



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 26th September 2022

7.30pm - Massey Room, St. Lukes Church Hall

Present: Hazel Sutcliffe, Richard Garton, Peter Whiers, Gail Griggs, Debra Cummins (via zoom), Karoline Peach, Kate Fallon, Diane Tams, Sarah Archibald

Apologies: Rich Wilcock

BRIDGE THE GAP - HAZEL

- Richard has received enquiry on funds. Invite has been received for BtG AGM being held on 28th September. Hazel and / or Peter to attend.

COMMUNITY MEETING WITH HCCS - KATY

- Awaiting update from Katy via email. Last meeting was cancelled by HCCS.

DANE MEADOW - HAZEL

- Meeting has been held with Sue, Tina and John from the Parish Council to discuss pond which has dried up due to damaged liner. Confirmed funds are available from the Cottons fund for the work.
- Hazel has contacted Cheshire Wildlife Trust for advice on how to reinstate the pond.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES - HAZEL / DEBRA

- Collections are taking pace locally to help Ukrainian families who are now being placed in their own accommodation.
- Language courses are available in both Congleton and Knutsford.

XMAS MARKET - DEBRA / GAIL

- Confirmed sponsors are: Parish Council, Massey Feeds, Neon Freight, Cheshire Pet, Thorneycroft, Anwyll with a few others still to hear back from.
- Need to speak to Cannon Rob from St. Lukes about usage of church space and choir taking part.
- Food offers are still in progress. Need to confirm so leaflet can be produced prior to event.
- Budget compares to last year. Although costs have gone up, new sponsorship means we're on track.
- Stage sponsorship needs to be discussed with LWDS. Gail to confirm. Sound will be provided by Dane Sound who have new equipment which needs to be tested.
- Richard has confirmed Father Christmas will be in attendance. Need to decide what times he will be present as it's a long shift to be there constantly.
- Stalls are now fully booked and the website has been updated to say we're now running a reserve list. Emails will be sent over coming week to applicants to confirm places.
- Road closure application forms to Cheshire East are in progress.

NHS UPDATE - KATE

- Cheshire East has a Wellbeing Bus touring the county checking blood pressure and giving health advice etc. Small bus with a gazebo that has been to Congleton but needs somewhere to park during the week in Holmes Chapel. Suggestion was made to use wide pavement area by the Sensory Garden as very central. Possibly hosting an indoor health event in the library. Kate to provide details of when it will visit so it can be advertised in advance.

VCP - HAZEL / DEBRA

- Hazel, Debra and Gail met with new social prescriber Steph who is based at the Health Centre.
- Cheshire East contact Emily McEwan-Nicholls is passing on requests for volunteers to HCP. A few people have been helped already although need more volunteers.
- Hazel and Debra met with Julie from CE about VCP and befriending services. Very confusing when lots of other services around offering this e.g. Changing Lives Together and Snow Angels. Next meeting will talk about hot meal service.
- AML system is apparently up and running but no log in details have been provided for HCP yet.
- Debra / Gail will put specific requests for volunteers on Facebook once per week.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - RICH

- **Summer festival:** Has been agreed but final date will be dependent on Coronation events as may need to coincide with or avoid that. Expected to take format of road closure on Friday evening and

focus on food and drink in village centre, events such as Makers market and ceilidh at the Community Centre on the Saturday and Village fair at the Vic club on Sunday. Theme is 'community'.

- **Road improvements:** PC is not supporting use of Bloor S106 funds for car park improvements at HCCS. Have requested improvements to A50/A54 junction for this money.
- Preparations have started to repave Church Walk. Planters will be removed and benches installed.
- **General:** Camera on Sandiford Road has worked as deterrent picking up on anti-social behaviour. Offenders have been identified and details passed to PSCO. Need to install camera in Elm Drive play area but first need to test battery operated device as no power source.
- Conservation area is being extended to include area in front of old toilet block and Don Alberto.

SPEEDWATCH - HAZEL

- Hazel will invite a member of CE Highways Road Safety team to attend a meeting to discuss concerns. Speed changes to 20pmh should be made due to changes in road circumstances.
- Frustrations aired over ANSA decision that Macclesfield Road does not need a patrolled crossing despite consistent speeding and increased housing.

HCP WEBSITE - GAIL

- Updates now centred around ensuring latest information is available for Xmas market.
- Possible local photography competition in January to update web images.

FINANCE UPDATE - RICHARD

- No update, all as normal.

MEDIA AND COMMS - KAROLINE

- Most PR, including FaceBook, will now focus on the Xmas market and Santa sleigh updates.

SANTA SLEIGH - PETER / RICHARD

- Route will be as per 2021 as worked well. Richard will email groups to confirm they still want to take part. Need to include 1 or 2 additional groups - boxing club?
- Current storage location is OK until Christmas. Will be moved to barn in Brereton for rebuild.
- New designs are all in CAD, wood is being bought shortly to be rebuilt over next 2 months.

AOB - ALL

- HCP has been invited to decorate a tree at the Methodist Christmas tree festival. Debra to lead.

Date for next meeting is 17th October in the Massey Room at St Luke's Church Hall