

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 23rd January, 2019

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

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

Apologies received: Phil Roberts

Stuart welcomed everyone to the meeting where we were joined by Julie Walker from Cheshire East

1. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

Minutes of meeting held on 28th November were agreed.

- There had been no reply from Phil Roberts regarding the availability of HCCS Mini Bus on Wednesdays for Memory Café
- River Dane – the advise given to Mike was to leave the trees in the river.- - natural environment
- Dane Meadow Bird Panels – mend or rip out and continue hedge. There is still water running across the area.

2. Correspondence

There has been an email and telephone calls from Gina Jones from the Always Active team. She is looking for a venue in Holmes Chapel for approx 12 people from 9.00 till 4.00. They need large chairs. It was suggested she might try the Library. There was a concern from Julie that this may be a business and not Cheshire East

3. Events

- **Sleigh**
 - Peter has seen Andrew Rebbeck regarding the lost speaker. He also mentioned the storage of the sleigh and other equipment. Hazel has been in touch with John Harris but he cannot store for us.
- **Holmes Chapel Show** Dorothy has had 19 replies to her email to the participants in the 2018 show. She had not heard back from Everybody about the Apprentice Day request we made about amalgamating the 2 events. The suggestion of giving school children seeds or bulbs will be looked at. After some discussion it was decided to make this a biannual event.
- **Christmas Market** - The date is confirmed as Sunday 1st December. Stuart to send a letter/email to Liz Chesters to make sure the date is in her diary now.

4. Brief Project and Partner Updates

- **Pedestrian Safety**
 - There is to be a feasibility study about the Roundabout at the end of February
- **Dementia Friendly Village**
 - Dorothy has an appointment to visit Sanisburys and Sam Dale's in the near future. We were asked to promote the "Around the World" talk next Wednesday, 30th January when a couple from Sandbach will give a talk at a Coffee Morning at the Methodist Church at 10.00am. All proceeds are for the Alzheimers charity.

- **Connected Communities**

- Julie explained that there were to be Young Peoples activities at the Leisure Centre. Also the School Nurse is to be involved with issues around Sexual Health Groups. She is looking at the Social Isolation needs of the village. Commissioned Services are there to look at the needs of Alcoholism, Mental Illness etc. She outlined her position on researching these need locally.

- **HCCS**

- Although Phil Roberts was absent he passed at message to say the next Youth Council meeting would be on 25th February. Mike explained about the values of having such a group wanting to show the needs of teenagers in our village.

- **Parish Council**

1. Youth Council – already discussed
2. Parking – Yellow Lines at Selkirk Drive has had an objection and Crofters Court yellow lines application has not yet started
3. Clerk recruitment – 2 candidates for the post will be interviewed on 24th January
4. Housing – The new homes bonus meeting will take place late in February. Of the pot of £2 million pound available already £7.5 million has been requested!
5. Best Kept Village – it has been decided that the Parish Council will not enter this year
6. SID Posts – Les and Mike are looking into having another post on London Road
7. 3 Conservation boards have been erected in the village centre
8. There was a discussion about the timing of the new crossing on London Road. A Cheshire East engineer has had a sit meeting there and everything seems to be in order. It was stressed that the crossings on Chester Road/Selkirk Drive and Macclesfield Road operate more efficiently
9. The M6 Junction 18 to 19 will be fully open from 26th January with the speed limit returning to 70mph

- **Cheshire East Council**

- There was little to say about Holmes Chapel as Middlewich Bypass and Congleton Leisure Centre Refurbishment were high on C.E. priority list. The application for a property on Bramhall Drive has been referred to the Committee. There is a Borough wide review on parking but there will not be any change in Holmes Chapel as it would not be cost effective.

- **Everybody**

- No show

5. **Finance**

Phil has already sent out his report. There is nothing to add

6. **Any Other Business**

- Phil will distribute the Newsletter in February and Hazel will distribute in March
- Teresa was pleased to see little children from a Nursery being led through the Sensory Garden
- The presentation of cheques to local organizations for their contribution to the Sleigh Runs will take place on Saturday 2nd February at 9.45 at the Sensory Garden. Stuart will invite the local papers to attend.

