



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

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

Present: Hazel Sutcliffe, Peter Whiers, Gail Griggs, Debra Cummins, Diane Tams, Richard Garton (zoom), Linda Lewin

Apologies: Karoline Peach, Sarah Archibald, Rich Wilcock, Kate Fallon

BRIDGE THE GAP - HAZEL / GAIL

- Hazel attended the Literature coffee morning at HCCS which brought adults together with Y7 pupils to talk about their favourite books.
- Need date of next Swaps day which was due in March.
- Still need bank details to pass over money being held in HCP bank account. Peter to contact Will Burnham.

SPEEDWATCH - HAZEL

- SpeedWatch teams have been out on Macclesfield Road although a few been cancelled or rearranged due to lack of personnel, poor weather, school strikes etc.
- Ade Chadwick (PCSO) has moved on so reports are now sent to Tom Faulkner.

HGVs THROUGH VILLAGE - LINDA

- Linda still gathering info and contacting offending companies with limited success.
- Has taken advice from Steve Rounds, an independent traffic advisor. Confirms signs apply to all traffic except agricultural vehicles and trailers.
- Article and information was publicised in March HCP newsletter. HCP will continue to publish data over next few months in the newsletter.
- HCPC are holding a meeting to discuss possibility of 20mph speed limit through centre of village. Public consultation will be required.

PARTNERSHIP FUNDING - HAZEL/PETER

- HCPC has agreed to increase their sponsorship of the Xmas market to £3k. Funding for future years will be decided by the new council following the May elections.
- HCPC has secured a lottery grant for the Coronation road closure - Debra to apply for Xmas market.
- Richard / Peter looking into applying for Charity status for HCP. Constitution will need to be changed and agreed at AGM. Process can take several weeks following online application. Benefits to HCP include saving on VAT, gift aid, access to more grants, donations by text (particularly for Sleigh run)
- Will need accounts audited for charity status and also HCPC funding.

VCP - HAZEL / DEBRA

- Q4 form has been compiled to send to CE.
- New request to cover shopping. Will be passed on to new volunteer. Need to check DBS costs to include in budget.
- Article going in April newsletter to publicise various food waste initiatives. Transport to pick up food could be an issue - could CommuniCARE help?
- Hazel to meet with Lee Ann - a local resident who works with promoting wellbeing in corporate company and would like to also support the community.
- Debra / Diane attended first HC1 meeting of local businesses at The Vicarage. Good attendance by local businesses such as Mandevilles, Miola, W&M and others. Archie and Claire at Flat Cap keen to promote and create more events for the village. Will help publicise the Royal Rumble as part of the Coronation. Have suggested a mini music festival - could the summer celebration evolve in future?

HARRY STYLES TRAIL - GAIL

- New safe walking routes map was created on website for Harry Styles points of interest due to reports of people using the busy and unsafe A535 to access the viaduct.
- Lots of positive PR including a section on the BBC North West evening news including interviews with Hazel and Peter.
- The Print Room have sponsored 100 printed maps which have been distributed to Mandeville's, HC train station and the Print Room. Will check how popular they are with options for sponsorship to fund future print runs.
- Idea to create a virtual wall on website with photos of the viaduct and possible option to add own images with purpose to drive traffic to the map to encourage safe walking.

SAFE SPACES - GAIL

- Katy at the Villages Mag has offered to create logo and print window stickers. Awaiting first designs. Need to get HCCS on board and first few locations signed up.

CORONATION BIG LUNCH - DEBRA/HAZEL

- Road closure in place for Sunday so tables can be arranged down The Square. Tables being borrowed from HC Scout Group and HCCC as well as some hired from elsewhere. Hope to use Scout Hall should weather be wet.
- Local businesses been contacted and on board including: G&D doing a BBQ on terrace, Charlie's will do platters, Miola hoping to do afternoon teas, Bottle Bank will have a pop up bar on street and street food in garden.
- Street entertainment will include magicians, balloon maker and face painters.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE

- **Summer Celebration:** Plans coming together with jazz band booked for 3 x 45 minute sets. Diane has met with the Vic Club to discuss plans.
- **Road improvements:** Manor Lane footpath has been cleared to make wider. Extra street lights out of budget but looking into smaller pedestrian lights.

PARTNERSHIP FORUM - HAZEL

- Local partnerships have been discussing the loss of funding from Cheshire East.
- Sandbach Partnership has a new chair (Helen Dorney). Sandbach Chronicle reported dissent on Town Council about funding for Sandbach. Congleton Partnership funded by Town Council.

AOB - ALL

- Need to register local groups on the Cheshire East 'Big Help Out' website for the volunteer day as part of Coronation celebrations.
- Working with Cub Scouts to have a tree labelling session at the Dane Meadow. Labels will be temporary laminated versions.
- U3A will provide sigs for their commemorative trees which are now big enough to label.
- Water level in the Shady Pool at Dane Meadow is going down - HCPC trying to get money from Cottons Estate funds to repair.
- CRE who are repairing the concrete on the motorway will do work on the big pond and move the sign at Cotton Wood entrance.
- Email invite to AGM needs to be sent to newsletter maillist (Gail) along with link to new constitution.

Date for next meeting is the AGM on 17th April at Holmes Chapel Methodist Church

Common acronyms:

HCP = Holmes Chapel Partnership

HCCS = Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School

HCPC = Holmes Chapel Parish Council

HCCC = Holmes Chapel Community Centre