



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 19th February 2024

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

Present: Peter Whiers, Hazel Sutcliffe, Richard Garton, Gail Griggs, Rab Parry, Russell Chadwick, Helen Ratcliffe, Mandie Maddock, Jo Green

Apologies: Karoline Peach, Diane Tams, Graham Blake

JANUARY MINUTES - PETER / ALL

- Accepted and further discussions in agenda below.

HOLMES CHAPEL TRAIN STATION MURAL - PETER

- Peter met with Graham, Station Master at Holmes Chapel train station, to discuss idea of having a mural at the station for Harry Styles fans to have photos in front of.
- Graham has been in contact with a charity in Stockport that supports station upkeep. Meeting has been arranged with them for Friday 23rd February. Peter and Hazel to attend.
- Jo Green gave opinions from an artists and practical point of view as follows:
 1. Could be a mosaic, painted tiles, painted mural.
 2. Would need to be created offsite depending on location due to safety concerns on platform, especially if children involved.
 3. Would imagery be recognisable if children created it?? Will also take longer and be more expensive to do.
 4. Graffiti could be a problem (now also on pole by Mandeville's and Dales window ledges). Would maybe need perspex cover that could be replaced, but at whose expense?
 5. Could it be something moveable that could be taken inside when ticket office closed?
 6. Need to make sure location and image is good for people to have photos next to if that is the main objective.
 7. Need to decide on image: could be Harry Styles, viaduct (though in Twemlow), church, other local landmarks.
 8. Jo could paint a mural but doesn't have time to coordinate with children and mosaic is not her forte - suggested local artist Patricia for this.

HARRY STYLES EVENT - PETER

- Graham has been speaking to fans who would like to organise an event - possibly a picnic by the viaduct. Has been mentioned on his Facebook page.
- Partnership getting involved as events involving what could be many people need managed.
- Location means supporting infrastructure such as toilets, parking and safe access could be problematic, as well as insurance. Also need permission from land owner.
- HCP would be in favour of an organised pre-bookable event such as a tour, and get local retailers and food places involved.
- Could book HCCS or HCCC hall as starting point as can have more info there and both have parking.
- Could recruit local people as tour guides.
- Will start gathering local Harry stories via newsletter and website.

HARRY'S PARK / WALK - PETER

- Idea to create park with benches, bins etc at viaduct and solid path to area from Hermitage Bridge.
- Need to contact land/cow owner at viaduct. Could be Richard Hocknell, Peter to contact.
- Signage could be added to show route and advise on taking litter home and not to graffiti.
- Would make safer access for whole community and walkers as part of Dane Valley Way, not just fans.
- Russell will provide contact at CE Highways to make slope to bridge safer as currently very slippy and dangerous as grass has worn away.
- Grants are available for farmers to maintain public right of ways.
- Idea of controlling graffiti by allowing on limited pillars which would be photographed then repainted on regular basis as becomes full.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK - HAZEL/GAIL

- 2024 date proposed as Thursday 23rd May in line with Living Streets event. Theme is 'Magic of Walking'. Gail to contact Primary schools to check availability.
- Raises awareness and useful for gathering opinions from parents on route.
- Following last years walk, Russell is campaigning to improve crossing on Middlewich Road by Cottons.
- Russell would like to see gates and better signage at entrance points to village.

- CE proposing new criteria for new pedestrian crossings currently in consultation. Would give better chance of HC getting crossing but still seems biased in favour of larger towns.

RECRUITMENT - PETER

- List of volunteer roles have been drawn up. Have previously advertised for volunteers on a general basis with limited success.
- Treasurer and newsletter distributor role will be advertised in March newsletter, as well as HCP Facebook page. Gail to add roles to website.
- Mandie offered to help with social media role.

SPEEDWATCH - HAZEL

- Hazel is meeting PCSO Pam Graham on Tuesday 20th to discuss possible locations for SpeedWatch teams as need approval.
- Current approved location is Macclesfield Road, suggest also Manor Lane and Chester Road.
- Stopped July 2023 due to a safety incident and should restart following re-training in March/April.

FINANCE - RICHARD

- Peter has written to HCPC to ask for £3K support towards Xmas Market on top of £1K patron sponsorship. Hope approval will be granted in full council meeting this week.
- Richard will have end of year accounts will be available for AGM in April.
- Request for new treasurer being advertised in March newsletter.

CHESHIRE EAST UPDATE - RUSSELL

- Highways have met to discuss local issues such as speed limits, crossings and signage, as well as how S106 money (from Bluebell development) will be spent. Awaiting follow up and action plan. No timings yet.
- Russell voted against car park charges on basis that alternatives were not considered, information was not available and feedback from consultation was ignored. Possibility of car parks being sold as assets, although may not be feasible to pass to HCPC due to costs involved.
- HS2 grants available to recoup money already spent before scrapped to cut CE deficit.
- Parish councils to take the lead on local minor issues such as benches and pavements as too low down on CE priority and no current funding to fix.
- Library hours may be cut further. Usage based on times library cards used, not actual usage.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE (VIA EMAIL)

- Summer Celebration is back for 2024 over the weekend from 5th -7th July, starting on Friday 5th at 6pm with London Road closure. Music will be provided by Dane Sound and The Heritage Jazz Quartet.
- Cafes bars and restaurants will be open with additional offerings.
- On Saturday 6th the Community Centre will host a special day of events from 2pm including live bands and a Meatloaf tribute act, with Holmes Chapel Chorus holding a concert at HCLC from 7pm.
- On Sunday 7th the Victoria Club will host their annual Village Fair.

AOB - ALL

- March newsletter will be sent on 1st March.
- Hazel: Written to HCPC to request funding continues for the bin at Dane Meadow, despite the rising cost, as it's a very valuable service.

Date for next meeting is 18th March, 7pm at St Lukes Church Hall

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