



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 17th February 2025

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

Present: Peter Whiers, Richard Garton, Russell Chadwick, Gail Griggs, Rab Parry, Rich Wilcock, Jill Booth, Gill Bradfield

Apologies: Hazel Sutcliffe, David Savage, Diane Tams, Martin Elliot, Karoline Peach, Rachel Nixon, Mandie Maddock

JANUARY MINUTES - PETER / ALL

- All updates included below.

HC FUN RUN - PETER / GILL BRADFIELD

- A one-off Community fun run in the Dane Meadow to help with Kenya trip fundraising and raise awareness of the area in general to get more residents using it.
- Will be held on Sunday 11th May with staggered starts from 9.30am.
- Peter has submitted event documentation to CE, along with requested maps and answers to queries.
- Chris Appleton has agreed to do PA / music and a Zumba warm up.
- £2 entrance fee will be collected by HCP with any profits going to Kenya fundraising.
- Gill has contacted all neighbours on Daresbury Close and confirmed all are on board with event.
- Alison / Will are providing medals for participants.
- Need to contact Fire Brigade for First Aid support.
- Hazel to contact local groups and organisations to publicise event and ask for volunteers.
- Next event meeting set for Tuesday 28th to walk through route.
- Registration to open from 1st March. Will advertise and launch in March HCP newsletter.

TRAIN STATION ARTWORK - PETER

- Artwork is being installed on 27th February with official launch on Saturday 1st March.
- Invites have been sent for opening event with refreshments at The Swan afterwards.
- Graham hoping to invite either of Harry's parents.

HARRYS HOME VILLAGE TOUR (HHVT) - PETER / JILL

- First Tours will be on Saturday 12th and 19th April, with Fridays and Saturdays in May added to booking system for announcement with press on Station artwork.
- Need to contact last years guides for availability in 2025, might need to recruit more. Peter and Jill can do April dates. Need at least 4 available for April / May.
- Current condition of stiles and muddy slope to bridge on Tour route needs to be logged and any issues sent to Russell.

CHESHIRE EAST UPDATE - RUSSELL

- New National Planning and Policy framework has now been communicated to CE. New plan explains need for more housing. Some green belt will be reclassified as grey belt.
- Devolution Bill to combine CE, Cheshire West and Warrington will happen without any consultation. Will be a vote for the new Mayor of combined area.
- New Garden Village to be built in Handforth off A34.
- Two SEND events to be held in February / March to highlight support available to families.
- Has responded to a complaint from HC resident about state of roads, especially during bad weather.
- New funding from central government to support anyone who is rough sleeping. If you witness anyone rough sleeping call 0300 123 5017 to get support to those people.
- New Crewe history centre being built near library with funding from lottery. Will include 900 years of archives.
- Proposal to stop recording footage from security cameras due to high costs has been scrapped. Responsibility may be passed on to local councils.
- Council tax increase of 9.9% request was rejected. Will now increase by 4.9% although current 5% limit is likely to increase in future.

SUMMER FAIR - GAIL

- Invitations to 2024 stallholders have been sent, with around 30 stalls now booked.
- Will continue to publicise in HCP newsletter. Gail to send information to Hazel for March edition.
- Possible confusion for stallholders / attendees due to the Community Centre organising a similar event on the Saturday of the Summer Celebration weekend.

FINANCE - DAVID (VIA EMAIL)

- Accounts are up to date and all payments have been made.
- Working on end of year accounts for April.
- Payroll system will run out in April, need to decide if still needed for Tour Guides.
- Will need to investigate if a Corporate tax return is needed.
- Money for Tours and CE funding still outstanding with Dales.

HOLMES CHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - RICH

- Two new SIDS will be installed Feb / March to replace old ones.
- HCPC have requested information on CE costs to install parking meters and projected revenue from charges but no response yet. Hoping for at least one car park to be transferred to HCPC in future.
- Hedges have been monitored through 'Reclaim the Pavements' initiative. Now looking at council owned or unadopted verges where vegetation can be cut back and improved.
- New project to tidy up signage in village. Includes removing redundant signs and improving visibility.
- Improvements to path alongside the Croco are in planning stage. Will be resurfaced and cut back to improve accessibility.
- New task group to improve Middlewich Road play area. Looking for funding to replace some equipment.
- An area behind Elm Drive has been reclaimed from farmland by CE. HCPC have requested info on what will be used for.
- Bloor request for 25 extra houses on Bluebell Green will be discussed at next HCPC meeting.
- Discussion was had on whether we need to revive the Village Guide document. Gold phone box has increase awareness of Defibrillators but need to publicise where they are and how to use them. Peter to contact Katy from Villages Mag and Sue from HCPC.

AOB - ALL

- Newsletter will be distributed on 1st March.

Date for next meeting is 17th March, 7pm in the Massey Room.

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