



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 9th May 2022

7.30pm - Massey Room St Luke's Church Hall

Present: Hazel Sutcliffe, Richard Garton, Karoline Peach, Peter Whiers, Gail Griggs, Diane Tams, Katy O'Regan, Sarah Archibald

Apologies: Liz Alcock & Marie Bennett

COMMUNITY MEETING WITH HCCS - KATY

- A new format of the community meeting has been suggested by the school to Katy who is Chair of this group. The proposal is for an information meeting where local groups and the school can let each other know what projects they are working on.
- The next meeting is 6th June via zoom. Katy and Karoline to attend.

WELCOME TO GAIL - HAZEL

- Gail was welcomed to the committee as one of the new Events and VCP administrators.
- Debra Cummins will take the second role from July.

BRIDGE THE GAP - HAZEL

- No new updates following contact with Alison Wright. HCP is holding funding for the group until June 30th 2022

BOXING CLUB - SARAH

- Confirmed the Friday afternoon sessions for hard to reach children are back up and running after a successful bid to the Anwyl fund..

SANTAS SLEIGH - PETER

- Richard confirmed that Anwyl funding of £1040 should be due in our account this week.
- Peter is working on designs for the new sleigh with help from Dave who helped design the original sleigh. Will Burnham is helping with the build.
- A shed space has been confirmed in Brereton where the sleigh can be built.

MENTAL HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY - SARAH

- Sarah has spoken to Laura Kerr at Visyon who is happy to have a chat with HCP to see how they can help: laura.kerr@visyon.org.uk

ALLOTMENTS - PETER

- Bidlea Dairy still the most likely location. Peter will contact Jill at Bidlea Dairy to see if they have any land that could be used for this purpose.

DONATABLE - PETER

- Peter has made initial contact with Kevin.
- Perhaps useful for future sleigh storage?

SAFE SPACE - KATY

- Will speak to owners of Glamorous in Congleton to find out how they set up the initiative there.
- All agreed this was a good project to support, especially given anti social behaviour in village.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK - KAROLINE

- 100 flags have been ordered for children participating in Jubilee themed walk to school.
- John Dwyer PCC has been confirmed to attend as well as Alison Rodwell, Police communications officer, five local councillors, staff from both primary schools, PSCO and several firefighters.
- Bluebell Green have also asked to be included and while it's too late to publicise an official route for them they can organise to walk together and have flags.
- Question about involving the high school in these initiatives and concluded that the routes and times don't work and they also have better pedestrian road safety infrastructure around the school than the primaries – especially the Hermitage.. HCCS is expanding with 10 extra classrooms and the extra traffic this could bring might pose future questions.
- High vis jackets will be provided for HCP members to wear on the walk.
- Peter will supervise the crossing of Macclesfield Road and Hazel will do Chester Road.

- Karoline to ask whether the firefighters can also help with road safety.
- A de-briefing will be held at Costa afterwards.

PLATINUM JUBILEE - KAROLINE

- Banners will go up next week, yarn bombing has already started.
- Road closure for beacon lighting needs to be publicised.
- Charlies, Bottle Bank, Red Lion and Holmes sweet Holmes are all keen to get on board.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE

- **Roads:** Confirmed a roundabout will not be built at the crossroads as investigations have proven that there is neither space nor enough funding for one. The funding can hopefully be diverted to other road safety projects such as road signs, tarmac colour changes and signage etc. Potential funding for a controlled crossing on London Road, either south or north of the railway bridge, may come from Bloor if planning for 25 further houses is granted by Cheshire East.
- **No mow May:** The green area near Bessancourt by the Scott Penlington bench will be left wild. This is to encourage wild flowers and insects on purpose. A sign may be required so residents know why it is not being cut back?
- **Community governance debate:** Confirmation that the new Bluebell Green estate will remain part of Brereton and the border will not be moved to include the estate in Holmes Chapel.
- **Road resurfacing:** The car park at the community centre will be resurfaced. Work has already started with the removal of a tree.

FINANCE UPDATE - RICHARD

- The bank accounts are looking healthy. Not much to report yet this year as only costs for website and Mailchimp were relevant.
- VCP spending needs to be controlled and accounted for in order to report back to Cheshire East. Important to record volunteer hours contributed by members of the committee and wiser associates.

VCP UPDATE - HAZEL

- Hazel and Peter have met with Cheshire East. It is likely the name of 'VCP' will change.
- Several delays with Cheshire East's AMI system may mean HCP sets up its own volunteer database to formalise the work that has already been done in this area.
- A discussion was had as to how we reach and communicate this service to vulnerable people who may need help.

SPEEDWATCH - KAROLINE

- Back up and running. Need to coordinate volunteers and dates.
- A camera and equipment needs to be retrieved from the Cottons.

VILLAGE FAIR - HAZEL

- July 10th at the Vic club.
- Hazel has booked a stall for HCP to publicise the group and the projects being worked on.
- Need a draw to attract families to come to the stall. Giveaways or games? Karoline looking into eco gifts.

DANE MEADOW - HAZEL

- Cubs have been helping pull the invasive Himalayan Balsam plants as part of an Eco badge.

Date for next meeting is 20th June in the Massey Room at St Luke's Church Hall