



AMENITIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting on 25 January 2018
at The Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA



Part I – Public and Press present

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| 1. Attendance | Cllr J Clowes Cllr A Armitt Cllr B Bath Cllr M Blomeley Cllr S Ranger Cllr D Savage Cllr M Street | Mrs S Davies - Clerk to the Council | | | | |
| 2. Apologies | None | | | | | |
| 3. Declarations of Interest | None | | | | | |
| 4. Public Speaking | None | | | | | |
| 5. Minutes | RESOLVED (A17/18/40) to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 30 November 2017. | | | | | |
| 6. Matters Arising | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elm Drive Amenity and Play Area – A site meeting will be arranged in drier weather. More information will be requested regarding the availability of S106 money for the area, and a meeting will be arranged with the Cheshire East department Greenspace. 2. Youth Report and follow up by the partnership – see partnership report. | | | | | |
| 7. Planning Applications | The Committee considered the application listed below and RESOLVED (A17/18/41) to comment as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="421 1294 1461 1568" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td data-bbox="421 1294 724 1400">18/0151C Land off Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel</td> <td data-bbox="724 1294 1461 1400">Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of the dwelling (Amendment to approved application 15/1248C).</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="724 1429 1461 1534" style="text-align: center;">No Objection, with comment: Ensure protection for the tree on the front boundary.</td> </tr> </table> | | 18/0151C Land off Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel | Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of the dwelling (Amendment to approved application 15/1248C). | No Objection, with comment: Ensure protection for the tree on the front boundary. | |
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| 8. Footpath Diversion | The Committee considered the consultation on the proposed diversion of Cranage Public Footpath No3 (Part). The Committee RESOLVED (A17/18/42) to make No Objection to the proposals. | | | | | |
| 9. Memorial Benches | The following updates on memorial benches were received <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parkway: The donor of the Parkway bench will be informed of the difficulties in re-siting the Parkway bench and will be given an update. A meeting on the 2nd February has been arranged with the managers of the precinct with a view to establishing other possible sites in that area. 2. Skatepark at HCCC (Jill Cope memorial) – Quotations have been received for the fabrication of the bench - the Committee were shown designs for the bench, which has a skateboarding theme. Arrangements for the financing of the bench are to be finalised. A quotation to include hot dip galvanising was requested | | | | | |

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| | <p>RESOLVED (A17/18/43)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Clerk to write to provide the Parkway bench owner with an update. II. Clerk and RFO to establish how to organise the financing / billing of the bench and installation to give the best value to the Community. III. To establish long term ownership of the bench, and responsibility for maintenance, including estimates for galvanising. IV. To inform the HC Partnership of the Committee's approval of the bench design. |
| 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. |
| 10.1 Holmes Chapel Community Centre | The Committee were updated on matters relating to the valuation of the Brooklands building. |
| Part I | The meeting returned to Part 1 |
| 10. Holmes Chapel Community Centre | <p>The Committee were updated on the following issues at the community centre:</p> <p>10.1 Cllr Ranger summarised the recent meeting of the JLMC, reporting an increase in membership and an improvement in the usage of social areas. A variety of age groups in the community are being attracted to the centre through different classes and activities.</p> <p>10.2 The proposals to improve car parking facilities at the entrance to the site were approved at the JLMC. A specification will be prepared for the works.</p> <p>10.3 SP Energy & Sanofi have been progressing the detail of the lease in relation to access to sub-station; no final version has been shown to Council as yet.</p> <p>10.4 Main roof – Further to temporary repairs being made, there have been no further leaks. A specification will be prepared for the redesign of the roof, with input from local architects, by March 2018.</p> <p>10.5 Conservatory Roof – further to the removal of the wasps nest, there have been no further leaks. No further action required until we receive further information.</p> <p>10.6 A purchase order for the plumbing work inside the main building has been raised, and work is due to commence week beginning 29th January 2018. Further leaks have been found in the outdoor changing rooms. The strategy for dealing with these continuing issues to be raised at the S&F committee.</p> <p>10.7 Poplar Trees – no further news.</p> <p>10.8 There is probably no need to use matting to protect the graded areas of the Skateboard, but matting will be required on the flat areas. It was noted that Canvas (designers of the park) are due to attend in April to perform the final checks.</p> <p>10.9 Cllr Bath informed the committee that a thermal imaging survey for the building has been requested by ES&R – this to be agreed at S&F committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED (A17/18/44) to receive the report and actions.</p> |
| 11. Dane Meadow | <p>The audit of the Meadow is now due to take place in February 2018. The issue with small motorbikes riding in the Meadow is on-going; the PCSO will be informed. It was noted that maintenance is required from the Bramhall Drive entrance into Cotton Wood; the lengthsman will be organised to do this.</p> <p>RESOLVED (A17/18/45) to receive the report and actions.</p> |

