



# Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 18th March 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, Mandie Maddock,

**Apologies:** Karoline Peach, Helen Ratcliffe, Rich Wilcock

## **FEBRUARY MINUTES - PETER / ALL**

- SpeedWatch: PCSO has been speed checking in village. Parking issues were discussed
- HCPC Amenities committee have agreed to fund the bin collection at the Dane Meadow.
- Spelling errors corrected.

## **HOLMES CHAPEL TRAIN STATION MURAL - PETER**

- Mural location will be to the right of ticket office entrance in car park.
- PW favours a photo mosaic collage to include mini images of fans over a photograph of Harry Styles.
- HS recommended contacting Eamon Murphy from the charity about creating and printing the artwork.
- GG highlighted the copyright issues of using a photograph without permission. PW to contact management company.

## **HARRYS HOLMES CHAPEL TOUR - PETER**

- Tour could help raise funds for improvements on walking route to Twemlow. Rab and Russell said CE should be able to help as they are responsible for Dane Valley Way. Russell said CE already have pathway proposals for disused bridleways and suggested writing to Tina at HCPC to ask CE for new steps on dangerous slopes by A535 and to bridge over Dane. CE to install 'people crossing' sign on A535?
- Idea discussed about adding decorated bricks / tiles to create paths at muddy points along route and encourage people to take the decorated route.
- Peter and Russell to walk route from Hermitage to Viaduct and make list of danger points to create proposal for HCPC to send to CE.
- Tours could be led by 6th Form students with assessment day booked for 20th April at HCCC.
- Tours to run from May / June throughout summer depending on take-up, costing £20 each.
- Route will start at train station with parking at HCCC which would be pre-bookable and payable. How about parkonmydrive.com as an alternative option?
- Peter and Mandie to meet with a fan from Warrington who would like to help.
- Tour to encourage supporting local retailers through a tour Guidebook with discounts, adverts and offers.

## **WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK - HAZEL/GAIL**

- 2024 date is Thursday 23rd May in line with Living Streets event. Theme is 'Magic of Walking'.
- Both Primary Schools and the Fire Service have confirmed they will take part.
- Gail has contacted Cllr Chris Jones to ask about adding a route from Bluebell Green.
- Russell will attend and walk Brooklands route. HS to also invite Aki from CE.
- Gail to invite Tina at HCPC and PSCO Pam Graham.
- Possible alternative organised walk for people with limited mobility? Gail has already contacted Dorothy Davidson who thinks it would be a good idea but separate event to Walk to School.

## **RECRUITMENT - PETER**

- Newsletter Distributor position has been filled. Hazel has spoken to new recruit who will distribute April edition.
- No-one has come forward for Treasurer position yet. Will advertise in April newsletter again and on FB.

## **FINANCE - RICHARD**

- HCPC have agreed to sponsor the 2024 Christmas Market with £3k contribution.
- Peter to contact current Patron sponsors about adverts in newsletter.
- Richard will have end of year accounts available for AGM in April.
- Awaiting money from Donate from raffle and sleigh donations.

## **PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE**

- Working with Roy Hayhurst on continuing cycling issues, especially the roundabout at Saltersford Corner, the design of which was never signed off with CE.

- PSCO will conduct another Safe Pass event in HC.
- HCPC AGM meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March at HCCC.
- Summer Celebration still going ahead. Have hired two security staff in case of issues.
- Reclaim the Pavements initiative has started with a list of issues with existing pavements.
- Meetings with Highways Committee at CE to highlight traffic issues have now started process to rank solutions such as 20mph zones, new signage etc. Cables have already been placed on various roads in village to monitor traffic. Russell would like to spend his allowance on village entrance signs from M6 J18 and making Middlewich Road crossings more visible.

### CHESHIRE EAST UPDATE - RUSSELL

- Working on repurposing S106 money from developers in order to enable spending on mitigating the extra traffic from the new houses, particularly around Chester Road crossroads.
- Highways have secured money from central government for more EV charging points in CE. Need to work out where to put them and solve access issues.
- Everybody Leisure is funding free gym places for (some) teens over Easter holidays.
- Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre: Not closing but CE proposing moving ownership to HCCS, if funds are available. 3G pitch is already owned by school, but managed by Everybody.
- Rab asked about money CE was awarded by government. Russell explained it was a ring fenced loan to avoid bankruptcy that must be paid back. Have been given funds to fix roads but needs passing to Highways in new finance year.
- Library hours may be cut but no closures. Mobile libraries may be closed.
- Middlewich tip closes on 1st April. Has been mothballed under emergency powers to reduce costs. Nearest tips will be at Alsager or Crewe. Potential super recycling centre in Congleton. Need to measure and report fly-tipping costs to prove these are going up as a result of tip closures.

### AGM - PETER

- Next HCP committee meeting will be the AGM on 15th April.
- Gail to send email invite to mailing list and add reminders to Facebook.

### AOB - ALL

- April newsletter will be sent on 30th April due to Bank holidays. Martin will distribute, Gail to update noticeboard.
- Diane: HCPC met with Open Reach about broadband installation. They are open to negotiation on locations of poles etc but will use existing infrastructure where possible. Airband are starting to go live with their service.
- Diane: DDay event will involve a Churches Together service followed by a Beacon lighting on 6th June.

**Date for next meeting is the AGM on 15th April, 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