

Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting

held on Wednesday, 29th January 2020

6.30.m. in the Middlewich Hall at the Methodist Church

1. **Present:** Hazel Sutcliffe, Karley Brougham, Dorothy Davidson, Richard Garton, Phil Hargreaves, Teresa McFarquhar, Pat Macmaster and Peter Whiers

Apologies received: Anita Armitt, Michelle Boath and Les Gilbert

Richard Garton will take over as Treasurer from Phil after the AGM and in the meantime will liaise with Phil.

2. Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

- Sarah has not yet submitted her entry about Bridge the Gap to Peter for the Website
- Alison had sent a bill to Phil for £35.00 for the use of the scout minibus for "Grease" which has been paid out of the BtG budget
- Christmas Market 2020 – 6th December 2020 – Hazel has requested the stalls from Bob Nightingale – he will respond early Feb. Paul Minger has confirmed his availability for the lighting.
- Sleigh Run – Andrew Rebbeck has now been paid for the replacement speaker lost in 2018.
- Hazel has yet to speak with the lady interested in forming a cycling group.
- Judith Nicholls is the contact for the Community Cinema publicity.
- The minutes will be put on our Website after approval at the next Committee meeting.

3. Updates from Committee Members

Phil – Finance – Phil has already sent out his report. The costs for the Christmas Market 2020 can be met from the original budget but thereafter we should look for sponsorship from local businesses to support a particular area on the day eg lighting, stage etc. Peter is happy to contact those businesses.

Peter – Sleigh Run – Peter produced a spreadsheet showing where the monies, collected in December, will be sent. Phil will transfer the amounts to each organization by BACS. There will be a presentation of "cheques" on Saturday 29th February at 10.00a.m. to which organizations will be asked to send a representative. (Phil has a large presentation cheque).

Sibelco may be interested in maintaining the sleigh and housing it for the year.
Some of the donations may be given to The Christie at Macclesfield.

Peter – Towns Partnership – Peter has attended the recent meeting where Dan Coyle said the grants to the Partnership may change from Core Funding to Grant Funding. This will be discussed at their next meeting on 18th February.

Rab – Parish Council

- ◆ VE Day – progress is being made – see later in minutes
- ◆ Roundabout on the junction of the A50/A54 is unlikely to happen. CE Highways now think that the developers contribution of £550,000 will only cover half the costs. Highways are looking at improving the traffic lights and a possible pedestrian crossing on Chester Road.
- ◆ Traffic – Some SIDS have not been collecting data. Money has been spent to resolve this.
- ◆ Bus Shelter – New lights have been installed.
- ◆ New Benches – replacement benches will now be made from recycled material.
- ◆ New Estates – The PC are considering doing a census of the new estates regarding School Places.
- ◆ PCSO – Liz Chesters is going to train to be a Police Officer so we await a new PCSO.

Hazel – Dane Meadow – The trees are being delivered between 28th February and 13th March and the planting has been scheduled for Saturday 21st March at 10.00a.m. Sue Mackay/Sam Green have arranged for 1 or 2 teams of 8 to clear the area on 25th February under the Community Payback scheme.
Details of sponsorship and the labeling of the trees yet to be finalized.

HC Parish Council forwarded a document about an alternative to Best Kept Village Competition. It was thought that we should enter the Dane Meadow in the It's Your Neighbourhood category – we are not sure that tree planting classes as Gardening Achievement but a wild flower meadow has already been planted and DM should score on environmental responsibility and Community participation. It is free to enter. Hazel has contacted Tina to tell her.

Dorothy – Dementia Friendly Village

SWAY Dorothy and Peter have had another meeting at the Comprehensive School with Phil Roberts and 2 teachers who will oversee the SWAY project (a pilot project was carried out at Alsager High School) Two couples have come forward to take part. Another meeting with the school will be arranged for this ongoing project.

Tea Dance – Kerry Shea at the Community Centre is holding another meeting on 11th February to discuss the way forward for this project. Hopefully a dance can be arranged on a once a month basis. The Partnership was planning to put in a bid in for funding via the Carers' Hub. A very successful morning including dancing and singing was held on 29th January at the Memory Café which provided encouragement for the project.

Karley – Bridge the Gap Karley to arrange with Sarah to give Peter information about the group to Peter asap. Anita Armit and Naomi Sumpter have suggested to Bridge the Gap that they could be involved in making red, white and blue pompoms for the VE Day Celebrations in May. The first session is at St. Luke's Hall on Saturday 22nd February and the next on Saturday 4th April. When the building work is finished at the Health Centre the group wishes to have a Wishing Garden when residents will be invited to place a painted stone in someone's memory.

5. Current and Future Projects

Peter gave a presentation about what projects we had achieved and what we could do in the future.

6. Any Other Business – VE Day – Headed by the Parish Council

Dorothy has been to 3 meetings about Holmes Chapel VE Day representing the Methodist Church and the Partnership. The outline, so far, of the arrangements for the weekend Friday, 8th May to Sunday 10th May are:-

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 Gazebos in the Co-op Car Park with a European Country Theme
Sunday	United Church Service at the Leisure Centre

We will have our gazebo there but details have still to be decided.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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

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

