

# Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

## 7.30 by Zoom

1. **Present:** Hazel Sutcliffe, Anita Armit, Dorothy Davidson, Richard Garton, Pat Macmaster, Teresa McFarquhar, and Peter Whiers  
**Apologies:** Rab Parry

Hazel welcomed Liz Alcock to the meeting.

It is, with sadness, that Michelle Boath has resigned due to ill health.

Les Gilbert has resigned from the Partnership because he objected to a reference made in the Community Newsletter. We therefore need to have a new representative from Cheshire East.

## 2. Christmas Virtual Market and Finance Background

Peter reported that, to date, he has had 77 applications to join our Virtual Market. The site will go live on 1<sup>st</sup> November but he will take entries up to 14<sup>th</sup> November.

- ◆ He has added 'to be within 20 miles' **or have been stallholders at our Christmas Market** to the Terms and Conditions
- ◆ There is a good mix of entries – even one for Drum lessons
- ◆ Applicants are changing their profiles daily to include photographs
- ◆ He will advise applicants to include some prices to attract buyers
- ◆ He has been in contact with Sam Dale and Morreys who will hopefully apply this week
- ◆ Hazel will get in touch with Graham Ashmore at Chetham's
- ◆ Peter will email Alison Wright's message regarding Co-op sponsorship
- ◆ Anita will post an article on Facebook and we will arrange for someone to add it to Holmes Chapel Concerns.
- ◆ Marie Bennett has designed a poster. Initially we will have 10 copies to go on various noticeboards.
- ◆ Hazel has got an A2 version for our board adjacent to the Library.
- ◆ Marie has also printed 2 Banners, with sponsor names – they will be circulated on railings etc around the village – eg at the Precinct, George and Dragon, Traffic Lights on London Road. Hazel will speak to David Peake. Alex still has Hazel's posts so will use them and he will also speak to Reeds Rains.
- ◆ Advertising - Hazel will contact the Sandbach Chronicle and Peter will speak to John Williams

Please take a look at the site and send reviewing links to Peter.

Finance Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our bid for a grant to run the market. (all the groups who were successful mentioned Mental Health in their application).

However, Hazel has written to local establishments to ask for sponsorship. The Parish Council has donated £1000 and Sibelco £250. There has been no reply from Masseys or Bloor Homes and Barclays Bank declined. Peter will let the Stallholders know that we have had this support and he will ask them to provide feedback after Christmas.

## 3. Finance Richard had already sent out his report.

There had only been 1 expense - £75.00 for the advert in the Village Mag. (There, of course, will be another one next month). There will also be the payment for the Partnership Wreath for 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Richard has been in touch with the Insurance Company. The policy will be paid next week after assurance that we are keeping to Covid Government Guidelines.

## 4. Santa's Sleigh

As previously discussed we will not be collecting this year but we will point out our JustGiving site. It is anticipated that we could combine routes but we need to know exactly which groups are definitely able to participate this year. When we have this information, Peter and Richard will put a plan together and have it ready for advertising in next month's Village Mag., Partnership Newsletter, Facebook, Primary Schools etc. The Tracker will be activated nightly.

## **5. Safe Walking and Cycling to Schools – Active Travel**

Peter has now attached the responses to the page of the website – minus names.

Hazel is dealing with a letter which came from a resident on the Cottons Estate regarding drivers ignoring the pedestrian lights on Middlewich Road. There is to be another traffic survey on Middlewich Road.

Liz will contact Linda Lewin regarding Macclesfield Road HGV traffic.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Anita will source some relevant signs having looked at the 'Living Streets' ideas which Peter will pass to her. We will start with 10 signs but will increase when the need arises.

Liz will be in contact with Hazel about an article for this week's Newsletter inviting volunteers to give some time to "Speed Watch on Macclesfield Road".

## **6. Allotments**

Peter had an email on 22<sup>nd</sup> October from Julie Mason of Cranage Parish Council. Despite being initially positive about the project, after the Cranage Parish Council meeting she informed him that the piece of ground in question belonged to Ray Brown who did not want any allotments there. Peter will speak with Ray Brown after Christmas.

## **7. Updates from Committee Members**

Hazel – Connected Communities - Hazel attended the recent meeting via Zoom and subsequently spoke with Dan Shelton of CE Social Action Partnership who will contact the Health Centre about liaison. It was also suggested that the organization might offer assistance with Communicare. Hazel has directed him to Dennis Eborall.

Dorothy – Comprehensive Community Group – Dorothy reported on the recent meeting, held by Zoom. The new head, Nigel Bielby, attended and he spoke of his desire to build up a tradition of the school's community involvement. Discussion also covered the school Art Exhibition being taken to the wider community. Following the meeting, Dorothy had spoken to Hazel regarding offering the Comprehensive School a "Spotlight on" feature in our December Newsletter. Dorothy emailed the School Community Committee with this offer and suggestions of what could be included, and despite receiving a positive response to the email from Christine Burgess, Chair of Governors, she has not heard from any other member of the Committee.

## **8. AOB**

Hazel had a request from a resident on West Way suggesting that bulbs could be planted on the little island on West Way. After discussion with the Parish Council, this has been done. During conversation, Shanti Bharwa explained his work with the Turing Trust, an organization that re-purposes old computers, laptops etc for use by disadvantaged children in Africa and elsewhere. As a result there is an article in the Newsletter. Anita will share this on Facebook. Teresa also suggested that Cheshire East were updating their machines at Tatton and there may be equipment there which could be donated.

Date of next meeting:- Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm on Zoom