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| <p>12. Sensory Garden</p> | <p>Cllr Blomeley reported that the HC Partnership have agreed to proceed with the project, and to fund around 50% of the work. Fundraising for the remaining 50% is required.</p> <p>RESOLVED (A17/18/46) to receive the report and to recommend the Partnership contact CVS for help to obtain funding. Also inform the Partnership of the Cheshire East Community Fund, available via the ward Councillor.</p> |
| <p>13. Conservation Area Project</p> | <p>Cllrs Clowes and Ranger updated the committee further to the recent meeting of the group on 19 December 2018. Progress with the information panel design is ongoing. The next meeting of the group is scheduled for 30 January 2018, where a CE conservation officer is due to attend. Her approval of the plans and paperwork for the scheme is necessary to allow the project to proceed.</p> <p>A meeting with the landlord of Church Walk properties was noted, where initial discussions on siting of a display panel and ownership of Church Walk were held. Further investigation into land registry and ownership of Church walk to be performed by the Clerk and assistant.</p> <p>RESOLVED (A17/18/47) to receive the report and actions</p> |
| <p>14. Village Tree Survey</p> | <p>Further to the inaugural meeting with local volunteers on the 8 December 2017, the plans have been issued to allow the survey to commence. There is no further news as yet. It was suggested that the survey also look at the use of green spaces on new developments.</p> |
| <p>15. Northern Rail</p> | <p>The Committee noted delays to the installation of CCTV at the station due to a redesign of the proposed system. It is now due to be installed in March 2018. Anti social behaviour has been reported in the vicinity of the station – local police have been informed. The updated timetables were also noted</p> <p>RESOLVED (A17/18/48) to receive the report.</p> |
| <p>16. Community Rail consultation</p> | <p>After consideration of the consultation on the future direction of Community Rail, the committee RESOLVED (A17/18/49) to submit no comment.</p> |
| <p>17. Bus review</p> | <p>Further to a meeting held in the Parish office with representatives from Cheshire East Council, the Committee heard that the proposal is to have 4 services a day, on the route of the 319 bus service, Monday – Friday. A proposal was made by ward Cllr Kolker to introduce 2 additional revenue generating services, which would fund services during the day, which CE Council are considering. A further report will follow once the confidential timetable is in the public domain.</p> <p>RESOLVED (A17/18/50) to receive the report.</p> |
| <p>18. Reports from Outside Bodies</p> | <p>The Committee heard the following reports from the representatives of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandbach Almshouses: An update on the facilities was provided by Cllr Cotton, who had attended a meeting of the charity on 10 January 2018. The committee were updated with the ongoing maintenance of the premises, along with a report on parking issues. • Rail report: Cllr Street updated the committee further to his attendance at the “Best Kept Stations” award evening on 23 January 2017. Information relating to the event will be published on our website. Holmes Chapel was not an award winning station this time. • Holmes Chapel Partnership: Cllr Blomeley attended the meeting on the 24 January 2018, where the following points were raised; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The annual fundraising Christmas sleigh ride in Holmes Chapel |

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| | <p>and vicinity is no longer to be supported by the Rotary Club. The Partnership are willing to take on a co-ordinating role for this service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The annual Village fair will probably be on the 8th July 2018. ○ The comprehensive school are working to recruit new members for the Village Volunteers. ○ Duke of Edinburgh students are to do voluntary maintenance work in the Dane Meadow. ○ Further work on the youth survey is being undertaken at the Comprehensive school, along with “dementia friendly” activities. ○ The Holmes Chapel Show is to be held on the 16 September 2018. The arrangements for the photography competition were postponed to the next meeting. ○ The partnership propose to purchase a set of “walkie-talkies”, which will be stored at the Parish office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Police – A summary of the recent meeting with the Police and parishes in Brereton Rural and Dane Valley was given. Main issues raised for Holmes Chapel related to the decrease of anti social behaviour, traffic problems and HGV restriction violations. |
| 19. Public Speaking | None |
| 20. Future Agenda Items | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HCCC Masterplan 2. Landscaping at Skatepark area 3. Friends of the Dane Meadow |
| 21. Chairman and Clerks reports | <p>The Clerk reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. on an initial meeting arranged by the Cheshire East connected communities agent. The Clerk and Cllr Ranger will attend. 2. Cllrs Bath and Street attended the funeral of Mr Ivor Williams on Monday 22 January 2018, on behalf of the Parish Council. 3. Cllr Street is due to attend the funeral of Mr A Maddock on Friday 26 January 2018 4. Sandbach Town Council are requesting support at a meeting relating to the sale of the former site of the Arclid HWRC. |
| The meeting closed at 9.00p.m. | |

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next Committee meeting scheduled for 8 March 2018.

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

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