



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 18th November 2024

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

Present: Peter Whiers, Gail Griggs, Rab Parry, Russell Chadwick, Rachel Nixon, Mandie Maddock, Jill Booth, Diane Tams

Apologies: Hazel Sutcliffe, Richard Garton, Rich Wilcock, Martin Elliot, Karoline Peach, David Savage

OCTOBER MINUTES - PETER / ALL

- All updates included below.

CHESHIRE EAST UPDATE - RUSSELL

- Car park charges will come into force on 2nd December. Signage is up, machines still be installed. Will need to keep an eye on the effect this will have on increased pavement and residential road parking.
- There will be no bin collections on bank holidays over Christmas. Green bin subscriptions will need to be renewed in December.
- Will be an Adult Safeguarding questionnaire live via CE, and a schools consultation asking for views on school admissions criteria for 2026/7 intake. Also a pharmacy provision survey review on CE website.
- On 19th November there will be a presentation on electoral and polling districts within CE. Will be asking local town and parish councils to pay towards election costs.
- CE have received £2.2m from central government funding to support needy families with the cost of living. Despite generally wealthy area there are pockets of deprivation.
- Zoo application has gone back to planning committee with final decision to be made this week.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - PETER / GAIL

- Event plan was distributed and updated.
- Event planning is on schedule with no major outstanding actions.
- Need to confirm usage of Health Centre car park due to new parking situation there. Also need to check if restrictions on precinct car park will be lifted. Peter to contact Mario at the Fish Bar.
- Letters to Bessancourt residents and final stall holder info to be sent week prior to event by Gail.

SANTA SLEIGH - PETER

- CE Collection License has now been granted thanks to Russells intervention. Initial CE contact was not aware the 14 day limit is lifted in December to cover such fundraising events.
- Routes have been re-jigged to accommodate extra housing in area.
- There will be one card reader available but most donations will have to be made in cash.
- Sleigh has been washed and checked ready for first outing at Christmas Market on 1st December.
- Sleigh will move from Lowe's Farm to Dales for December, then will need a new home for 2025.

DANE MEADOW - HAZEL (VIA EMAIL)

- Seating area has had weeds removed but otherwise a quiet month at the Dane Meadow.

TRAIN STATION ARTWORK - HAZEL

- Eamonn has done the background Homes Chapel artwork ready for Victoria's Art Studio to add her Harry Styles image based on her version at Dales.
- Hope to get the finished boards displayed at the Station before Christmas.

HARRYS HOLMES CHAPEL TOUR (HHVT) - PETER / GAIL

- Last Tour was held on 16th November, with the route being changed to avoid the slippery muddy slope to the bridge and using the gate instead.
- Last Tour included the judge from the Media Competition. Feedback was positive with results being announced in March 2025.
- Slope to the footbridge needs actioned asap. CE have previously said they can do this but need the permission of the landowner. No updates since. Peter and Russell to contact Genni Butler at CE.
- Damaged stile has now had lower step replaced.
- Grant application needs to be resubmitted through Dale's as needs to go through a business.
- Still getting regular enquiries and people subscribing to email list on HCP website.
- Letter to Harry from Peter has also now been sent to Harry's Dad. No response yet.
- Need to consider being VAT registered as would help with running Tours. Will need professional accountants to help submit returns - possible collaboration through Sponsorship package.
- Meeting to be held with TMC to discuss future projects around Tours. Date TBC.

FINANCE - RICHARD (VIA PETER)

- Accounts for the Christmas Market were shared. Show a small profit assuming no last minute costs.
- General accounts look healthy but include the grant for the station artwork and those costs will be paid soon as artwork completes.
- HHVT outgoings will reduce when transferred to Dales when they apply for the CE Tourism Grant.

HOLMES CHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE

- HCPC have had a Zoom meeting with the new CEO of CE, Rob Polkinghorne. Support from CE will reduce and local town and parish councils will need to pay for more out of their own funding.
- Reclaim the Pavements project is ongoing. All streets in HC have been walked and checked with letters going to those who need to cut back foliage. Need to check if this has been actioned. Can volunteers help if property owner cannot complete the work?
- HCPC are still in contact with CE Highways about road improvements but no further updates as present.

AOB - ALL

- Newsletter will be distributed on 3rd/4th December after Christmas Market. January edition will be sent around the 3rd January.

Date for next meeting is 16th December, 7pm at the 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

HCLC = Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre

HCPC = Holmes Chapel Parish Council