



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 20th November 2023

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

Present: Peter Whiers, Hazel Sutcliffe, Richard Garton, Gail Griggs, Diane Tams, Rab Parry, Rich Wilcock, Russell Chadwick

Apologies: Karoline Peach, Sarah Archibald

OCTOBER MINUTES - PETER / ALL

- Accepted and further discussions in agenda below.

XMAS MARKET - PETER / GAIL

- New text prize draw to raise money due to lack of physical cash for donations. Richard has set this up with Donate who offer service in return for small fee. Cash prizes funded by HCP. £1, £3 donations or £5 to enter draw. Will be launched in December newsletter.
- Will have posters for draw at Christmas Market and in Tesco window plus postcards to give out, all printed by Print Room.
- Local band added to stage schedule this week. Hazel to contact St Lukes vicar re. parking for church services. Hazel has contacted Phil Holt, Practice Manager at HCHC, to confirm OK to park there during event. Restrictions lifted on precinct car park from 12 noon.
- Event Management plan document distributed and discussed.
- Have good volunteer numbers for set up. Schedule discussed and updated.
- Santa hours at market decided as 3-4pm and 4.30-6pm. Peter has outfits. Posters needed for next to sleigh located on Parkway.

SANTA SLEIGH - RICHARD / PETER

- Been tested and cleaned ready for December and all working well. Indoor storage this year helps.
- Sleigh runs all scheduled and assigned to local groups.
- First outing is to Goostrey on weekend of 26th November for Christmas light switch on.
- Full schedule starts with Xmas market on 3rd then most evenings until 22nd December.
- Cash and new text donation service for collections with sleigh. Groups to be briefed on new text donations and given postcards before doing runs.

SPEEDWATCH - HAZEL / PETER

- Facebook post from Cheshire Police spotted which says SpeedWatch will be relaunched with new up to date training.
- PSCO Pam Graham will do the training for Holmes Chapel but still waiting for few things to be in place first.
- Hazel has contacted Jen Jolley at Cheshire East for updates but no response received yet.
- Russell has received complaints of speeding on Chester Road - this area is not on PCSO list. This road also needs double white lines on centre of road, especially on bends.

HARRY STYLES WALK - PETER / GAIL

- Route is still popular with visitors and going through lots of maps, especially at train station.
- Peter has photographed first visitor book for website. This has been passed on to Harry's Dad.
- Shops are now paying for the maps to cover printing costs. Number of maps printed is only way to estimate how many Harry Styles related visitors are coming to area.
- No update from Cheshire East re. complaints of damage to structure. Maps have been updated to address concerns.

FINANCE - RICHARD

- Awaiting payment from a few Market sponsors and supporters.

PARTNERSHIP FUNDING - PETER

- Patron sponsorship has gone well - can we attract more in January?
- HCPC sponsorship will run from April 2024-25 although already on list as Xmas market sponsor.
- With more sponsors could run more events and projects other than Christmas Market.
- No update on charitable status. Will resubmit application to appeal decision and amend HCP constitution wording in new year.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE / RICH

- Will meet with CE Highways to discuss 20mph limit through village and new pedestrian crossing on Macclesfield Road.
- Consultation to close Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre (and others) has been taken back but residents can still comment on leisure facilities in general.
- Green space consultation is in progress and HCPC has put together a response. Not clear what spaces CE look after or not.
- Close pass operation looking at dangerous driving with regard to cyclists was successful.

CHESHIRE EAST UPDATE - RUSSELL

- CE accounts are in the red by £18m, with redevelopment of Crewe, health services, adult education, inflation etc blamed for shortfall.
- 80 plus councillors are currently working together to make savings across the area.
- Advice to close Leisure Centres was flawed as did not take into account that those selected were linked to schools. More local discussion needed on initiatives. £0.5 million has been received from central government for provision of leisure services.
- Green Space consultation is another attempt to save money.
- Car parking charges: this shouldn't be applicable to Holmes Chapel and other villages which are a support hub for smaller areas who need to drive to use services such as doctors, pharmacy, library etc. For example, HCHC has £12k patients, but only 7 car park spaces for them to use.
- Charges should not have to be consistent in different situations. The Active Travel money was not consistently awarded across the area with none allocated to Holmes Chapel to help avoid the reliance on cars and therefore parking.
- Russell supports having at least the first hour free but suspects that the cost vs revenue ratio will not be profitable anyway.
- Green bin charge, which starts in January, should raise significant money with an estimated 60% take up.

AOB - ALL

- December newsletter will be sent on 30th November in time for Christmas Market.
- Rab: Harry Styles themed calendar being produced by Art Club to sell around Holmes Chapel. Will advertise in the newsletter.

Date for next meeting is 11th December, 7pm at Chairmans house

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

HCPC = Holmes Chapel Parish Council