



AMENITIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting on 13 September 2018
at The Academy Suite, Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA



Part I – Public and Press present

Mr Paul Carroll, Practice Manager, Holmes Chapel Medical Centre, attended prior to the meeting to provide the committee with an update on the status at the health centre, and to answer questions. The number of registered patients is increasing slower than the village is expanding – as yet there is not a justification to employ an additional doctor. Volunteers are leaflet dropping the new estates to encourage residents to register at the practice. An extra nurse practitioner and admin staff are however being recruited. The appointment system is being restructured, with a view to making better use of doctors time, and the avoidance of the 8 O'clock rush. This new scheme will be rolled out in January 2019. Alternatives to the current location for the practice have been considered. The practice has decided to stay where they are at present, with improvements planned to the building to increase consulting space. Questions from Councillors were covered during the update and covered topics such as coping with increasing demand, the patient panel and the health centre website. Mt Carroll was thanked for his attendance, and then left the meeting.

1. Attendance	Cllr J Clowes Cllr B Bath Cllr P Cotton Cllr S Ranger Cllr M Street	Mrs S Davies - Clerk to the Council		
2. Apologies	The committee RESOLVED (A18/19/24) to accept apologies from Cllr A Armitt (family) Cllr M Blomeley (holiday), and Cllr D Savage			
3. Declarations of Interest	None			
4. Public Speaking	None.			
5. Minutes	RESOLVED (A18/19/25) to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 12 July 2018			
6. Matters Arising	Signage at the Dane Meadow: The committee noted that the installation of signage (motorbikes and dog fouling) is now complete, and that the hand rail on the viewing platform has been repaired.			
7. Planning Matters	The committee considered the application listed below and RESOLVED (A18/19/26) to comment as follows:			
8. Footpath Link between Persimmon and Seddon Estates.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="405 1765 762 2007"> 18/4235C 3, Thirlmere Close CW4 7LQ </td> <td data-bbox="762 1765 1495 2007"> En-suite extension to existing bedroom No Objection </td> </tr> </table>	18/4235C 3, Thirlmere Close CW4 7LQ	En-suite extension to existing bedroom No Objection	
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9. Holmes Chapel Community Centre	The following updates were noted by the committee:			

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Clerk reported on various operational matters raised at the monthly meeting with the site manager including the need for an asbestos survey and a fire risk assessment in January 2019, the ongoing leaks from the roof and problems arising from these leaks with damp. There has been no further progress with a thermal imaging survey. Work is being done on the various flowering borders around the site. 2) The minutes of the JMLC meeting on 18 July 2018 were received 3) Cllr Bath updated that planning approval for the works to the redesign of the entranceway (application 18/3005C) is still awaited. A meeting is being arranged with Duttons, the contractors for the work and ESAR representatives. 4) Cllr Bath updated on the status of the change to the lease for access to the substation by Sanofi, especially relating to the unacceptability of the inclusion of clause 4(2) relating to indemnity; 5) Cllr Ranger gave a verbal report on a meeting held with Holmes Chapel RUFC and ES&R, relating to pitch options. A request from the rugby club for improved floodlighting and storage facilities at the pitch was noted by the Committee. 6) The skatepark repairs have been made by Canvas Spaces Ltd, to the satisfaction of the committee. An invoice has been received for the retention payment of £1,320.93 + VAT. It was noted that there are drainage problems in the vicinity of the skatepark. 7) No further news relating to the trees along the entranceway. 8) It was noted that the conservatory roof may not need replacing this year therefore the budgeted sum may not be required for this capital expense. <p>RESOLVED (A18/19/28)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. to accept the report II. The Clerk to write to the solicitor with the committee's views on the draft lease. III. To recommend to Full Council to authorise the payment of the retention amount to Canvas. IV. For the Clerk to initiate an investigation of the drainage issues around the Skatepark.
10. Dane Meadow	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Clowes gave a verbal update on the status of the ecological project which is being progressed by Cheshire East, noting that preparatory mowing of the meadow has taken place. The need to monitor the project was noted by the committee. 2. The clerk updated the committee that ANSA are due to schedule the work to repair the drain, with an update expected next week. 3. A meeting to discuss maintenance issue around the Village with ANSA will be arranged for early October. <p>RESOLVED (A18/19/29) to accept the report.</p>
11. Conservation Area Project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The notes of the meeting held on 9 August 2018 were received. 2. The Clerk updated the Committee with progress on the procurement of the information panels and their licence agreements. 3. Cllr Clowes informed the committee of the creation of an initial plan of Church Walk, which will form the starting point for proposed improvements. A meeting with the businesses in the Walk will be arranged after the next meeting of the Conservation Area working group. <p>RESOLVED (A18/19/30) to accept the report and agree the actions therein.</p>
12. Village Tree Survey	<p>The Committee noted the completed tree survey for Holmes Chapel, noting that the plan is to add 10 trees per year, in accordance with the recommended</p>

