

# Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

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

## **Present**

Stuart Gammon, Mike Blomeley, Dorothy Davidson, Les Gilbert, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa McFarquhar, Hazel Sutcliffe and Peter Whiers .

**Apologies received from:** Alison Wright

Stuart Gammon opened the meeting at 7.00 with a welcome to all and especially to Peter on his first meeting.

## **1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising**

Minutes of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June were agreed. All actions have been completed. The following were discussed

- **Guides – Dorothy has still to visit the Builders**
- Hi-Viz Jackets – as they are still missing it was agreed that we should “borrow” the yellow jackets which are used at the Christmas Eve Carols at the George and Dragon

## **2. Correspondence**

- There has been an invitation from Alsager to see their BAT Therapy Table (Tennis Table) on 14<sup>th</sup> August at 2.00p.m. **Dorothy plus others from the Memory Café will attend.**

## **3. Events**

### **Village Fair**

- It was felt that the weather played a big part in the event, as it was too hot for residents to walk about and therefore the turnout was down. The siting of our gazebo was unfortunate as it was south facing which made it most uncomfortable.
- The marquee which Alison had organized via the Scouts was very successful and she has offered the same arrangement for 16<sup>th</sup> September.
- The Dog Show had been cancelled.
- Hazel got one volunteer for the Dane Meadow project.
- **Peter suggested that next year we should look at giving out balloons or having an activity to attract people to the Partnership gazebo.**

### **Celebrating Holmes Chapel**

- Dorothy outlined all the arrangements she has already made and indicated that she and Stuart would attend a meeting with the staff at the Community Centre on 31st July to finalize the details.
- Disappointingly she has not had many Gazebos booked yet and there were very few entries. Hazel suggested this would probably be due to the hot weather as produce may not be available mid September this year.
- Mike has the Classic Cars in hand.

### **Christmas Market**

- **The siting of the entertainment area, and the need for more microphones) at the market was discussed and it was suggested that the Comprehensive School should be approached to help us with this issue.**

#### **4. Future Projects**

- Peter Whiers is happy to take on the position of Project Manager
- Mike will furnish him with the Parish Council "Wish Lists".

#### **5. Finance**

Phil said that there was no change this month but suggested that maybe monies could be moved from the Health and Wellbeing budget to the Dementia Project and in particular the Memory Café.

#### **6. Projects**

##### **Pedestrian Safety Petition**

- Les, Stuart and Hazel, together with members of the Parish Council, met with Paul Hurdus from Cheshire East Highways on 29<sup>th</sup> June to discuss our concerns regarding pedestrian safety and the design of the proposed roundabout.
- All were assured that they will be consulted before any design of the proposed new roundabout has been finalised; work on this will not start until the Section 106 money is paid to Cheshire East by the developer - which should be as soon as construction of the new properties starts on the building site.

##### **Dementia Friendly Village**

- The Memory Café is going well; a very successful outing to Lower Moss Wood had been enjoyed by all.
- Only 3 people came to the Dementia Awareness Meeting arranged on 4<sup>th</sup> July – most disappointing. Dorothy will re-visit businesses in the village over the next few months.
- The George and Dragon are now setting aside a table on a Monday evening once a month for lonely people to have a meal together. The first one was most successful. The next one is on 13<sup>th</sup> August. The Tuesday "Chatter and Natter" is thriving.
- There was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of having a designated Table Tennis Table.
- As mentioned above the Partnership should be contributing to the Memory Café should the need arise.

##### **Connected Communities**

- At the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June it was hoped that the Connected Community Centres would officially open in September 2018. A decision has been made by Cheshire East to allocate three Centres – Holmes Chapel Library, The Community Centre and Goostrey Village Hall; Les will forward a report of the meeting to Stuart..
- Between now and September, sub-groups will be meeting to decide what services are needed and how they should be signposted. It is still unsure whether Holmes Chapel will have a need for Connected Community Centre(s).
- The only matter which has been identified is Mental Health Issues at the Comprehensive School but the School has not been represented at recent meetings.

##### **Sensory Garden**

Nothing new to report. Everything is ready for Duttons to start work on the landscaping in the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> August; planting will follow thereafter.

#### **7. Project and Partner Updates**

##### **HCCS**

- No report

## **Parish Council**

- Mike, Stuart and Sue McKay (pp Sue Davies) had their monthly meeting; the Clerk also has been attending the Connected Communities meetings.
- On Traffic Issues Mike is keen that as many residents as possible fill in the Traffic Survey – there will be a banner to promote this. The recent Blue Dot Festival at Jodrell Bank caused problems in the village as the signage was very poor – sending vehicles through London Road which was completely unnecessary and the signs have still not been removed.
- **Dane Meadow – David Savage needs to speak with Hazel.** There was a good session at the Dane Meadow on 10<sup>th</sup> July.
- Play Areas – David Savage has had some surveys done. The inspection raises issues – a bit disappointing that nothing is going forward even when defects have been identified. 106 monies are still sitting in a pot waiting to be used at Elm Drive. Recently there has been unacceptable behaviour at the Middlewich Road play park where broken glass has been found.

## **Cheshire East Council**

- There was not much to report on the Holmes Chapel Area.
- The main discussions have been about Congleton By-pass, Middlewich By-pass and Congleton Leisure Centre.
- Holmes Chapel Health Centre will not be relocated but will extend.
- The Chief Executive has resigned and the acting one is in full control. The job will most likely be advertised.
- The Highways contract has not yet been issued and they are still awaiting the resurfacing work list for the current financial year
- New Home Bonus / Housing Fund: Les should be invited to the launch event and will report back.

## **Everybody**

- No report

## **8. Any Other Business**

- Santa Sleigh
  - Peter has been speaking with David Shakesby and Richard Garton regarding the maintenance required on the Sleigh. There are essential parts needing to be replaced/fixed and the cost may be c£100.
  - Richard Garton is looking at splitting some of the routes; please make sure that an item goes into the Partnership Newsletter at the appropriate time.
- Display Boards
  - **Two of the seem to be missing – please check if you have stored them in your garage/shed.**
- Teresa will distribute the newsletter this month.

The meeting closed at 9.00

## **Dates of next meetings**

22<sup>nd</sup> August

26<sup>th</sup> September

24<sup>th</sup> October

28<sup>th</sup> November