



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 29th August 2023

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

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

Apologies: Karoline Peach, Sarah Archibald, Linda Lewin, Rich Wilcock, Helen Ratcliffe

ACCOUNTS - RICHARD / PETER

- Peter to write to HCPC with details of audited accounts and patron sponsorship of HCP / Christmas Market.
- Charity form has been submitted. Awaiting response.

SPEEDWATCH - HAZEL / PETER

- No updates received on why SpeedWatch was suspended or any details on restarting. Will review situation next month.

SAFE SPACES - GAIL

- Phil Davies Butchers and Miola now added to scheme with 9 locations now in total.
- Peter / Hazel to ask at Morrisons / Pharmacy in the precinct to ask about joining.
- Gail to contact all HC schools in September to provide an update with new locations.
- Sam Dales have provided a real life example to be shared in the September newsletter.

HARRY STYLES WALK - PETER

- Peter and Tina to meet with CE following letter of complaint via CE of damage to viaduct caused by visitors signing names on brickwork.
- HCP and HCPC happy to support visitors as good for local businesses.
- Option to put up other boards for visitors to write on?
- The Print Room can no longer support the costs of map printing due to high volumes now needed. Need to find a way forward with other sponsorship.

RECRUITMENT - PETER / GAIL

- Need to add small volunteer jobs on website and Facebook. Gail and Peter to meet to decide content and wording.
- HC Connects volunteering to be deleted from current website list.

PARTNERSHIP FUNDING - PETER

- Peter already visited many local businesses. Sponsorship secured from Hermitage Estate, Top Secret Furniture, Sibelco, Joe White
- Gail to meet with Laura Wilson re: stage sponsorship

XMAS MARKET - PETER / GAIL

- Previous stallholders were invited to apply for a stall in mid August. 27 applications received already.
- General applications open in 1st September to coincide with September newsletter.
- Email confirmations to early applicants will be sent in early September.
- Cerys Cummins to update artwork as per last years designs.
- Peter to fill in CE form for event permission. Road will be closed until 10pm.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE

- HCPC will discuss future events such as Summer Celebration and D-Day. Agreement likely given success and positive response to 2023 events.
- Have been in contact with CE regarding potential new charges for CE car parks in village, which they oppose. Unlikely to go ahead given cost of installing machines and limited number of spaces.

CHESHIRE EAST UPDATE - RUSSEL

- HS2: Ecology impact is being investigated. Phase 2 will impact Crewe with 7 mile tunnel needing several large airshafts. Project being led by central government but CE can comment.
- Leighton Hospital: Development well under way, including improvements to surrounding roads.
- Tour of Britain: Coming through Cheshire on 4th September.
- Flexibus: 20 buses available throughout CE. Consultation to open up very stringent rules so more users can access service.
- Green bin: Charges of £56 per bin will start in 2024.
- CE are recruiting for new CEO.
- Library opening times are being reviewed following responses from survey.
- Russel will use his CE allowance to improve pedestrian crossings in Holmes Chapel, particularly at the Cottons estate.

AOB - ALL

- September newsletter will be distributed on 1st September.
- HS - Train ticket office closures: Hazel has written to Northern Rail citing concerns over future of waiting room and toilets which are regularly used. Friends of Holmes Chapel station have presented their concerns to HCPC who have also raised concerns with Northern Rail.
- HS - Dane Meadow update: Hazel has met with Sue and Duttons to get a third and final quote for fixing the pond liner in the Dane Meadow.

Date for next meeting is on 18th September, Massey Room, St. Luke's Church Hall

Common acronyms:

HCP = Holmes Chapel Partnership

HCCC = Holmes Chapel Community Centre

HCCS = Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School

HCPC = Holmes Chapel Parish Council