	<p>locations in the report. RESOLVED (A18/19/31)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To recommend the report for approval at Full Council. II. To request budgetary support for the scheme at Full Council. III. If approved, to publicise the proposals via all media channels.
Cllr Cotton	Cllr Cotton left the meeting at 7.45pm
13. Play Areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A meeting was held with Elaine Webster, Greenspaces, ANSA, attended by the Clerk, Cllr Savage and Cllr Street on 21st August 2018, relating to S106 monies available for the Elm Drive play area. Elaine Webster agreed to produce a plan and costings for the addition of new equipment to the area. 2. The Clerk updated the Committee on the maintenance of the play areas and the circulated ROSPA inspections were discussed. Elm Drive still requires the replacement of the swings. Middlewich Road still requires repairs to the pirate ship and one swing. Cheshire East Council have acknowledged that the assets at both play areas are on their asset register but a letter putting this in writing has still not been received. 3. The ROSPA reports for each play area were noted. 4. Strathmore Close – Cllr Street fed back the responses received from nearby residents, where 86% of residents approached were in favour of play equipment being installed on the space. The residents had stated that they were against removal of any trees, and that their views were subject to approval of a plan for the scheme. <p>RESOLVED (A18/19/32)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To accept the report II. To produce a plan for a play area on Strathmore Close, this will then be taken for public consultation.
14. Project List	The list of projects was debated by the Committee, with no changes being made at this time.
15. Reports from Outside Bodies	<p>The committee heard the following reports from the representatives of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected Communities: The next meeting on 18 September 2018 will be attended by Cllrs S and M Ranger. • Sandbach Alms-houses: Cllr Cotton attended the annual summer afternoon tea on 22 August 2018 together with the local Mayor and a large number of Trustees, the occasion being enjoyed by all. The next meeting of the Almshouses Trustees is on 10 October 2018. • Holmes Chapel Partnership: Cllr Blomeley had provided the Clerk provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jill Cope bench at the skatepark: The paint has changed colour from its original “lilac” shade to a sky blue. Sam Dales / Paint Manufacturer have so far denied any responsibility, but it seems as though proper account of the requirements for painting galvanised metal have not been followed. The matter is being progressed. ○ Santa’s sleigh arrangements are well in hand under the leadership of Peter Whiers. More volunteers will be needed to cover the enlarged village. ○ Sensory Garden: construction work had been delayed until early September due to a lack of capacity by the Contractor (Duttons) but was now underway. ○ The Dane Meadow working party was active recently and carried out clearance and tidy-up works around the bird hide. Cllr Savage has not made contact yet with Hazel Sutcliffe, following comments made at

	<p>the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arrangements for Celebrating Holmes Chapel on September 16th are well underway. More volunteer help on the day would be greatly welcomed. Contact Dorothy Davidson. ○ Dementia Friends / Sensory Café are progressing well. The Café is particularly well attended. ○ The Partnership Newsletter Editor has advised his intention to resign the post in October. A new editor is to be sought. Anyone interested in taking this role on should contact Stuart Gammon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Education Services: It was noted that Education features in the recent SADPD reports, and that Cllr Bath has been tasked by the SPTG to produce an Education Services report, further to the school numbers being supplied. Cllr Street alerted the committee to the problem with provision of taxis for pupils. ● Health and Social Services: Tony Firth has now resigned as Chair of the Patient Panel and John Wilson has taken on the role. A new member, Patricia Gordon, has taken on the role of Secretary with immediate effect. Flu Clinics this year are on the 13 October and 10 November 2018. <p>RESOLVED (A18/19/33) to accept the report and actions.</p>
16. Public Speaking	None
17. Chairman and Clerks reports	The clerk reported on an invitation received to Nantwich Civic Service. Cllr Street highlighted concerns passed to him by residents about the failing service from Lloyds pharmacy in the village centre.
18. Future Agenda Items	Dane Meadow – Path renovation where flooding occurs October 2018. School Places Report – to be prepared by SPTG.
Part II	That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted
1. Dentist	The Committee were updated on Holmes Chapel NHS Dentist Provision.
The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.	

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next Committee meeting scheduled for 18 October 2018

Signed as Chairman of the Committee as a true and accurate record:

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