

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 26th September, 2018

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

Present: Hazel Sutcliffe, Anita Armit, Les Gilbert, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa McFarquhar, Theo Stewart, Peter Whiers and Alison Wright

Apologies received from: Stuart Gammon, Mike Blomeley, Dorothy Davidson and Phil Roberts

Hazel Sutcliffe, in Stuart Gammon's absence, opened the meeting at 7.00 pm.

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

Minutes of meeting held on 22nd August were agreed. All actions were completed. The following were discussed

- ◆ Display Boards have still not been found – need to have a “Loans Book”?
- ◆ Jill's Bench – paint issue still being pursued by Teresa and Peter with Sam Dale's
- ◆ Newsletter Editor – Laura Henderson, a Lower Sixth student at HCCS has offered to do it and Stuart will speak with her for starting with the November Issue
- ◆ Dementia Friendly Village – someone in Costa had a printed card stating their condition so that, if they were on their own, they could be recognized as being vulnerable.

2. Correspondence and Side Meetings

- Sleigh Run – Peter has had many meetings with Dave Shakesby and Richard Garton looking at routes etc. There will be a meeting on Monday, 1st October with Organizations to discuss collecting nights, safeguarding etc. Clare Bevan and Dane Sound have shown an interest. They will talk about the distribution of monies collected and there was a suggestion that excess funds could be lodged with the Partnership for distribution throughout the year to benefit needy village causes. Sam Dale's are very happy to store the sleigh during December as in previous years. There will be an 'advert' about the Sleigh Run in the next newsletter.
- Towns Partnership - The meeting scheduled for 18th September was cancelled. Hazel will attend the next meeting on 16th October when they will be discussing the South Cheshire Market Towns Trail.

3. Events

Celebrating Holmes Chapel – Feedback . In her absence Dorothy had prepared a memo on her observations, both positive and negative, on the show on 16th September. This was discussed fully but Les suggested that it should be discussed again when Dorothy is present at the next meeting after everyone has had a chance to read it – this is attached to the minutes.

After lengthy discussions it was suggested that we should do it again next year but maybe bring it forward 1 week to Sunday, 8th September 2019 and have a sub-committee to help organize it.

Christmas Market – Sunday, 2nd December 2018 –

- ◆ It was suggested that maybe 2 people per organization should be emailed. It is sometimes the case that 'the doer' does not get the information, if the email has only gone to the head of an organization.
- ◆ Theo to ask the Comprehensive about Microphones and outside amplification.
- ◆ Chris Appleton and Dane Sound have been contacted
- ◆ Peter Morrey Car Park – Hazel will ask if it is possible to use this area with a marquee and staging for our performers. Alison will ask Restore. Hazel will contact Neil Shenton at Cheshire Marquees in Winsford to get some ideas about cost to hire.
- ◆ Alison and Theo volunteered to be part of a Sub Committee to help with the organization.. Theo is keen to get bands from HCCS to perform at the event..

Sensory Garden - Most work completed now as the top dressings on the paths were laid on 26th September and all the planting has been completed. Anita Armit has refurbished the benches and it is all looking good. She praised the Partnership for enabling this enhancement of the village centre. The Parish Council have had very good positive remarks. She also suggested that spring bulbs should be planted. Home Grown have offered some money and it was thought that those monies could be used for the purchase of bulbs. The Community Cinema Group has indicated they have also got excess funds and would like to contribute to this area. Hazel suggested there should be an official opening of the garden and the morning of Saturday, 20th October has been ear-marked. The local press will be invited.

4. **Finance**

Phil has already sent out his report (attached). He is awaiting the invoice from the Parish Council for the work done on the Sensory Garden. This will be sent to the Partnership when all bills have been paid.

5. **Projects and Partner Updates**

Project Officer - The appointment start date is 1st October. Peter will present his project review at the October meeting.

Parish Council

In Mike's absence Anita Armit represented the Parish.

Transport Consultation – quite a good response so far. The situation with Jill's bench had already been discussed earlier in the agenda.

Cheshire East Council

There will be charges for replacement wheelie bins.

County Review of Settlement Boundaries- rather than review individual parishes on an ad hoc basis CEC will begin a county wide review next May.

There has been a review of Library opening times and from October Holmes Chapel Library will be open on Wednesday mornings.

Work on the Middlewich Road Crossing near the garage will commence in late October.

The street lighting on Middlewich Road is not working as a cable has been severed at Bank Farm,

Everybody - No report

HCCS – The Youth Community Council through Steve Ranger will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 27th September.

John Clowes would like to recruit students for 1918 Armistice Exhibition at St. Luke's Church Hall, on 9th, 10th and 11th November.

6. **Any Other Business**

Phil commented on the excellent History Plaques on Knutsford streets and wondered if the Parish had similar ideas for Holmes Chapel

The meeting closed at 8.45

Dates of next meetings

24th October, 28th November