



## Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 22nd May 2023

7.30pm - Massey Room, St. Luke's Church Hall

**Present:** Hazel Sutcliffe, Peter Whiers, Gail Griggs, Debra Cummins, Diane Tams, Richard Garton, Linda Lewin, Sarah Archibald

**Apologies:** Karoline Peach, Kate Fallon

### BRIDGE THE GAP - PETER

- Peter contacted BtG for update - still waiting on bank details to pass over money being held in HCP bank account.
- Next Swaps event will be on July 2nd.

### SPEEDWATCH - HAZEL / PETER

- SpeedWatch teams have been out on Macclesfield Road, consistently logging speeds higher than 30mph.
- Amy Heath (PCSO) not responding to emails. All data is emailed to her so warning letters can be sent to offenders.
- Will try to set up another SpeedWatch location on Middlewich Road near the Primary School due to speeding traffic in that area.
- Twemlow PC have asked to borrow a speed gun to try before investing in their own.
- Diane provided an update from HCPC who would like to reduce speeds around the village, including a 20mph area through the centre, bigger signs and more road markings.
- Linda continues to gather information on HGVs ignoring weight limit restrictions through the village.

### DEBRA UPDATE - DEBRA / PETER

- Debra has handed in her notice and will finish working for the Partnership at the end of May due to personal circumstances.
- HCP can not continue supporting CE with the VCP role due to lack of personnel and funding. Will continue to publicise other support options and respond to requests if needed.

### CORONATION BIG LUNCH - HAZEL

- Very well received and attended.
- Learnt that need to keep stewards and first aid available throughout whole road closure time, rather than just event time in case of incidents.
- Street entertainment (balloon maker and face painter) were very busy with long queues.

### SWRTS - HAZEL / PETER

- Third annual Walk to School event took place on Friday 19th May. Good number of residents joined in despite wet weather conditions.
- New CE councillors, Parish Council representatives and Fire Fighters attended.
- Need to reapply for Macclesfield Road crossing now more houses are occupied at Victoria Mills estate. Entrance road to estate is too wide and has limited visibility for cars exiting onto Macclesfield Road.
- HCP provided a list of road safety concerns to HCPC 3 years ago - what is current status?
- Dorothy Davidson has suggested a Walking event for those with mobility aids to highlight the problems with narrow pavements and limited dropped kerbs.

### ACCOUNTS - RICHARD

- Richard and Peter met with Annette who has offered to audit HCP accounts to satisfy HCPC and charity status requirements.
- Annette has been sent accounts and bank statements for approval. Once received can proceed with charity status.

### PARTNERSHIP FUNDING - PETER / HAZEL

- Peter has applied to BlueDot Community fund to cover newsletter printing and mail distribution costs.
- Will proceed with charity application once accounts have been audited and approved.
- Peter has put together a draft letter to send to companies for corporate sponsorship. Need to put a list of companies together - including those in surrounding area.
- Extra funding from HCPC helps but still a shortfall. Will approach other local PCs such as Brereton, Cranage and Twemlow as HCP projects benefit all these areas.

- Big Lottery have restarted their funding for Community Groups. Possibly apply there for road closure for Xmas market?
- Howdens have offered compensation for lorries going through village. Need to contact (Peter / Linda).

### **SUMMER CELEBRATION - DIANE / GAIL**

- Road closure approved for evening event on Friday 7th July.
- Need to speak to businesses and find out who will be open and what they can offer.
- Jazz band and Dane Sound booked but otherwise looking to businesses to provide tables etc. Suggesting people bring own chairs.
- Volunteers needed. Will put message in newsletter, on FB and email HCP volunteer list.
- HCCC not getting involved on Saturday, Vic Club fair on Sunday 9th including a HCP stall.

### **PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE**

- New council has been elected with two new parish councillors: Steve Allott and Chris Jones. Rab Parry retired and Alan Watkinson has left.
- Diane Tams and one other TBD will be the new HCPC representatives for HCP.
- Will put together a manifesto of what the new HCPC would like to achieve over next four years. Will include pedestrian path from Cottons estate, Manor Lane lighting and gateways into village.
- Met with Barclays following their announcement that the branch will close. Barclays looking for premises to provide limited face-to-face services such as Post Office / Fire Station.

### **SAFE SPACES - GAIL**

- Katy from Villages Mag happy to take back logo design. Need this to continue roll out.
- Holmes, Gifts & Interiors are on board as well as the Community Centre.

### **TREE TRAIL - HAZEL**

- U3A are putting proper labels on their commemorative trees now they are more mature.
- Cub Scouts were going to help label other trees and create a trail but they have now backed out.
- Hazel has already created most of the labels and info, hoping Explorer Scouts can help and get the trail up and running in time for the summer holidays.

### **PHOTO COMPETITION - GAIL**

- Received almost 40 photographs following the launch of the competition in April newsletter. Lots of viaduct and church views.
- Winners will be announced in the June newsletter and on the website.

### **AOB - ALL**

- June newsletter will be distributed on 1st June.

**Date for next meeting is on 19th June, venue TBC**

Common acronyms:

HCP = Holmes Chapel Partnership

HCCS = Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School

HCPC = Holmes Chapel Parish Council

HCCC = Holmes Chapel Community Centre

SWRTS = Safe Walking Routes to School