

Holmes Chapel Partnership 2018 AGM

held on Wednesday 23rd May 2018
at 7.00p.m. in the Goostrey Lounge at the Methodist Church

Present: Mike Blomeley, Dorothy Davidson, Stuart Gammon, Phil Hargreaves,
Teresa McFarquhar, Phil Roberts, Hazel Sutcliffe, Alison Wright

Apologies: Les Gilbert, Kate McKay

Stuart Gammon welcomed all present including Gail Gittings and Elizabeth Stubbs from Cheshire East Dementia Re-enablement Team

In the absence of Liz Chesters, PSCO Stuart led the Main Business of the evening. An apology was received later in the evening.

1. Minutes of the Previous AGM

Stuart 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 2018 (which is attached).

3. Treasurer's Report

Phil Hargreaves gave the Treasurer's Report (attached) and explained all the items therein. The report was adopted and carried.

4. Elections of Honorary Members

No proposals for Honorary Members (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) had been received, and there were no resignations.

All current honorary members therefore continue in post for a further 2 years:

- **Chair:** Stuart Gammon
- **Vice Chair:** Hazel Sutcliffe
- **Treasurer:** Phil Hargreaves
- **Secretary:** Vacant

5. Constitutional Motions

No constitutional Motions had been received.

6. Any Other Business / Questions and Answers

- There were various discussions about the projects
 - All Comprehensive Students have had a talk about being Dementia Friendly
 - Skate Park Bench being unveiled on Saturday, 26th May
 - Sensory Garden – work will begin on 19th August
 - Welcome Pack – now ready for distribution to various venues
 - Towns' Partnership – Walking Maps
- **Sensory Garden**
 - Landscaping work will commence on 19th August
 - John Clowes is cultivating plants.
 - In September he could do with some volunteers to help planting out the garden.
- **Santa's Sleigh**
 - There was a lengthy discussion about the Christmas Sleigh and how we can help in moving things forward.
 - We were fortunate to have Peter Whiers, David Shakesby and Richard Garton in the audience. David and Richard have been involved with the sleigh for many years through Rotary and are willing to guide us in the running of it.
 - Peter Whiers has volunteered to steer this project and he accepted the opportunity to be co-opted onto the Partnership Committee. Peter had worked closely with Glyn Chambers at Congleton Borough Council.
 - Steve Evington of S & R Motors is willing to service the sleigh and Sam Dale's will house it during December.
- **School Young People Survey**
 - Phil Roberts said the school had finished a survey regarding "what young people want".
 - There was a suggestion that there could be a shelter erected somewhere but where would it be sited?
- **Policing**
 - Holmes Chapel has a new Police Beat Manager – Roger Nead
 - There is a new PSCO in Brereton and Elworth.- Sue Holt

The meeting closed at 7.55

Provisional 2018 committee meeting dates for Holmes Chapel Partnership (all 7.00p.m. at Methodist Church unless otherwise noted)

27 th June	26 th September	Monday 10 th December
25 th July	24 th October	– Market review and social
22 nd August	28 th November	

Chairman's Report

Summary of Activities during the 2017-18 Financial Year

Our year started with the completion, and formal opening of the Skatepark, in the grounds of Holmes Chapel Community Centre. The project was partly funded by a number of grants negotiated by the Partnership, together with funding from the Partnership and the Parish Council. The Skatepark Project brought together a team including young members of the community who were involved at every stage. It was a very successful project, and the Skatepark continues to be well used by young people from our local community. Following on from this, the Partnership decided to commission and place a bench – dedicated to the late PCSO Jill Cope (who was passionate about helping the young people in the village) – by the side of the skatepark.

Following on from the success of the Alsager Partnership, the Partnership embarked on a project to make Holmes Chapel a Dementia Friendly Village. Two of our members were trained as Dementia Champions by the Alzheimer's Society, allowing them to educate other members of the community who could then become Dementia Friends; this included individuals, organisations, young people, schools and businesses. With help from Holmes Chapel Methodist Church, a Memory Café was established, starting in September, and now runs on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month. We have registered Holmes Chapel as a Dementia Friendly Community with the Alzheimer's Society.

Following our success in producing cycling maps for routes in and around Holmes Chapel, we turned our attention to walking; the idea was to produce a leaflet of "Walks Around Holmes Chapel" with a number of easy walks. There are 3 basic routes, with optional extensions, giving individuals, families and groups the opportunity to see and enjoy the woods, rivers, meadows around our village. The maps have been extremely popular with visitors and residents alike.

The Partnership has always been keen to promote community spirit, and has organised a number of community events in the past – notably the Christmas Market (which we started in 2012), which has run every year and is an extremely popular annual get together. HCP is still the mainstay of the event but its success has drawn in many other community groups who are keen to be involved. We also provided administrative support and advice to the Victoria Club in the running of the Village Fair in July at which the Partnership had a presence along with the Parish Council to explain its work to and to consult with members of the community.

Throughout this, and previous years, we have produced a Holmes Chapel Community Newsletter, which not only allows local clubs and organisations to share their news and details of forthcoming events, but also gives us a chance to communicate Partnership news; the newsletter is published on our website, and a link to this goes out by email to over 300 individuals, and over 70 local organisation contacts. This year, recognising that not everyone has the ability to access the newsletter online, we decided to have a number of copies printed and bound for distribution to places in the village where people congregate – so every month we now put copies in the Health Centre, the Library, the Parish Council office, coffee shops, barbers/hairdressers, pubs and flats - to make people feel connected to the community.

