

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 26th February 2020

7.00p.m. in the Bradshaw Room at the Methodist Church

1. **Present:** Hazel Sutcliffe, Sarah Archibald, Anita Armit, Michelle Boath, Dorothy Davidson, Richard Garton, Les Gilbert, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa McFarquhar, Pat Macmaster and Peter Whiers

Apologies received: Nil

2. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

- Sarah has now submitted her entry about Bridge the Gap to Peter but not yet on Website
- The Sleigh cheques presentation is on 29th February at 10.00am at the Sensory Garden
- Christmas Market 2020 – **6th December 2020** – Hazel is still awaiting a reply from Bob Nightingale re the stalls
- Hazel is meeting up with the 'cycling' lady on Sunday.

3. Project Officer – Job Description

An amendment was made to the re-drafting of the Project Officer's roles and responsibilities: "lead on drafting grant applications". The document will be re-issued.

4. Dementia Friendly Village

Dorothy and Peter have applied for a Grant from 'The Carers Hub' for the **Tea Dance** which will be held at the Community Centre on the 4th Friday of the month. Having reached the 2nd stage they presented their proposals and now await a decision on 25th March.

SWAY in Partnership with the Comprehensive School, there will be a meeting with 1 couple on 5th March. It was suggested that a telephone call be made to Phil Roberts beforehand to confirm.

Dementia Week : 11th to 17th May - Dorothy to meet with Alison to arrange something with the Comprehensive School. There have been recent reports in the press about large payments made to staff of the Alzheimers Society rather than being used for research and support.

5. Project Officer

Peter has already sent out his report. Peter and Hazel met with John Clowes and Mike Blomeley of the PC to discuss the Youth Shelter project. The outcome was very positive with John offering to draw up some plans for seating next to the Library.

Allotments – 3 Landowners have been contacted with a view to obtaining a suitable site.

Les will look at the Land Registry to see where Cheshire East own land around the village.

Sleigh - The accounts have been audited.

6. Christmas Market

Sponsorship – Katie O'Regan will support the Market and will give 'Benefit in Kind' ie advertising and creating new banners on which we could insert company logos. Hazel and Peter will proceed with visiting shops/businesses who benefit from the market and will have an article ready for the Village Mag. for the 3rd March deadline. It is hopeful that we shall be able to have a Brass Band this year.

7. Tree Planting

Despite some initial confusion in arrangements a gang of Community Payback people finally arrived at the Dane Meadow on 25th Feb to clear the site and hopefully the work will be completed W/C 2nd March. The trees are being delivered to Hazel and she will transport them to the Dane Meadow ready for planting on Saturday 21st March at 10.00am. The Knutsford Guardian ran an article recently and we are hopeful that a lot of volunteers will come along to help with the planting. Sainsburys will also send someone.

8. Updates from Committee Members

Phil- Finance. Phil has already sent out his report and there was nothing to add. All Sleigh payments have been made. There is a meeting on 10th March at 2.00pm to change our banking from NatWest to Barclays.

Michelle – Parish Council

- ◆ 4 new trees will be planted to replace those felled at the Community Centre
- ◆ London Road bus shelters are refurbished and have lights
- ◆ The Red Lion have donated a bench
- ◆ The Phone Box on Chester Road will be re-painted

- ◆ The Parish Council will make cakes for VE Day
- ◆ There will be a consultation on the Common Green Space on Bramhall Drive.

Les – Cheshire East. The new Chief Executive is Lorraine O'Donnell and the New Mayor, Sarah Pochin. At the February meeting the new Budget has been set.

Sarah – Bridge the Gap The coffee morning on 22nd February was successful and many pompoms were made for VE Day. There will be another session on 4th April. There was a discussion on the suggestion of a new toddlers group to run before the Communicare Coffee Morning at St. Luke's Church Hall each Thursday morning.

5 Towns Forum – Hazel attended the meeting on 18th February where Dan Coyle explained that Cheshire East is now only commissioning not giving grants so the funding system for the Partnerships is changing. There will be a new formula based on volunteering hours to justify monies for 2021 onwards. An awareness of hours spent on Partnership business from now on would be good preparation for this change.

9. 5 Towns Trail

The launch is on Thursday 9th April at Astbury Mere Country Park at 11.00am. There are 10 places for each town. As it is at the same time as the U3A AGM the place will now be taken by the Parish Council and the Partnership. We are then invited to walk 2 miles to Congleton Park for light refreshments.

10. Any Other Business –

VE Day – Headed by the Parish Council

Dorothy will attend the Events meeting on 2nd March and will report back.

The outline, so far, of the arrangements for the weekend Friday, 8th May to Sunday 10th May are:-

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| Friday am - | Musical Concert – Down Memory Lane at the Methodist Church |
| | History Group - at St. Luke's Church |
| | Drive to Byley |
| Friday 3.00 and 7.00 | National Service by the British Legion |
| Friday pm | Organizations in Gazebo's in the Co-op Car Park with a European Country Theme |
| Sunday | United Church Service at the Leisure Centre. |

Dorothy has had an invitation from Phil Roberts for Partnership to attend a talk on the Holocaust at the Comprehensive School on Thursday, 12th March at 11.30am Dorothy will reply on our behalf.

Facebook. Teresa will take on the updating of Facebook from Peter

Newsletters Dorothy will deliver this month

March Meeting Please note change of date **18th March**

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Future Meetings will be held at the Methodist Church at 7.00pm (unless otherwise noted)

18th March
 22nd April
 27th May
 24th June
 22nd July
 26th August
 23rd September
 28th October
 25th November

