

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 28th November, 2018

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

Present: Stuart Gammon, Mike Blomeley, Dorothy Davidson, Les Gilbert, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa McFarquhar, Phil Roberts, Theo Stewart, Hazel Sutcliffe, Peter Whiers and Alison Wright

Apologies received: None

Stuart welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

Minutes of meeting held on 24th October were agreed.

- Hazel suggested that it would be better to wait until the Spring to have the official opening of the Sensory Garden, when the area would look better / be in bloom.

2. Correspondence and Side Meetings

There was no correspondence

a. Parish Council Meeting (13th November)

- Peter has volunteered to help the P.C. with the New Homes Bonus Application. This, however, is not a Joint Venture. There should be a meeting with John Clowes next week.
- Thanks to Phil H. for highlighting the Partnership position – the Partnership need to take the lead role when raising funds for joint projects. Further thoughts on the Grants available will be discussed at our January meeting.
- There had been criticism of the Partnership regarding the application of flats on Bramhall Drive.

b. Town Partnerships Meeting (20th November)

- Stuart and Peter attended (covered in Peter's Project Officer report).
- Alsager were very impressed with Holmes Chapel Armistice Parade.

3. Events

a. Santa's Sleigh

- It is in good fettle – thanks to Will Burnham and the Scouts for their help with doing running repairs at the Fire Station.
- A letter from the Partnership to be sent to Steve Evington (Jubilee Garage) for all his help in maintain the mechanical aspects of the sleigh.
- Peter has the Licence from Cheshire East
- ID / Partnership Logo Badges will be provided to all groups
- 3,000 fliers have been printed by South Cheshire Print at a cost of £70.00
- Insurance – drivers must have trailer insurance.
- There will be a formal Risk Assessment each evening
- On Saturday 15th Dec the Sleigh will be on the Aldi site between 10am and 3pm.
- Brad Bellis has kindly donated a new Santa Suit
- At the market the "plug" will be used as last year.
- Email Peter if you can help count monies.

- Peter will post list of streets/nights on Social Media.
- On Partnership night, 4th Dec., Richard Garton will be Santa. Please all meet at the Chester Road end of Grasmere Drive at 5:45pm

b. Christmas Market – Sunday, 2nd December 2018 – All help needed at 1.30pm

- Dorothy has already sent a comprehensive list of all duties which need covering
- The stalls will now be stored in Peter Morrey car park on Saturday night as we have to have the weights as well and this involves 2 journeys. They must be removed by 8.30 on Monday morning.
- Hazel saw a young employee at Dockers and got a favourable response to using both his office and the larger car park for the duration of the market
- The stage will be in a similar place to last year, but slightly forward of other stalls, and barriers will be erected around it.
 - Laura Wilson will bring mats for her performers
 - There will be extra microphones on the stage, and this year there will be speakers on the Coop roof
- Please remember Walkie-Talkies
- There will be refreshments in the Scout Headquarters as usual
- The Fire Station will be open but Road Safety is paramount

4. Finance

Phil has already sent out his report (attached).

- There is nothing to add

5. Projects – Brief Updates

a. Project Officer

- The report has already been circulated by Peter.

b. Dementia Friendly Village

- Only 5 people attended the talk at Junction 18 one of whom was Carol Lewis who is also a Parent Governor at the Comprehensive School.
- Alison Wright is involved with Goostrey Scouts who are visiting Goostrey Churches and the Station.
- The Scouts are having a Friendship Lunch in May – WELL DONE
- The Memory Café is going strong.
 - Dorothy asked Phil R. if the school could use a mini-bus on a Wednesday morning as this could be used to transport people to/from the cafe.

c. Connected Communities.

- Janet Clowes formerly opened the event last Saturday at the Library which was not well attended
- Liz Chesters is looking into hiring a room at the Community Centre for youngsters to talk with her about any issues they may be experiencing.
- Stuart will be attending a Social Isolation subgroup meeting on 5th December

d. Dane Meadow

- Who maintains the River Bank?
 - Stuart observed that there were a large number of trees which have fallen into the Dane, mainly on the north side of the river.
 - Mike Blomeley will find out - it may be ANSA or the Environment Agency.
 - Perhaps John Clowes could take some photographs when he is walking in the meadow so that the situation can be followed up.
- Hazel will investigate the report that the bottoms of the fencing panels in the bird viewing area have once again been kicked in.

