



Holmes Chapel Parish Council

Business Plan 2013- 2020

This plan provides a clear strategy of the Parish Council for the next few years.

The Council is a forward thinking and proactive Council which strives to be an active and pleasant place to live and to act as a Local Service Centre for the surrounding villages of Cranage, Goostrey, Brereton and Twemlow.

It is clear that Holmes Chapel will change over the next few years with an additional 600 houses granted planning permission and neighbouring parishes facing increases in population by developers. A new supermarket is due to be built during the next year which could impact on the village centre. The Parish Council registered a sports and social club as a community asset and purchased the site in June 2015 with the aid of a public works loan. This will be brought back into community use and renamed The Holmes Chapel Community Centre.

The Parish Council is looking forward to identify how the community can adapt to ensure the village retains its character in the short, medium and long term.

Next steps: pages 4 onwards explain how the Parish Council will achieve the goals.

Holmes Chapel Parish Council Strategy

Core Purpose

Holmes Chapel Parish Council [and Holmes Chapel Partnership] exist to enhance the community and infrastructure of the village. We will encourage community spirit and community participation in everything we do.

Vision

Holmes Chapel will be the vibrant and prosperous hub of the local rural community, offering an attractive place to live, work and play for people of all ages.

Strategic Focus

- To provide a sustainable environment which embraces the surrounding countryside, to include:
 - zero carbon village
 - cycling
 - protect countryside
 - recycling
 - green issues
 - Affordable housing
 - inclusivity
- Promote a prosperous local economy to include:
 - shops and businesses
 - chamber of commerce
 - services

- transport
- visitors
- public conveniences
- parking
- street furniture
- empowerment
- Encourage culture, recreation and sport to include:
 - vibrant nightlife
 - play areas including skate park
 - societies for all
 - sport
 - U3A
 - churches
 - performance hall
 - community centre
 - indoor facilities
 - library
 - dog walking
 - community events
- Maintain a healthy and safe environment to include:
 - cycling
 - traffic measures
 - policing and emergency services
 - health centre
 - social services
 - specialist shops
 - streetscape
 - cemeteries
 - inclusivity

Current projects

Projects identified for 2016 -17 include continued work on the Holmes Chapel Community Centre, upgrade of the Croco path, new parish boundary signs, installing a skate park at the Community Centre and completion of the Neighbourhood Plan. Other projects have been discussed at length by the Parish Council at each committee and a project plan paper has been agreed by the Council to identify how projects can come forward to the Council. (See project plan policy)

The 2016-17 budget has been agreed with money set aside in the capital project category for the above projects. However, it is expected that grant funding will provide a large proportion of money for the majority of projects and there are currently applications in for the skatepark project and refurbishment of the Community Centre. (See 2016-17 budget)

The wish list for potential projects has been agreed by the Parish Council. (See separate document).