

# Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Monday, 18th January 2021

7.30 by Zoom

1. **Present:** Hazel Sutcliffe, Dorothy Davidson, Richard Garton, Pat Macmaster, Karoline Peach, Adam Sproston and Peter Whiers  
**Apologies:** Liz Alcock, Sarah Archibald, Anita Armitt,

2. **Previous Minutes/Matters Arising**

The December meeting minutes were approved and all matters arising will be shown below.

3. **Safe Walking Routes to School (SWRTS)**

Joint Working Party

Meeting was held on January 13<sup>th</sup>. A spreadsheet was drawn up indicating the areas of concern and possible remedies. This will be presented to the Village Infrastructure Committee on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> for approval before being forwarded to CEC with a request for a response before the end of March.

Suzie Akers-Smith – CEC walking and Cycling champion

As a result of the successful “20’s Plenty” vote for which our SWRTS group campaigned, Suzie has interested herself in Holmes Chapel. Hazel supplied her with a list of the difficulties residents in HC face and suggestions for improvements. Suzie forwarded this to our Ward Councillors Les Gilbert and Andrew Kolker for comment. Their response was disappointing as none of the specific issues were addressed and there was no promise of any practical support.

Karoline proposed contacting them to ask what steps they would be taking to support the “20s plenty” policy they voted in favour of. This was approved.

Fiona Bruce had sent another memo to Adam to say that Cheshire East Highways had still not replied to her 4 requests. Adam reported that the correspondence he has received suggests that lighting on Manor Lane had been part of the Planning conditions of the developments and that the 2 roundabouts at either end of Manor Lane are not entirely fit for purpose.

Poster Competition

Since the schools etc are, at present, working virtually it was agreed to extend the date for entries to be put to the end of February half-term. Karoline will source some little prizes for entrants.

Speedwatch

Anita sent a message to say she did not envisage the PCSO being able to do any training until, at least, March.

Signage

Karoline contacted Bellway who agreed that the fence on Marsh Lane may be used for a road sign. As pupils are not currently attending school because of lockdown, it was decided to delay the purchase and installation of unofficial signs asking motorists to respect the speed limits.

Local Travel Plan Cheshire East Survey

Karoline will post again on Facebook to encourage residents to complete the survey before it expires on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

4. **Local Travel Plan - Cranage Parish Council**

In her correspondence with Susie Akers-Smith Hazel was made aware of a Local Travel Plan Suzie had produced for Cranage. The aim was to encourage more Cranage residents to cycle and walk into HC. Holmes Chapel PC has also now been sent this document of which they were unaware (even though it proposes that Cranage work together with HCPC on safe routes to the schools).

Hazel has contacted Cranage PC to see if Cranage will join forces with our SWRTS campaign.

This document was also sent to the Ward Councillors. They pointed out that as the pedestrian route was considered unsafe, a free bus was provided for school pupils. They are of the opinion that parents would be reluctant to swap a free bus service for a better and safer walking route to school.

## 5. **Lateral Flow Testing**

Hazel attended the webinar hosted by CEC. The PC held a meeting to discuss ways in which the Lateral Flow Tests could be effectively used in HC. Dorothy attended this meeting. She, Tina and Sue agreed to attend a Training session on the use of these tests via Zoom.

## 6. **Virtual Christmas Market and Santa's Sleigh**

### Sleigh

The report has already been circulated. After costs the income figure is £995.33. It was agreed to make this up to £1,000 from our funds. This will be divided between 7 groups (Scouts, Guides etc). Sibelco, Bridge the Gap, 41 Club and Tangent have decided not to take any monies this year.

Richard will issue cheques or transfer online to the groups.

When Peter contacts the recipients he will ask how they will spend this donation. He will forward the information to Karoline who will create a Press Release for the local papers, newsletter and website

### Virtual Christmas Market

Peter has circulated the outcome of the responses he has had from the stallholders. Of the 19 responses, 10 stallholders said they had had more sales as a result of our venture and supported having a permanent listing of local businesses. The information will be shared with the Parish Council.

It was suggested that, as the web pages are set up, that stalls for the Christmas Market 2021 could be advertised and open for business before and after the actual event.

## 7. **Finance**

Richard had already sent out his report (see below). There were no questions.

## 8. **Communications**

All the discussions on communications regarding Facebook etc have been discussed above.

## 9. **Bridge the Gap**

Sarah had advised Peter that Alison had agreed that BtG would not wish to take any money from the Sleigh Run this year.

## 10. **Any Other Business**

Dorothy has been on a Zoom Meeting with Cheshire East Dementia Steering Group – nothing to report.

Peter will speak to the Parish Council regarding Allotments

Teresa has passed all the information about Palatine Paints to Hazel.

Hazel will contact Marie Bennett about an article for the Newsletter regarding the recent Dane Sound Awards.

Dates of next meetings:- 7.30pm by Zoom on the following Mondays:-

15<sup>th</sup> February

15<sup>th</sup> March

19<sup>th</sup> April

17<sup>th</sup> May

## Finance