East Public Health

Dan Coyne from the Connected Communities Strategy had been in touch to say he has statistical information for the Partnership and it was agreed that Stuart, Hazel and Dorothy would arrange a meeting with him to discuss the objectives.

3. Project Updates

Sensory Garden

Hazel has made no progress with the project but John's quote should be agreed soon.

- The William Dean money left over of £840 will be transferred to this project.
- The Croco Path project will be discussed at the January meeting.

Dane Meadow

Cheshire East maintain the site, together with a volunteer group (Friends of the Dane Meadow) which is barely alive.

Phil Roberts is going to look at the prospect of using the area as an educational resource and will look into the chance of the students from the Comprehensive being 'volunteers' of the Dane Meadow. This may follow after the results of the litter pick in the Precinct.

Dementia Friendly Village

Dorothy advised that the George and Dragon were now on board and other businesses will be visited after Christmas. Dorothy passed round a document showing her vision of how businesses will be helped to maintain their status of being Dementia Friendly.

Esther Tillson from Sainsbury's had been in touch to say they were keen to hear more about the scheme.

All 6th Form students have now had the talk from Alison Wright.

The Memory Café is going well – 25 attending **last Wednesday morning**.

Cheshire East end of life package will be discussed at the next meeting along with Cheshire Arts for Health.

Jill Cope Memorial Bench

The Parish Council have no objections to the siting of the bench. Mike has had estimates of £400 - £500 for the concrete base but it may be possible to look at a cheaper alternative.

To be discussed again at the January meeting

4. **Events - Christmas Market**

Everything is in place for Sunday, 3rd December but unfortunately the Co-op Band has had to pull out and the Comprehensive School was unable to commit. Dorothy will book well ahead for next year.

Rev. Yvonne Pearson will play the trumpet and it is hoped that there will be 2 saxophone players.

Hazel will play Santa but will need sweets to hand out

Alison showed a picture of a structure of Santa which Goostrey have made and it was agreed that we would have something similar made for next year as the banners are now past their best. Alison to get prices.

5. **Finances**

Phil had already sent out his report (see Appendix).

The £840 will be earmarked for the Sensory Garden.

The Victoria Club has still not presented their cheque.

6. **Project and Partner Updates**

HCCS

Phil Roberts was not able to go to Alsager for the meeting on SWAY but will pursue the matter with Alsager High School.

He was asked to make sure the school was represented by a teacher and pupils at next year's Remembrance parade.

A lot of discussion followed regarding the students' attitude to vandalism, volunteering etc.

The school has invited senior members of the community to watch a performance of the Sound of Music on 12th December.

He gave the meeting a breakdown on his Community Liaison Action Plan and Stuart thanked him for all his efforts

Parish Council

Mike stated that the flat roof at the Community Centre was leaking and is causing concern. The costs in rectifying the problem are expensive. The hope is that there will be improved access to the Centre.

There was a discussion about the wish list that the Parish Council has in place. **He was asked to bring a revised list to the next meeting.**

Cheshire East

Les indicated that there is growing pressure on the budget – savings will have to be made.

There is no truth in the media report that Holmes Chapel Library is due for closure.

The review of the 319 bus route is still ongoing..

Scouts

Please encourage residents to use their Co-op card as the Scout Group are now on the list to receive monies from their Membership scheme.

The Christmas Card boxes and deliveries will commence on 1st December and will be available to an extended area this year.

An Explorer Scout is going to the West Virginia Jamboree in 2019 and as part of his fund-raising he will be busking at the Christmas Market.

7. Any Other Business

Hazel gave Phil Roberts some leaflets about the forthcoming Music Society Concert to encourage some of the HCCS students to attend.

The meeting closed at 9.05

Dates of next meetings

11th December – Market review and social at the Red Lion 7.00

Provisional 2018 Dates (7pm at the Methodist Church)

24th January
28th February
28th March
25th April

23rd May (AGM)
27th June
25th July
22nd August

26th September
24th October
21st November
10th December (venue TBC)

Appendix – Financial report

The financial position as at 19th November (for the year commencing 1st April).

Question – do we have any plans for the £840 remaining in the Dane Meadow/Elm Drive pot? If not, should we transfer it to the Sensory Garden budget?

| | Budget | Income | Expenditure | Available | Note |
|------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|-----------|------|
| Admin | £1000 | | £923 | £77 | |
| Dane Meadow/Elm Dr | £840 | | £0 | £840 | |
| Health and Wellbeing | £3532 | | £200 | £3332 | 1 |
| Christmas Market | £817 | £885 | £121 | £1581 | |
| Walking Map | £880 | | £798 | £82 | |
| Defibrillator | £442 | | £442 | £0 | |
| Skatepark | £88 | | £88 | £0 | |
| The Great Get Together | £373 | | £373 | £0 | |
| HC Show | £251 | | £251 | £0 | 2 |
| Village Fair | £0 | £845 | £845 | £0 | 3 |
| Sensory Garden | £0 | £140 | £0 | £140 | 4 |

Unallocated £11,341

Notes:

- 1 - £200 taken from H&W budget to cover Villages Mag Dementia article.
- 2 – Budget of £251 allocated to cover HC Show.
- 3 - £109 cheque to the Victoria Club has not been cashed.
- 4 - £140 donated to Sensory Garden from St Luke's Church quiz.