



# Holmes Chapel Parish Council

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## STRATEGY AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE** - Mr B Bath, Mr JA Clowes, Mr RC Parry, Mr DE Savage, Mrs M Ranger, Mr S Ranger and Mr MJ Street

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Strategy Committee on **Thursday 27 October 2016** at the Academy Suite, Holmes Chapel Community Centre commencing at 7.00 p.m. to be followed by Finance Committee.

If members of the public are present there will be a period of question time at the beginning and end of the meeting.

Planning applications will be available for inspection at 6.45 p.m.

## AGENDA:

1. **Apologies** - To approve any apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of interest** – To receive any declarations of interest:
  - a) **disclosable pecuniary interests or**
  - b) **other disclosable interests****as required under Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.**
3. **Public Speaking** -The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow questions from members of the public to last no longer than 15 minutes. After questions the Chairman will reconvene the meeting.
4. **Minutes** -To approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 8 September 2016 – copies circulated
5. **Matters arising** – To receive verbal reports on any matters arising from the above minutes from the clerk (for information only)
6. **Planning applications** – To consider any applications on lists recently circulated by CEC and any others which appear on the Cheshire East Council web site.
7. **Car parks** – to receive a report from Cllr Ranger on parking issues in Holmes Chapel. See report at Appendix 1.
8. **Holmes Chapel Community Centre** - to receive a verbal report from Cllr Bath on completion of phase 4 refurbishment and the JMLC held on 18 October 2016. A full

report including the final financial report for phase 4 will be taken to Full Council on 10 November 2016.

**9. Project List arising from Neighbourhood Plan.** Report to follow.

**10. Staff Appraisals** – to note that appraisals have been carried out for both staff members.

**11. Future Agenda Items**

**12. Chairman's and Clerk's reports** – To receive reports.

**13. Public Speaking**

## **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. Staff matters** – to review salaries as per the financial calendar and contract of employment. See attached information.

**Nicola Clarke**  
**Clerk of the Council**  
**21 October 2016**

## **Appendix 1**

### **Parking in Holmes Chapel – 28 September 2016**

Earlier this year the Parish Council met to discuss the problems associated with parking in Holmes Chapel. At that time there was a considerable volume of complaints from residents and the prospect of tighter restrictions on parking in several of the car parks in the village centre. Although the problem has not gone away, the volume of complaints has reduced and restrictions on parking on the precinct have not been implemented.

Current concerns centre on:

- The general availability of off-street parking for employees, visitors, shoppers and service users. These are serviced by over 450 car park spaces in or near the village centre, although many of these are subject to some form of restriction or charge;
- On-street parking near the three schools at drop-off and pick-up times and the associated safety and access problems;
- Concern from residents regarding general on-street parking, especially by commuters and its effect on access.

In the not too distant future the opening of Aldi on Manor Lane will add to the spaces available. However, restrictions, added traffic and its distance from the village centre may work against it providing much relief. Furthermore, the impending housing developments on

both the east and west of the village will add to the pressure in the centre as more people use the facilities there.

### ***Neighbourhood plan***

The neighbourhood plan contains a number of specific provisions regarding parking, including:

- A. The retention and provision of adequate short stay parking spaces in the village centre will be encouraged to support local businesses and their customers. Developments, which lead to the loss of car parking spaces within the village centre, will be opposed;
- B. Where development proposals require the loss of any publicly available spaces serving the village centre or elsewhere in the Plan area, these should be replaced on site or nearby as part of the development scheme;
- C. All business development should have adequate spaces to provide for the needs of the business and of their visitors to the minimum standard specified in the Parking Standards Report by the Planning Service;
- D. Proposals to provide short and long-stay parking for car sharing and commuting near to the M6 junction 18 and near to the Rail Station will be supported as long as they are consistent with all other policies in this Plan;
- E. Any future expansion of health and education services in the village needs to take into account the impact of any increases in required parking.

### ***Community centre***

The Parish Council will be working with ES&R to look at ways of improving the parking areas at the community centre and exploring options for using them to provide parking for commuters as well as centre users.

### ***On-street parking***

On-street parking restrictions at three key locations used at school times or by commuters (Station Road, Bessancourt and Brookfield Drive) are being proposed by Cheshire East to address residents' safety concerns. However, there are concerns that this will merely shift the problem elsewhere.

### ***Further actions***

At the meeting in February the following ideas were put forward:

- Current car park use
- Adopt the same hours regime in all short-term car parks;
- Designate one of the existing car parks as a long stay one;
- Adopt uniform approach to parking;
- Set up common permit scheme;
- Publicise 'rules';
- Establish Manor Lane estate rules, eg parking for Morreys;
- Number of staff permits issued / query marked spaces for library staff;
- Possible new areas
- Use of space at "FADS", pending any new development
- Land at telephone exchange, will it become available?
- Use green space in front of precinct for parking?
- Use of Picton Square
- Use of planned green space on Persimmon development for long stay car sharing parking?
- Footbridge over railway to Manor Lane Estate / Aldi to provide easy access to new spaces there;
- What options exist on planned new Sainsbury's site?
- Buy some land for car park – long stay;

- Market research
- Identify number of current long-term parkers;
- Involve Jct18 group in both understanding the issues and coming up with solutions;
- Questionnaire re what people want / flyer in shops to collect details of each visit;
- Information from nearby settlements re parking in Holmes Chapel;
- Find out what do other 'similar' towns do?
- Reduce need
- Encourage walking/cycling;
- Local collect and deliver shopping service.

***What next?***

What does the Council want to do now?