



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 20th January 2025

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

Present: Peter Whiers, Hazel Sutcliffe, Richard Garton, Gail Griggs, David Savage, Rachel Nixon, Mandie Maddock, Diane Tams, Gill Bradfield

Apologies: Russell Chadwick, Rab Parry, Rich Wilcock, Martin Elliot, Karoline Peach, Jill Booth

NOVEMBER MINUTES - PETER / ALL

- All updates included below.

HC FUN RUN - GILL BRADFIELD

- Gill would like to organise a one-off Community fun run in the Dane Meadow to help with Kenya trip fundraising and raise awareness of the area in general to get more residents using it.
- Have to travel elsewhere to do a ParkRun type event, why not hold a family friendly event in HC?
- Aimed at children to walk or run a 2km loop around the Dane Meadow, starting at the Daresbury entrance which also has disabled access.
- Local groups such as Scouts, Guides, Cricket team could take part and fundraise through sponsorship or selling drinks etc.
- Needs volunteers to steward the route. Hazel will put a call out in the HCP February newsletter.
- Gail to speak to Katy at the Villages Mag about publicising event.
- Discussed and decided date of Sunday 11th May with a staggered start beginning at 9.30am.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - PETER / GAIL

- £327 final profit figure for event. Diane will feedback figures to HCPC Amenities Committee.
- Event went well with no major issues. Will be held on Sunday 7th December this year.

SANTA SLEIGH - RICHARD / PETER

- £5127 raised from Sleigh collections with all remaining rebuild costs taken out. Costs of about £200 from 2024 going into 2025 accounts.
- Costs include a replacement speaker that fell off sleigh. Punctured tyre was replaced free of charge by Hopley Tyres and lost buckets will be replaced by SibelCo.
- Goostrey takings were significantly higher than previous years. Will look at adding more areas of Goostrey to the route, plus a visit to the Primary School.
- Each group will receive £275 per night they helped with sleigh. Cheques to be presented on Saturday 25th January with a press release to be sent with an official photo following this.

TRAIN STATION ARTWORK - HAZEL

- Artwork is being installed on 27th February. Will try to cover up the Harry Styles board outside the ticket office before the official opening on Saturday 1st March.
- Hazel has a list of about 20 attendees to invite to the opening. Graham would like to invite Harry Style's mum.
- A planter needs to be moved from in front of ticket office to allow access for installation.

HARRYS HOME VILLAGE TOUR (HHVT) - PETER

- Need to have meeting with landowners to discuss future Tours in 2025. Peter to send email inviting them to a meeting in February.
- Would like to announce dates at station artwork launch as press likely to be interested.
- Potentially start Tours with two dates in April - Saturdays 12th and 19th.
- Richard highlighted that we need to decide if we need to renew the payroll system for employing the Tour Guides by 5th April.
- £1 maps will need to be reprinted with new sponsors and to take price off as discrepancies between Dale's and the Station on charging. Dale's is happy to continue sponsoring.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY SIGN FOR CHURCH - PETER

- Have received a message from local resident Peter O'Brien who is concerned about the number of pedestrian visitors to Holmes Chapel who use the road round the front of the church instead of the path behind to get across the village.
- All visitors on a Guided Tour are pointed to the safe route round the church at the end of a Tour.
- Church will not allow signage on their wall or railings.

- HCPC advise that as a conservation area there are rules about what signage can be erected in the area.
- Diane will add this concern to the next Highways meeting in April. The 20mph limit they are requesting through The Square would help with this issue and help highlight the need.

FINANCE - RICHARD / DAVID

- Accounts are looking healthy and in similar position to last year.
- Patron sponsorship and a good sleigh year has helped fill the funding gap where CE used to contribute.
- HCP will organise the stalls for the Vic Club Fair in July which should bring in around £1000.
- Treasurer role has now been passed from Richard to David.

HOLMES CHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE

- Golden phone box official opening was held in January. Celebrates the medal wins by Tom and Emily Ford in the Paris 2024 Olympics. Well attended and received by Ford family.
- Reclaim the pavements project continues with letters been issued to residents to cut back hedges. Tina and Sue will check this has been done.
- Meeting with HCP in place for late January to provide updates and communication.
- SIDS: HCPC met with Hazel and Roy to discuss how speeding is reporting through village. Previous report only included vehicles going 35mph or above, even though in 30mph zone. Police will only prosecute vehicles going over 35mph but over 30mph should still be recorded and reported.
- HCPC has asked for information from CE under the Freedom of Information Act concerning the costs of putting in pay machines and signage in the two CE car parks in HC (London Road and Parkway), and how much income they receive.

AOB - ALL

- Newsletter will be distributed on 1st February.
- Do we need a list of the available defibrillators in the village?
- Safe Spaces needs a relaunch due to change in businesses in village and to raise awareness.
- John Clowes has asked if we can help to update the HC photo archive website.

Date for next meeting is 17th February, 7pm in the Massey Room.

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