

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 28th February 2018

7.00p.m. in the Bradshaw Room at the Methodist Church

Present

Stuart Gammon, Mike Blomeley, Les Gilbert, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa McFarquhar, Stuart Smith, Hazel Sutcliffe and Alison Wright

Apologies received from: Dorothy Davidson, Kate MacKay and Liz Chesters

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

1. Liz Chesters talk

Liz Chesters had sent her apologies

2. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

Minutes of meeting held on 24th January were agreed

The following were discussed:

1. The Project List from the Parish Council had been received and sent to all members
2. Hazel has booked the stalls for the Christmas Market but we MUST take the weights for Health and Safety reasons and insurance purposes.
3. Rumble in the Jungle - no details had been received to put in the newsletter

3. Correspondence

1. The letter from Andrea Dean to the Parish Council (John Clowes), seeking voluntary opportunities was discussed; Stuart Smith will look into the possibility of her helping at Everybody.

It was felt that John Clowes should respond directly to Andrea.

2. The Village Mag offered space in the March edition, but there was nothing appropriate available this month.
3. Pedestrian Safety Petition.
 - i. Stuart G stated that the deadline for the petition is 31st March and to date there had been 269 signatures on line with 31 at the Library.
 - ii. To reach a target of 1,500 there is a need to target more people / organisations. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to send the letter to the schools asking parents for their support and also to other organisations and Bernard and Lovell Court residents.
 - iii. Hazel volunteered to design and poster and words for a banner which will be ordered from Katie.
 - iv. Alison will take letter to HCCS to be inserted in their next newsletter.
 - v. Les suggested that it would be better if he and Stuart G delivered the petition personally to Paul Hurdus at Strategic Highways.
 - vi. Sue MacKay will also be happy to accept signatures at the Parish Council office.
 - vii. At Stuart's suggestion, Alison Dale to sort a Marquee for "chatting" at the Village Fair.

4. Finance

- Phil had already sent out data regarding the Partnership position at present.
- Les suggested that we do take up the grant offered this year; after a discussion this was carried.
- **Sensory Garden:**
 - All expenses to be paid for this project but the order will be place by the Parish Council, who are able to reclaim the VAT; funds will be transferred to the Parish Council when requested.
 - The monies for the planting will come from the Mothers Union contribution and Anita Armitt's fund, topped up by the Partnership if necessary.
- **Jill Cope's bench:**
 - An order will be placed by the Parish Council to Sam Dale; funds will be transferred to the Parish Council when requested.
- **Walkie-Talkies:**
 - Phil has sourced these and will order a pack of 6 units.
 - The Parish Council have agreed to store the units so that they can be used by other organisations (subject to signing out/in).
- **Christmas Market – Scouts**
 - The Scouts will invoice for their expenses at the Market and Girl Guiding will be sent the same amount.

5. Projects

- **Chairman's project – Give a meal at Christmas / Social Isolation**
 - The project idea started following a request from a lonely person for a meal at Christmas.
 - There was a lengthy discussion about how the Partnership could work with other groups in the village, some of whom already have initiatives to help socially isolated people, without taking over. One suggestion was to extend the Chatty Café initiative, pioneered by the George & Dragon, to other venues so that there is somewhere to go every day.
 - Sue at the Parish Council office has said that Kara Kitchens could offer meals for lonely people; Stuart suggested she contact Anna Bignell at Cheshire East Adult Services.
 - Les suggested that Stuart G speak with Julie Walker who knows of two groups already in existence in Crewe and Knutsford that have ideas regarding tackling loneliness.
- **Welcome Pack**
 - 20 copies have been printed and distributed so far; it was decided to print another 10 copies.
 - Hazel will distribute the Partnership newsletter this month and the Victoria Club will be added to the distribution list
 - Phil and Stuart G to discuss the revision and printing of the new Holmes Chapel Guide (based on the Welcome Pack).
 - Stuart Smith and Phil will meet to discuss Everybody's entry.

- **Jill Cope's Bench**
 - As stated earlier Sue MacKay to produce a Purchase Order to Sam Dale from the Parish Council.
 - The Partnership will pay, directly, for the plaque.
 - Mark Rebbeck (07929 203786) to make ready the installation of the bench and the Parish Council will also raise an order for that expense.
- **Sensory Garden**
 - Hazel will speak to John Clowes and also obtain a second quote, required by the Parish Council, from Duttons.
- **Future Projects**
 - The Parish Council Wish List will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. **Partner Updates**

- **Cheshire East Council**
 - Les announced that the Annual Budget meeting had taken place and that there would be an Council Tax increase of over 5.99%.
 - The Local Plan has gone to court and the outcome was "it is safe".
 - The 319 Bus route has been saved.
 - There is to be a consultation about travel to schools.
- **Parish Council**
 1. **Father Christmas Sleigh**
Mike Blomeley has had more talks with Brian Bath about the Christmas Sleigh logistics. Mike is to ask Dave Shakesby for a detailed list of what is required. Could Steve Evington, perhaps, be asked to maintain the sleigh.
 2. **Photo Competition**
In past years the Parish Council has held a Photo Competition and wondered whether this should really be part of Celebrating Holmes Chapel. Teresa will take this suggestion to the Photographic Society and bring back their ideas to the Parish Council and also the Partnership.
 3. **Annual Parish Meeting**
The Annual Parish Meeting is on Tuesday, 20th March at the Community Centre.
There will be presentations on Conservation Area, Housing and Transport, and Traffic.
- **Everybody**
Stuart Smith was able to share the new initiatives at Everybody.
 - 14 year olds can now use the Gym and there are now 3 sessions at week for 12 and 13 year olds which is great news from the Health and Fitness prospective.
 - Stuart will speak with Phil about the Annual Review of the Welcome Pack/Guide
 - Everything in place for Celebrating Holmes Chapel on Sunday 16th September.
- **HCCS** - No report

The meeting closed at 9.25

Dates of future meetings

28 th March	25 th April	23 rd May (AGM)	27 th June	25 th July
22 nd August	26 th September	24 th October	28 th November	10 th December