



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 16th September 2024

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

Present: Peter Whiers, Hazel Sutcliffe, Richard Garton, Gail Griggs, Rab Parry, Russell Chadwick, Diane Tams, David Savage, Rachel Nixon

Apologies: Martin Elliot, Rich Wilcock, Jill Booth, Sarah Archibald, and Karoline Peach, Mandie Maddock

AUGUST MINUTES - PETER / ALL

- Library Consultation from CE has now closed. HCPC has submitted a response.
- Discussion on possibility of CE offloading assets such as Library provision and car parks.

SPEEDWATCH - HAZEL / PETER

- Restarted last week following new training. Three offenders caught on first session.
- Will resume on weekly basis on Macclesfield Road.
- Parked cars blocking pavements and causing pedestrians to use road. Rachel to send Peter contact details of Anwyll site manager.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - PETER / GAIL

- Peter met with Paul Green to walk through site requirements for lighting. Aim to plug into existing outlets, such as St Lukes. Peter to contact Vicar for permission.
- Sponsorship in progress. 2 x patron sponsors and 4 x silver confirmed. Gail to update website once logos received.
- CE event license has been applied for.
- Stalls are almost fully booked, but still accepting applications for reserve list.
- Peter has contacted ANSA and confirmed stall and bin requirements.
- Gail to meet with Laura Wilson and Nigel Player re: stage schedule.
- Gail meeting with Katy at Villages Mag to confirm dates and costs for December issue.
- Richard to contact Father Christmas about attending the event.
- Letter to London Road residents to be delivered this week to give notice of road closure.

SANTA SLEIGH - PETER / RICHARD

- Richard has started to contact previous groups to ask if they still want to take the Sleigh out this year.
- Brereton Scouts have requested 2 nights, Goostrey Scouts undecided.
- Need to communicate that groups will need a driver with a vehicle that can pull a trailer.
- Richard will contact new groups who may want to fundraise e.g. Hurricanes, Rugby / Cricket Clubs.

DANE MEADOW - HAZEL

- Work has started on digging out the old pond to install the new triple layer liner.
- Seating area has been cleared of overgrown plantation.

TRAIN STATION ARTWORK - HAZEL

- First draft artwork for mural by ticket office received and feedback provided. Version two expected later this week.
- Artwork of local landmarks to be located under arch and on station platform walls.
- Funded by CrossCountry Rail and HC Community Cinema funds.

HARRYS HOLMES CHAPEL TOUR (HHVT) - PETER / GAIL

- August was busiest month for ticket sales. Tours running through September and October but only at weekends. Need to discuss half term and November Tours.
- New fence erected by Network Rail by Viaduct to stop graffiti spreading to other pillars. New boards have filled quickly with messages.
- Need to discuss possibility of bespoke Tours for one-off requested dates.
- Stile still needs to be repaired. Russell to chase via CE. Viability of steps down to footbridge also needs to be investigated as matter of urgency as adverse weather makes the slope very slippery.

FINANCE - RICHARD

- Richard shared the accounts spreadsheet. No questions.
- Awaiting funds from Dales for commission earned on Tour merchandise and refund on unused slate hearts.

- Investigating whether Rural Tourism grant can be applied for via Dales to recoup some Tour costs.

HOLMES CHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE

- Public Consultation meetings have been held to discuss the proposed housing on the old Fisons site on London Road. Developers are keen to push a housing estate over retail. Feedback was collected and a response has been sent to the Developers. HCPC would prefer a retail site but have given feedback on requirements to take into consideration for houses, such as; pedestrian access, density of houses, road crossings, larger bungalows, reduced speed limits on A50, and a reasonable S106 contribution. Now awaiting planning application to CE.
- Have met with Bloor to discuss release of S106 contribution from Bluebell Green development.
- Reclaim the Pavements scheme has restarted. Teams have been walking the streets checking for areas in need of improvement. Have seen an improvement over last year already.
- Dane Valley Way now has a permissive path on the inside of the fence parallel to the A535 opposite the Viaduct, instead of having to walk on the road. Thanks to John Clowes for organising this project.
- Pride event will be held on Saturday 28th September. Road will be closed from 2-8pm, event is 3-7pm.
- The phone box by Mandeville's will be painted gold to commemorate our local Olympic gold medalist.

CHESHIRE EAST UPDATE - RUSSELL

- Objections to planning applications for residential housing, particularly retrospective planning, and missed bin collections - most of which are in Holmes Chapel, are taking up a lot of Russell's time.
- Has been looking at traffic safety issues, particularly around junctions and where line painting is inadequate. Recent serious accident on A535 that destroyed the phone box at Twemlow has highlighted issues.
- CE is not providing enough support for primary school age children with special education needs. Currently not enough places for all. A new SEND school at the old Siebelco site near Sandbach will open in approximately 18 months.
- New Labour government has written to CE about possible plans for devolution of Local Authorities. Has been suggested that CE could merge with Cheshire West and Warrington.
- Following the CE Peer review the new Chief Executive has been making changes to senior management and CE will go through a reorganisation over next few years. New Leader of Council is Nick Mannion.
- Trying to engage with the 1% of residents who won't pay Council Tax to understand why payments are not being made.
- Waste Recycling is an issue following closure of Middlewich and other sites. Will monitor usage of mobile service.

AOB - ALL

- N/A

Date for next meeting is 21st October, 7pm in the Massey Room at St Lukes Church Hall

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