

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting  
held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019  
7.00p.m. in the Bradshaw Room at the Methodist Church

**Present:** Stuart Gammon, Mike Blomeley, Dorothy Davidson, Phil Hargreaves, Hazel Sutcliffe, Pat Macmaster and Peter Whiers

**Apologies received:** Les Gilbert, Teresa McFarquhar and Alison Wright

**Stuart welcomed everyone to the meeting where we were joined by Sophie Tothill and Margaret Ranger**

**1. The Great Get Together**

Sophie Tothill outlined her vision of a new community project to try to bring parents and their young children together with isolated people in the area.

- Firstly, they will rename the group.
- Mike suggested she put in a request for funds to the Parish Council for their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April.
- The Partnership will put in £200 to cover initial expenses.
- Stuart pointed Sophie in the direction of Julie Walker of Connected Communities who may be able to find some space.
- Peter also referred to the group regarding funding in his monthly report. There will be a further meeting of the new group on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

**2. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January and they were agreed.

**3. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence

- It was noted that the Bramhall Drive application had been withdrawn. Mike will check with the Parish Council on that piece of ground and the viability of making it a “designated green space”.

**4. Brief Project and Partner Updates**

• **Events**

• **Dog Show:**

Will the Village Fair take back the ownership of the Dog Show? If not, should we arrange one?

• **Christmas Market:**

Hazel to ring the Clerk to the Council at Sandbach Town Hall to confirm that we NEED 20 Stalls on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December.

• **Pedestrian Safety**

There was no progress from Parish Council. Paul Hurdis should be sending update.

• **Dementia Friendly Village**

On 13<sup>th</sup> March, Dorothy and Alison will attend meeting at Congleton Town Hall

- **Connected Communities**

Stuart will attend a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March

- **Sensory Garden**

There is a meeting of the Parish Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March to which John Clowes will be taking the proposed wording of the plaque for approval.

Alex Davidson and Will Burnham have it in hand to build a Wishing Well for the proposed opening on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

- **Future Projects**

Please see Peter's report which he has already circulated.

- Peter will visit the new clerk when she has had time to settle into the job. The price on a youth shelter is upwards of £6,000. There was a discussion on where such a shelter should be sited and Peter will now bring photographs of such to the next meeting.
- There was a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February of the new Youth Council where elections of officers took place.

- **Partners**

- **HCCS**

Phil and Theo did not attend, and there was no report

- **Parish Council**

- Youth Council – already discussed
- On 8<sup>th</sup> March there will be a presentation to Cheshire East about pedestrian and traffic concerns of the village to which Fiona Bruce will attend.
- The meeting about traffic on Sandiford Road was inconclusive and new data will be collected
- There is an issue about the parking at the Community Centre
- The Parish Council met with the Health Centre and Lloyds regarding concerns about medication being available to the residents
- New Homes Bonus. There is a £2,000,000 budget. Our bids do not look promising at present.

- **Cheshire East Council**

In his absence Les sent his report.

- As he was not present at the Budget Council meeting he cannot report on the findings.
- Following a recent survey by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), libraries in Cheshire East have outperformed many others to become the top unitary authority for the number of library books loaned per 1,000 of the population (4,876). This ranks us as number 1 in the North West and fifth in the whole of the UK.
- There is a significant shortfall in the number of school places required in Holmes Chapel, particularly at the Comprehensive which is about 100 places short and this number is forecast to rise. The problem is recognized and is being addressed as a priority. An increase in pupil numbers could have implications such as traffic.

- **Everybody**

No report

## 5. Finance

Phil has already sent out his report.

- He added that he is unable to attend the March meeting but we should be thinking of the budget and the next grant of £8,000.
- There is circa £10,500 in the account which has so far not been allocated. We would like to use up to 75% of this towards project funding in the next financial year.

## 6. **AGM – 24<sup>th</sup> April**

- Dorothy will put up a notice on the Village Notice Board
- Peter will make up nominee forms
- All honorary officer posts are up for re-election for a 2 year tenure
  - Stuart will be standing down as Chairman
  - Phil would like to stand down as Treasurer

## 7. Any Other Business

- Hazel will distribute the Newsletter in March.
- Stuart advised that the new deadline for entries to the newsletter will be 23rd of the month. He has concerns over the current editor and has offered to take on the role if Laura is now unable to commit the time to it.
- Stuart also will approach Everybody and the School to ask if they still want to be part of the Partnership and if so what in form.
- **Village Fair:** There is now a provisional date of 7th July, to be confirmed by Alison Dale
- **Website**

Stuart said the Website needed updating and we should look at getting 3 local quotes for an updated design; he will approach South Cheshire Print, whilst Peter looks for other suppliers.

**The meeting closed at 9.10**

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## Future Meetings

Will be held at the Methodist Church at 7.00pm

27<sup>th</sup> March

24<sup>th</sup> April (AGM)

22<sup>nd</sup> May

26<sup>th</sup> June

24<sup>th</sup> July

28<sup>th</sup> August

25<sup>th</sup> September

23<sup>rd</sup> October

27<sup>th</sup> November

9<sup>th</sup> December

## Appendix: Finance Report

The financial position from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> February is shown below:

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Admin</b>	£1200		£653	£547	4
<b>Project Officer</b>	£3000		£2000	£1000	
<b>Newsletters</b>	£500		£428	£72	
<b>HC Guide</b>	£500		£420	£80	
<b>Sensory Garden</b>	£4939	£60	£4999	£0	1
<b>Dementia Project</b>	£500		£15	£485	
<b>Christmas Market</b>	£1115	£925	£1115	£925	2
<b>Christmas Sleigh</b>	£416	£4797	£5146	£67	3
<b>Skatepark Bench</b>	£660		£660	£0	
<b>Celebrating HC</b>	£300		£43	£257	

**To be allocated      £10,572**

Notes:

1. Sensory Garden funded from H&W plus Dane/Elm Drive funds from previous years, less £500 moved to new Dementia budget (July 2018).
2. Christmas Market 2017 – we owe £200 to the PC for the electrician. Seems to have been forgotten! We paid £300 for the 2018 market.
3. Sleigh budget increased to match outturn. Expenditure includes 5 charities not yet distributed plus cost of replacement speaker.
4. Admin budget was set similar to last year when we bought several items of equipment, so will be underspent this year.