



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 19th May 2025

7.00pm - Massey Room, St. Luke's Church Hall

Present: Peter Whiers, Richard Garton, Hazel Sutcliffe, Gail Griggs, Russell Chadwick, Rab Parry, Gill Bradfield, Becky Nelson, Mike Cooper

Apologies: David Savage, Sarah Archibald, Diane Tams, Martin Elliot, Karoline Peach, Rachel Nixon, Mandie Maddock, Rich Wilcock

MARCH MINUTES - PETER / ALL

- All updates included below.

CHESHIRE EAST UPDATE - RUSSELL

- Russell thanked HCP for organising the Walk to School as very useful to chat to families.
- Councillor Edwards from Macclesfield has been appointed as new CE Mayor.
- Highways have received money from central government for road repairs. Need to vote on how to allocate this. Will be allocated to highest priorities. Russell has highlighted need for improvements to the railway bridge on Station Road in HC. No current budget for this but needs to have a plan in place.
- CE are continuing to roll out new electric vehicles with 6 new ones planned. Tested two electric waste trucks which caught fire. Problems with not having enough range to cover whole area. Hydrogen fuels not being rolled out as previously suggested.
- Foster Care fortnight is running again to increase awareness and recruit new carers.
- Three current live consultations: 1. Pharmaceutical Services Review, 2. Lane Rental Scheme (to share access to underground services so roads and pavements only dug up and relaid once), 3. Conservation and Planning Document.
- CE has a new plan for up to 2029 which is on their website. Please read: https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/your_council/council_finance_and_governance/our-cheshire-east-plan-2025-29.aspx
- Boundary changes have been decided. Bluebell Green will move from Brereton to Holmes Chapel by next election in two years time.
- Devolution Bill: Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Warrington will join together. Will need to vote in May 2026.
- Rights of Way: discussion had on whether these move with eroding waterways / pathways. Conflicting information available and more investigation needed.

HC FUN RUN - PETER / GILL

- Almost 50 children registered to take part. Many more ran as parents and family joined in.
- Positive feedback and requests to make it a regular event. Decided on an annual event with Sunday 10th May suggested for 2026.
- Feedback: Youngest group should only do one loop of circuit. Need flags or similar for finish line. Set up separate email address for next year. Ensure Stewards on all points of route.

SPEEDWATCH / WALK TO SCHOOL - PETER / HAZEL

- Hazel spoke with Marianthe who is new to the village and is a Transport Planner. Meeting organised for beginning of June to talk about ways to improve walking routes.
- Walk to School well attended thanks to dry weather. PCSOs, Fire Brigade, Ward and Parish Councillors and school staff attended.
- HCPC has met with CE Highways at end April. CE on board with 20mph limits through village although no decision on how far this would extend. Update meeting with HCPC and HCP in June.
- SpeedWatch continues on Macclesfield Road. Mike volunteered to observe the team.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING - PETER / HAZEL

- Newsletter costs around £100 per month which covers hard copies and Mailchimp for email version.
- Need to start charging for organisations to include adverts. Rachel will work on this with Hazel.
- Suggestions of an annual 'Friends of HCP' scheme and/or one-off fees.
- Concerns were raised over admin and time taken to collect payments, plus not wanting to overlap with Villages Mag advertising.

HARRYS HOME VILLAGE TOUR (HHVT) - PETER / GAIL

- Online Tour is in progress. Pages are being designed by Matt O'Regan who designed the printed Tour maps. Thank you to Matt for his time in helping to build the pages.
- Gail to send pages to HCP members when ready for testing.
- Postcards and artwork: Peter has spoken to Mandie at Dale's but need to confirm selling prices.
- Peter to speak to artists for Station artwork to make sure they are happy for us to sell them.
- Local resident has expressed concerns over tourists walking round the church in the road, rather than behind. Online map has been amended and printed ones will be updated with next print run.

SUMMER FAIR - GAIL

- Almost 50 stalls now booked. Need to continue to advertise regularly on Facebook and in the newsletter.
- Will meet with Alison Dale and the new Vic Club steward next week to update progress.
- Mike suggested contacting the Fire Station and PSCO for vintage vehicles for the display.

FINANCE - DAVID (VIA EMAIL)

- Current bank balance of £13,156.55 with some outstanding payments due.
- Will investigate if a savings account is possible and useful so HCP can earn interest on balances.
- 47 invoices have been sent for Summer Fair with some still to be paid.
- Fun Run had 55 bookings with a further 3 on the day in cash. Should be no other expenses other than allocating Gail's time.
- Patron sponsors will need to be invoiced if continuing for another year.

AOB - ALL

- May Newsletter will be distributed on 31st May
- Dane Meadow update: Rob Pilcher, a new volunteer and retired ecologist has suggested the edges of the pond are finished with pre planted coir matting. Budget is available from Cottons precept. HCPC will request bids. Water levels in shady pond were getting low - thanks to Rob Pilcher who carried buckets of water from the big pond and Richard Dutton who ran a hosepipe from his house to top up the water and save the tadpoles.
- Sleigh needs to be moved from Lowes by end of June. Space in Arclid offered by SibelCo or Dale's?

Date for next meeting is Tuesday 17th June, 7pm in the Massey Room.

Common acronyms:

CE = Cheshire East County Council

HCP = Holmes Chapel Partnership

HCCC = Holmes Chapel Community Centre

HCCS = Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School

HCHC = Holmes Chapel Health Centre

HCLC = Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre

HCPC = Holmes Chapel Parish Council