



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership AGM Monday, 15th April 2024

7.00pm - Massey Room, St Lukes Church Hall

Present: Hazel Sutcliffe, Peter Whiers, Richard Garton, Gail Griggs, Sarah Archibald, Mandie Maddock, Diane Tams, Russell Chadwick

Apologies: Karoline Peach

Peter Whiers welcomed everyone to the AGM, including seven members of the public.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM (17/04/23)

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were approved.

2. CHAIRMANS REPORT - PETER WHIERS

Peter gave his report for the last year. Main points include:

- Cheshire East withdrew funding for all partnerships. Moved to sponsorship model and new ways to generate income.
- Peter thanked our sponsors including the Holmes Chapel Parish Council, Bayfields, Duttons, Hurstwood Holdings and Massey Feeds.
- In early 2023 we created the free map to the Viaduct for Harry Styles fans as extension of our campaign for safe walking routes. Has gone from 100 copies to 1700.
- SpeedWatch was paused in 2023 but will restart imminently following new training.
- The newsletter continues to thrive thanks to Hazel as Editor and The Print Room.
- We increased awareness of the problem of HGVs using Macclesfield Road.
- Gail worked with the Villages Mag to launch the Safe Space scheme with local businesses.
- HCP volunteers helped the Parish Council to organise the Coronation Big Lunch and Summer Celebration events.
- Christmas Market was third one with a road closure, but first in 11 years with bad weather.
- Sleigh Runs were coordinated throughout December to raise money for local groups and charities, with thanks to Richard and Will Burnham for helping this to run smoothly.
- New for 2024: Harries continue to visit the village but concerns over safety of route due to condition of paths. New guided tours in process to encourage people not to use A535 and help visitors who don't know area or country code. Lots of press coverage following announcement that we are in need of Guides! Working with Graham at the ticket office on a new mural of Harry Styles to be located at train station.

3. TREASURERS REPORT - RICHARD GARTON

Richard gave the Treasurers report and accounts were accepted:

- Main costs include basic admin, website, MailChimp, insurance, newsletter printing.
- Income from sponsors, plus extra from Parish Council for Xmas market makes up for loss of CE funds.
- Sponsorship income is split between the Xmas market and general admin costs.
- Xmas Market broke even with all costs covered by sponsors, HCPC and contributions from local businesses.
- Sleigh runs break even as all monies are distributed to groups. Rebuild costs were split across three years. Currently in profit as one group is still owed money due to issues with their bank account.

4. ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

As there has only been one nomination for each post there was no requirement for a vote. Posts continue as follows:

- Chair: Peter Whiers
- Vice-chair: Hazel Sutcliffe
- Treasurer: Richard Garton

5. ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

Gail Griggs, Marie Bennett, Karoline Peach, Sarah Archibald, Mandie Maddock

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Holmes Chapel Parish Council accepted as member organisation.

7. FUTURE PLANS - PETER WHIERS

Peter gave an overview of the Partnerships plans for the next year, including:

- Recruitment: Need to attract new members to the committee and volunteers for events.

- Income: Need to generate new income streams to fund local projects. Any profit from the Guided tours will go back into improvements for the village.
- Continuing projects: Walk to School Week (May), monthly newsletter, Safe Spaces, Christmas Market (1st December), Sleigh Runs.

8. Q&A / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- No questions raised.
- Short discussion over safer walking routes including on A535, Manor Lane, Dane Valley Way, Reclaim the Pavements.

Peter thanked all who attended and closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Date for next meeting is on 20th May in the Massey Room at St. Lukes church hall.