6. Project and Partner Updates

a. HCCS

- The school had had a meeting about starting a **Youth Council** to which 35 students attended. Of these, 22 students have shown an interest into taking this venture further.
 - Steve Ranger and Brian Bath of the Parish Council are having a Task Group meeting on 19th December at 4.00pm.
 - Phil R. and Theo will send the Partnership a diagram on this initiative which has the Parish Council backing.
 - Meetings are likely to take place outside school time at the Community Centre.
 - Alison and Phil R. will discuss the possibility of entering Youth Political Week in November 2019.
- The HCCS Choir will attend the Christmas Market together with two groups (an acoustic set from Oceans On Mars, and a duo featuring Theo)
- There has been a survey of pupils regarding what facilities they would like in the village
 - the building of a Swimming Pool scored highly
 - there was interest inf a Youth Cinema, which was discussed at length.
 - There was also a suggestion of a concrete Ping Pong Table – where could it be sited?
 - Theo and Phil will send Peter the school wish list.
- Phil thanked the Parish Council and the Partnership for their support.
- The school will be involved with Youth Organizations to create 10,000 poppies next year. Perhaps the Partnership could help towards printing costs.

b. Parish Council

- Mike Blomeley announced that the Parish Clerk is moving to Kidsgrove and the job has been advertised.
- A letter has been sent to Cheshire East regarding Traffic and Highways Issues.
 - The Volunteer Task Group will be sending their findings to Cheshire East soon.
- Speed Indicator Displays (SIDs)
 - A SID post has been demolished on London Road and is awaiting repair.
 - The SID machines show there is a speed problem on Macclesfield Road whilst Knutsford Road is very busy.
 - The completion of the M6 works should help our traffic problems. The Fire Station has had less call-outs to the Motorway since the Speed Limit on the motorway has been reduced to 50mph.
- The recent work on the Mini roundabouts was welcomed.
- There are big yellow signs on Chester Road and Station Road “QUIET PLEASE – RESPECT THE RESIDENTS”. Who put them there?

c. Cheshire East

- There is a consultation out to look at Car Parking in Cheshire East. There is no proposal to introduce charges in Holmes Chapel as it would not be economically viable.
- There is now an objection from Highways about the application for more flats on Bramhall Drive.
- There is also a consultation out for parking restrictions on Selkirk Drive and there will possibly be another shortly for Double Yellow Lines on the junction of Crofters Court with Middlewich Road.
- Jodrell Bank will be charging £4.00 for parking although residents can apply for an annual parking ticket for £4.00.
- There is a feasibility study about the proposed roundabout at Station Road/Chester Road/London Road.

d. Everybody

- No report

7. Any Other Business

- Jill's Bench - Teresa has sent letters and emails to the paint manufacturer, but there has been no response so far.
- Newsletter
 - Laura Henderson doing well with her first issue
 - Stuart will distribute copies this month

The meeting closed at 9.00

Future Meetings

- Monday, 10th December
 - Christmas Meeting at 7.00pm at the Red Lion
 - Hazel will send round an email about food
- Tuesday, 8th January 2019
 - Events Sub-committee at 7.30 at Hazel's, to discuss the 2019 events programme

All other meetings will be held at the Methodist Church at 7.00pm

23 rd January	22 nd May (AGM)	25 th September
27 th February	26 th June	23 rd October
27 th March	24 th July	27 th November
24 th April	28 th August	9 th December (Xmas)

Finance Report

The financial position from 1st April to 22nd November is shown below:

	Budget	Income	Expenditure	Available	Note
Admin	£1200		£527	£673	
Project Officer	£3000		£500	£2500	
Newsletters	£500		£306	£194	
HC Guide	£500		£420	£80	
Sensory Garden	£4939	£60	£4999	£0	1
Dementia Project	£500		£15	£485	
Christmas Market	£1115	£850	£100	£1865	2
Christmas Sleigh	£300		£0	£300	
Skatepark Bench	£660		£660	£0	
Celebrating HC	£300		£0	£300	

To be allocated: £10,689

Notes:

- 1 Sensory Garden funded from H&W plus Dane/Elm Drive funds from previous years, less £500 moved to new Dementia budget (July 2018). Funds added to cover final invoice (Oct 18).
2. Christmas Market 2017 – we owe £200 to the PC for the electrician.