7. **Future Projects**

- Peter went through suggestions in depth on a power point presentation. He will produce a report on this meeting next week and circulate to all (***attached***)
- New houses – Teresa made a suggestion that all new homes in the village to be approached with, perhaps, a survey on what the new residents would like to see. A discussion about communicating with new residents will be on the agenda in February

8. The meeting closed at 9.20

Future Meetings will be held at the Methodist Church at 7.00pm

27th February

27th March

24th April

22nd May (AGM)

26th June

24th July

28th August

25th September

23rd October

27th November

9th December

Attachment 1: Finance Report

The financial position from 1st April to 3rd January is shown below:

	Budget	Income	Expenditure	Available	Note
Admin	£1200		£545	£655	
Project Officer	£3000		£1500	£1500	
Newsletters	£500		£387	£113	
HC Guide	£500		£420	£80	
Sensory Garden	£4939	£60	£4999	£0	1
Dementia Project	£500		£15	£485	
Christmas Market	£1115	£925	£1084	£956	2
Christmas Sleigh	£416		£416	£0	3
Skatepark Bench	£660		£660	£0	
Celebrating HC	£300		£43	£257	

To be allocated £10,572

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).
2. Christmas Market 2017 – we owe £200 to the PC for the electrician. Seems to have been forgotten! We paid £300 for the 2018 market.
3. Sleigh budget increased to match outturn

Attachment 2: Future Projects Report

1. Action points from Exec Meeting Project Discussion

Slide 5 presented several ideas relating to what projects we should do next, the discussion on each topic is recorded below with agreed actions.

No	Description	Discussion	Action
10	HCCC Skatepark Completion	MB Advised that this was ongoing with HCCC	No HCP action
12	New Play Area, Strathmore Close	MB Advised that this was ongoing with HCCC	No HCP action
23	Improvements to Picton Square	Not currently being progressed by HCCC	No HCP action
25	Elm Drive -Land adjacent to the play area.	Not currently being progressed by HCCC. SG stated from the negative experience he had during the addition of play equipment off Elm Drive, he thought that a more formalised path was unlikely to be welcomed by all the residents that would end up with a path at the bottom of their gardens.	No HCP action
13	Create Outdoor Fitness Area in Dane Meadow or at HCCC	HS stated that she did not feel that Dane Meadow was the right location for Fitness Equipment. PW stated that he had seen equipment used along established paths, so that individuals could do some simple exercise activity to break up a walk or run. PW agreed to talk to the HCCC, once he had had a chat with the HCPC acting clerk Sue McKay (as HCPC manage the HCCC). There was also some discussion about the possibility of adding to equipment in the village with the addition of low level children's trampolines.	PW to talk to SM of HCPC and then HCCC. PW to investigate costs and feasibility of adding equipment.
29	Youth Facilities- Teen Shelter	The idea of appropriate Youth Shelters was welcomed, but location would be key. PW had already had a preliminary look at what was available in the market. A shelter at the HCCC skatepark was thought to be worth looking at. Smaller donut shaped shelters might work in the centre of the village and as an addition to existing play grounds.	PW to talk to SM of HCPC and then HCCC. PW to get further information on what types of equipment are available, together with costs.
43	Establish Youth Council	MB reported that this was underway.	PW agreed to attend a meeting of the Youth Council
	Good causes fund	It was agreed that the HCP was probably too small to operate its own good causes fund. HCP Exec had agreed at their last meeting that all monies raised on the Santa Sleigh Run	No further action.

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		would simply be distributed 12 ways, leaving no residual monies to form a good causes fund.	
	Allotments for Holmes Chapel	<p>There was good support from the Exec for the establishment of Allotments for HC. MB indicated that he thought that HCPC would also be supportive.</p> <p>PW stated that he had found evidence of need within the Holmes Chapel Neighbourhood Plan, which referred to a Green Spaces report produced by Duncan Henderson, that made a strong case for the creation of Allotments, based mainly on the fact that Holmes Chapel currently has no allotments within the HCPC area.</p> <p>PW reported that he had already spoken to the Big Lottery Fund, who had stated that they funded this type of project if a need can be demonstrated.</p> <p>PW stated that the allotments would not need to be managed by Cheshire East Council or the Parish Council. LG mentioned that some people in the village used allotments out towards Cranage that were run by a Peter Wild, a private land owner.</p> <p>PW stated that he had recently become aware of the allotments administered by the Alsager Gardens Association.</p>	<p>PW to undertake further research with regard to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • possible locations • Alsager's allotments • Support in the village • Need for consultation • Indicative costs
	HCP Business Group	<p>There was some discussion about previous attempts to forge links with a HC Business Group.</p> <p>PW stated that he was happy to attend a meeting of the Junction 18 Club to explore ways that HCP might develop better connectivity with the local business community.</p>	PW to attend a meeting of the HC Junction 18 Club.
	Elm Drive Play Area – Phase 2 (Toddler provision)	PW noted that some additional equipment was currently being added to the Elm Drive Play Area that was more suitable for the toddler age group.	No further action.

2. **Consultation**

There was a discussion around the need for further consultation, in particular there was a feeling that the people who had moved into the new estates may have differing needs and wants to that already captured within the Neighbourhood plan. TM felt that a focussed consultation with the residents of the new estates would be very valuable. Several methods of doing this were discussed, door to door survey delivery perhaps with a HC welcome pack, also using an electronic survey response. But it was agreed that we first needed to decide what questions we would want to ask.

MB stated that HCPC were in the process of refreshing the HC Neighbourhood Plan, so they may need to do some further consultation.