



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 19th June 2023

7.30pm - Massey Room, St. Luke's Church Hall

Present: Peter Whiers, Hazel Sutcliffe, Richard Garton, Gail Griggs, Diane Tams, Rab Parry

Apologies: Karoline Peach, Sarah Archibald, Rich Wilcock

ACCOUNTS - RICHARD

- Annette, who is independently reviewing HCP accounts has spoken to Richard about discrepancies which have been explained and resolved.
- Paperwork is ready to collect. Suggested flowers as a thank you to Annette.
- Richard shared a summary of the accounts.

CHARITY STATUS - PETER

- Peter and Richard have met to go through the online applications. Document is now ready to complete, check, attached documents and submit. Should take 2-3 weeks for response.
- Peter, Richard and Hazel will be the charity trustees.
- Rab pointed out that we need to create guidelines for members on being part of a charity organisation.

PARTNERSHIP FUNDING - PETER

- Peter has had reply to funding application for BlueDot Grant saying successful applicants will receive a proportion of the funds, rather than full funding for specific projects.
- Peter has drafted information for the idea of 'Patron Sponsorship' following Neil Bishop's offer of corporate funding from Bayfields. An initial list of companies to approach was shared.
- Now plan to approach other local PCs such as Brereton, Cranage and Twemlow as HCP projects (such as sleigh runs) benefit all these areas.

SUMMER CELEBRATION - DIANE / GAIL

- Three days of local events 7-9 July including Friday road closure, Saturday HC Chorus concert and Sunday Vic Club fair.
- Jazz band and Dane Sound booked for Friday night plus hoping for some buskers from HCCS. Extra outlets from U7 and Vicarage attending. St. Lukes also offering tours of the belfry for small charge.
- Banners going up in village on 23rd June. Poster going in HCP July newsletter.

VILLAGE FAIR - HAZEL

- HCP will have stand at Vic Club fair on 9th July. Hazel, Gail & Richard to attend.
- Conversation starter quiz will be to guess the year of photos of HC through the ages. Hazel showed examples of the photos.

XMAS MARKET - PETER / GAIL

- Getting stall enquires all year as such an established and well attended event.
- Following feedback from the stall holder survey, stall prices will be raised this year to £50, £30 for Charity/Non Profit and £100 for the Food & Drink zone.
- Early bird stall applications will open in August for previous stallholders, September 1st for all others.
- Will apply to the Big Lottery for funds to cover the road closure.
- Contributions from small businesses to support the market and be on the map will go up to £30.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE

- Diane has been monitoring and photographing HGVs from Costa to send to Sue at HCPC.
- PC Lawrence Price came to HCPC meeting and confirmed police had monitored the road with no offenders in that time. Many large vehicles are actually still within weight limits.
- Signs on Knutsford Road obscured by foliage has been reported to CE.
- Diane and Chris Jackson met with new ward councillor Russel Chadwick to go through list of HCPC initiatives.
- Have applied to extend the conservation area to include parts of Macclesfield Road including Sam Dales, Don Alberto and green space at roundabouts. Consultation will be sent shortly.
- Youth Council are looking at designs and location of a youth shelter.

SAFE SPACES - GAIL

- New logo design approved and can now roll out the scheme to businesses.
- Holmes, Gifts & Interiors are on board as well as the Community Centre with others to follow.
- Will work with Karoline to write and distribute a press release with quote from Holmes, Gifts & Interiors.

SPEEDWATCH - HAZEL / PETER

- SpeedWatch teams have been out on Macclesfield Road. Number of vehicles caught speeding are going down, showing that being there helps.
- All data currently being sent to PC Lawrence Price until replacement for PCSO Amy Heath starts.
- Need to look again at a crossing on Macclesfield Road, but will wait until the Anwyl Estate has been fully occupied and then work with the Hermitage School and parents.
- HCPC have raised traffic issues with Cllr Russell Chadwick.
- Speed warning sign by Don Alberto needs replaced. Peter to contact Karoline for printing details.

AOB - ALL

- July newsletter will be distributed on 1st July.

Date for next meeting is on 24th July, Massey Room, St. Luke's Church Hall

Common acronyms:

HCP = Holmes Chapel Partnership

HCCS = Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School

HCPC = Holmes Chapel Parish Council

HCCC = Holmes Chapel Community Centre