

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 27th June, 2018

7.00p.m. at the Methodist Church

Present

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

Apologies received from: Dorothy Davidson , Phil Roberts and Peter Whiers

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

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

Minutes of meeting held on 25th April were agreed. All actions have been completed but the following items arising were discussed:

- GDPR – Declaration Agreements have been reached
- Guides – the Library have requested more copies.
 - Others have been distributed to the Community Centre, Health Centre, Parish Council Office and the recipients of the printed June Newsletter; there will be copies at the Village Fair.
 - Dorothy to confirm which Builders have copies.
- Alison has had contact with the Library about the Jigsaw table, however they are unable to commit to having a dedicated table there all the time as there are other projects to cover.
- Alison has tried in vain to contact Alison Dale about the Mini Bus arrangements for the Village Fair
- Phil confirmed to Teresa that the Jill Cope bench had been paid

2. Correspondence

- A letter had been received from Gemma at Belway asking if they could be a sponsor. It was felt by the committee that this was advertising so it was “No Thanks”
- Both Dorothy and Stuart have recently been interviewed on Dane Sound about the Dementia Friendly Village and Celebrating Holmes Chapel respectively.
 - In return, Stuart suggested that Dane Sound put a regular ‘blog’ in the Community Newsletter
 - The first general item about Dane Sound is in the upcoming (July) newsletter
- Connected Communities
 - There has been yet another meeting. Julie Walker wants Sub Groups to look at various aspect of the proposed CC centre in Holmes Chapel
 - Phil suggested perhaps Age UK could have an input.
 - Pat to speak to Communicare at their meeting to ask if they would like to contribute anything.
 - The Connected Communities Centre is expected to be launched in September 2018
- Junction 18 has been in touch.
 - They would like a stall at Celebrating Holmes Chapel. This was agreed as they are exhibiting as a Local Trades Organisation.
- The last monthly meeting with the Parish Council had to be cancelled.

- Stuart, Hazel, Les, Mike and Brain Bath met on 25th June to discuss the proposed Roundabout. There will be another meeting with Cheshire East on 29th June.

3. **Village Fair Arrangements – 8th July**

Hazel has agreed to co-ordinate this event as Stuart is unable to attend.

- Hazel has the Gazebos and some of the display boards. Remaining display boards, pop-up banner, Holmes Chapel Guides and relevant posters will be delivered to her before the day.
- Dorothy to bring Celebrating Holmes Chapel Entry Forms on 8th July
- Phil and Les will meet Hazel at the Victoria Club at 11.00a.m. to set up the stall. Mike will also be there setting up the Parish Council stall so will also be able to assist.

4. **Future Projects**

Mike outlined 4 areas which the Partnership may wish to pursue:-

- A4 Stage 3 Croco Path
- A12 Play Area at Strathmore Close
- A24 Church Walk
- A25 Elm Drive Play Area
- B13 Outdoor Fitness Centre was also discussed

A lengthy discussion took place as to how the Partnership could raise money to assist the Parish Council in these ventures.

Phil reiterated that it may be the time to employ someone to seek grants etc. This will be discussed with Peter Whiers to see if this is something he could take on.

5. **Finance**

Phil has already sent his report and is attached.

He has budgeted £300 for maintaining the Sleigh and Celebrating Holmes Chapel which the committee carried.

6. **Project and Partner Updates**

Pedestrian Safety Petition

- as mentioned earlier there is a meeting on Friday with Cheshire East

Dementia Friendly Village

- Memory Café going well.
- On Dementia Action Week a successful Coffee Morning was held and money raised has been forwarded to the Alzheimers Society
- Another talk has been arranged for Wednesday 4th July at 7.30 at the Methodist Church. Please advertise this as best as you can.

Sensory Garden

- Everything is ready for Duttons to progress on 19th August.
- Hazel has met with John Clowes who has a plant list.
- The tree which John has chosen is very expensive and Hazel is trying to source a similar tree but cheaper.

Celebrating Holmes Chapel

- Committee to actively advertise this and encourage organizations to book their stall a.s.a.p.
- Dane Sound will attend event on 16th September.

Christmas Market

- There was a long discussion on how to improve the amplification and on where was best suited to have a stage.
- It was felt that this would be discussed in more detail when Dorothy was available.

HCCS

- No report

Parish Council

- There will be a stall at the Village Fair where there will be an opportunity for volunteers to come forward and since there will be Parish Council elections next year they will be seeking candidates to join the Council.
- There will also be displays on the Conservation Area and Traffic Issues.

Cheshire East Council

- Les said the Middlewich Road Speed Limit had been looked at by Highways and, at present, there is no need to alter the Speed Limit.
- There still appears to be a problem in locating the crossing on Middlewich Road to the new Cottons Estate. Persimmon have not agreed anything yet.
- A Poplar Tree has had to be removed from Chester Road as the roots were causing problems
- New Home Bonus: This was approved at the last Cheshire East Meeting and there will be a competitive bidding process to receive some monies for worthwhile Community Projects.

Everybody

- No report

Dane Meadow

- Hazel and her team have been cutting back on the undergrowth.
- Whilst there, there were personnel from the Cheshire Wildlife Trust who were doing soil sampling. Les could confirm that the CWT is looking at the site. There is a budget of £25,000 for this project which would be over a 10 year period.

7. Any Other Business

- Cycling – Hazel said there was such a problem with traffic, pot holes etc etc.
- Phil will distribute the newsletter this month. He will also print some copies to bring to the Village Fair.
- Still not sure where all the Hi-Viz vests are. If we can't find them in time for Celebrating Holmes Chapel we will buy some new ones.

The meeting closed at 9.10

Dates of next meetings

25th July
22nd August

26th September
24th October

28th November
10th December