



## Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 13th February 2023

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

**Present:** Hazel Sutcliffe, Peter Whiers, Gail Griggs, Debra Cummins, Sarah Archibald, Diane Tams (zoom), Rich Wilcock, Kate Fallon, Richard Garton (zoom), Linda Lewin

**Apologies:** Karoline Peach

### BRIDGE THE GAP - HAZEL / GAIL

- No update this month.

### NHS UPDATE - KATE

- Wellbeing Bus service has been extended until March. Has visited Holmes Chapel twice this year.
- Ageing Well Roadshow held at Community Centre on 15th December was able to detect 3 people with AF and one with high blood pressure. Discussion held on how to increase footfall by holding alongside other events such as the Village Fair, U3A events etc.

### SPEEDWATCH - HAZEL

- SpeedWatch teams have been out on Macclesfield Road.
- Temporary traffic lights on Macclesfield Road (temporarily!) slowed traffic.
- Hazel met with Mike Roberts from Thatch Close to discuss issues for pedestrians in that location. Hazel suggested he attend HCPC Village Infrastructure meeting.

### SANTA SLEIGH - PETER / RICHARD

- Cheque presentation will take place on Sat 18th Feb at the Sensory Gardens for PR photos. Richard to send reminder email to groups taking part.

### HGVs THROUGH VILLAGE - LINDA

- HGV restrictions have been in place since Feb 2016 but signs are often ignored by HGVs causing blockages on Macclesfield and London Roads which are not wide enough for two HGVs to pass.
- Linda regularly calls offending companies but not much they can do except send warnings to drivers. Diane commented a few drivers have been sacked for ignoring the restrictions.
- Police enforcement days are few and far between (and on Sundays!) and only issue warnings.
- Both Cheshire East and Police have been contacted but neither will accept ownership of issue.
- Diane advises there is a camera on London Road opposite St Lukes to capture number plates.
- Linda to send her logs to HCP who will name and shame in newsletter and on website.
- HCP will also issue press release, along with comment from HCPC to increase awareness.

### PARTNERSHIP FUNDING - HAZEL/PETER

- Document requesting funding has been put together to send to HCPC ahead of meeting on 23rd February. Hazel to attend to answer questions.
- CE funding pots not applicable to HCP due to unpredictability of whether bids will win. Lots of work to put bids together that may not even be successful.
- Middlewich Vision have been in contact with details of a £25k funding grant from Ma6nitude.
- Neil from HC Scout Group has offered HCP corporate financial sponsorship
- Linda informed us that Howdens on Manor Lane had a community fund.

### VCP - HAZEL / DEBRA

- Q3 form submitted to CE. No feedback.
- Volunteers and requests have started coming though again. Working with Steph (HC Social Prescriber) to match volunteers with those who need help.
- Meals on Wheels no longer delivering to HC. Need to recruit a volunteer driver to pick up daily meals from Knutsford and deliver to residents. Need to clarify if expenses will be covered. HCP will advertise in March newsletter.

### PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - RICH/DIANE

- **Summer Celebration:** Weekend event starting with road closure through high street on Friday evening (6-11pm), with local food businesses involved - maybe with outdoor seating through The Square, Dane Sound, buskers and street entertainment. Open Day event at Community Centre on Saturday and Summer fair at the Vic Club on Sunday. Proposed date: 7, 8, 9 July. Need to check no crossover of Village Fair as the established event.

- **Coronation:** Awaiting update from churches over format of Sunday Big Lunch event, either outdoors round St Lukes or at the Comprehensive school. HCP to do something for the Volunteering Day on the Bank Holiday Monday, possibly at the Dane Meadow.
- **Road improvements:** Legal change of use for Bloor S106 funds is still in progress. Meeting with Brereton Council to agree how to spend it, focusing on pedestrians crossing the A50/A54 junction.
- **General:** Equipment at Middlewich Road playground has been fixed by CE. Trying to get CE to pass Jubilee Walk maintenance to HCPC so they can fix flooding issues. Holmes Chapel PSCO and PC are both leaving in next few weeks with replacements: PCSO Amy Heath and PC Lawrence Price.

### **SAFE SPACES - GAIL**

- Congleton and Sandbach have both implemented a 'Safe Space' scheme where certain locations in the towns will act as somewhere young or vulnerable people can wait safely. Katy at Villages Mag can help with a logo for HC. Could be good project to work together with HCCS / Mr. Bielby.

### **WEBSITE - GAIL**

- Website has had a good spring clean. Needs new photos. HCP will host a photo competition for local residents to submit their photos of HC. Details will go in March newsletter. Need prizes and judges.
- New safe walking routes map to be created for Harry Styles points of interest due to reports of people using the busy and unsafe A535 to access the viaduct.
- Survey to go on website for stall holders from 2022 Xmas market for feedback to help organise 2023 event.

**Date for next meeting is 20th March in the Massey Room at St. Lukes Church Hall**