The Partnership also, some years ago, created a 'Welcome Pack' for new residents (and anyone who wants to know about local services), organisations and clubs; the information is available as a both a document and web pages online; printed copies are also available in a few key locations in the village. The Pack has been so successful that we have decided to revise and enhance it, and create a new Holmes Chapel Guide in the form of an A5 booklet; this will be distributed to new houses, builders/estate agents, the Library, and Parish Council Office, as well as being available at the Village Fair and Celebrating Holmes Chapel event.

In 2017 we established another annual event – Celebrating Holmes Chapel – which acts both as a showcase for local clubs and organisations, and an opportunity for members of the community to take part in an informal show (arts and crafts, cookery, flowers and home produce). Although this was its first year there was an impressive array of exhibits. The (free) show took place at the Community Centre in mid-September, and also included a display of Classic Cars as well as musical entertainment from local groups.

In October we had a meeting with the Cheshire East Connected Communities team, with a view to establishing a Connected Communities Centre (or 'Hub') in Holmes Chapel – something which had already been done in other, larger communities in the area. The Partnership took a lead in the initial discussions, providing information about the local community and requesting statistical information about the health and wellbeing of our local community. Once the data had been gathered, the CC team set up a meeting, for interested parties to discuss the establishment of the Centre, at the beginning of February, with subsequent meetings in March and April.

In an attempt to raise community awareness about their environment Holmes Chapel Partnership started a petition to request Cheshire East Highways to take pedestrian safety into consideration when planning the replacement of the traffic lights at the intersection between the A50 and the A54 with a roundabout. Almost 1000 people responded and were grateful to be informed about this infrastructure proposal, as there is great concern within the community about the risks to Health & Wellbeing caused by excessive traffic and inadequate pedestrian provision.

Plans for the 2018-19 Financial Year

During the previous years a plan was put together to create a Sensory Garden in the centre of the village. Quotes were received for the work to prepare the area (adjacent to the precinct/fire station) and provide suitable planting. Work is expected to commence early summer 2018, with the Partnership providing the bulk of the funding from its reserves.

The Jill Cope memorial bench, at the skatepark, was commissioned at the beginning of April and will be unveiled on Saturday May 26th. The construction and installation costs are covered by the Partnership.

Having started work on the Dementia Friendly village, the Partnership will be working to improve awareness of Dementia amongst residents, local organisations and businesses. We will be looking to encourage the provision of extra facilities and safe havens within the village and surrounding areas, to make life easier for those living with Dementia.

As a member of the Towns Partnership, we are supporting a joint project to create a walking map providing routes – using mainly public footpaths and bridleways - that link the main towns in the area (Alsager, Congleton, Holmes Chapel, Middlewich and Sandbach).

We will continue to support the Connected Communities team in establishing CC Centres in Holmes Chapel, where residents can access information about public services available in the area. We have a particular focus on social isolation/loneliness, and are looking at ways of bringing people together using the facilities and organisations available in the village.

Lastly, we will be looking at the possibility of supporting/facilitating new capital projects in the village, in association with Holmes Chapel Parish Council. We are currently reviewing a list of potential projects (some of which originated from comments gathered in the Neighbourhood Plan survey) provided by the Council, to understand what is possible, and what external funding will be needed to make them possible. Once we have a list of viable projects, we will seek to implement as many as we can over the next 2-3 years; in order to cope with the extra workload that this will involve, we will probably need to seek the services of a professional Project Manager/Officer in the near future.

Treasurer's Report For Year Ending 31st March 2018

	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	
Administration			
Brought forward	<u>£5024</u>	<u>£4753</u>	
- Grant from Cheshire East Council	£8000	£8000	
- Committee Meetings, AGM, admin expenses	-£298	-£321	
- Web fees	-£62	-£89	
- Public Liability insurance	-£324	-£337	
- Printed newsletters		-£314	
- Skatepark opening ceremony		-£88	
- Publicity Boards, Walkie-Talkies, Gazebos		-£586	
- Budget provision for projects listed below		-£2092	
- Project Officer	-£6600	£0	
Carried forward		£4753	£8926
Christmas Market			
Brought forward	<u>£829</u>	<u>£817</u>	
- Income from Stallholders	£950	£1015	
- Expenditure	-£962	-£717	
Carried forward		£817	£1115
Dane Meadow and Elm Drive			
Brought forward	<u>£870</u>	<u>£840</u>	
- Donation from St. Luke's Church Quiz		£140	
- Budget for Sensory Garden		£700	
- Expenditure	-£30		
Carried forward		£840	£1680
2Gs Challenge			
Brought forward	<u>£4902</u>	<u>£3532</u>	
- Expenditure	-£1370	-£200	
Carried Forward		£3532	£3332
Walking Map			
Brought forward		<u>£880</u>	
- Participatory Budgeting grant	£880		
- Budget for Wide-area map		£418	
- Expenditure		-£1298	
Carried forward		£880	£0
Defibrillator			
- Donation from Holmes Chapel Action Group	£442	£442	
- Expenditure		£442	
Carried forward		£442	£0
Skatepark Bench (in memory of PCSO Jill Cope)			
- Budget provision		£650	
Carried forward			£650
Celebrating Holmes Chapel			
- Budget provision		£251	
- Expenditure		£251	
Carried forward			£0
The Great Get Together			
- Grants from PC and CEC		£300	
- Budget provision		£73	
- Expenditure		-£373	
Carried forward			£0
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		<u>£11264</u>	<u>£15703</u>