

TUTBURY WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

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MEETING Held on Monday 3rd June 2013 at 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury at 10am

Present: Mr Rick Nuth (Chairman) Mrs Sue Norris Mr Brian Wright
Mrs Jane Nuth (Secretary) Mrs Lesley Evans

1. Apologies: Mrs K Chapman, Mr P Norris (representing Parochial Church Council), Mr R Wood & Mrs P Wood

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the last Meeting were needed clarification and hence were not signed, due to a small error (Page 4, Section 9c – this should read “Mr Wright offered to find *the address of the website of those who have died since 1945*”.)

An amended copy of the Minutes for 23rd April 2013 will be emailed, for signing at the next Meeting.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Mrs Evans reported that Burton Albion were sympathetic to the fund raising and could be approached nearer the time. It was thought that in the past there was a footballer player from Tutbury Hawthorns Football Club who played for Burton Albion.

No action as yet on Smartwater marking. **Action: RN**

The War Memorial is covered under the Church’s insurance, though the excess was not known.

The Chairman said that in principle Burton Oddfellows had agreed to clean the Oddfellows plaque now re-sited in St Mary’s Priory Church.

The other artefacts in the Church had not as yet been taken to the William Salt Library for free examination. **Action: RN**

The Chairman and the Secretary were very dismayed to learn that, due a misunderstanding, it was thought that additional names were to be added to the War Memorial. The confusion may be that research for the 2nd edition of the Tutbury Book of

Remembrance will include the 40+ other WWI names that have been discovered in the last year. These men have some connection, either greater or lesser, to Tutbury. The definition of the criteria for inclusion of names on the War Memorial in 1920 has not been found.

There was never a suggestion that other names would be added to the War Memorial. It is hoped that Mrs Evans will be able to clarify that the inclusion of the other names is *in the Tutbury Book of Remembrance, 2nd edition, only*. **Action: LE**

As can be seen from the talk with the Church Architect (reported below) the condition and patina of the War Memorial plaques was so good that he advised not to have these cleaned.

4. Name change of the War Memorial Committee– Conservation→ Preservation (from TWMCC to TWMP)

The Chairman explained that already in existence was a website for TWMCC – Tunbridge Wells Motor Cycle Centre. Hence there was the need to change the name of the Committee, as it was hoped that the initials would be used. Preservation is a synonym of conservation.

The Constitution will be amended at the next Meeting (*see Attachment No 1*).

5. Stone Cross Memorial - The Way Forward? (*see Attachment No 2*)

As had been circulated, there had, to date been 3 lines of enquiry for the preservation of the War Memorial – the 2009 Report of Anthony Sharp & Partners for the Parish Council, the recent quotation from Croft Conservators (see Attachment 5) and the discussion with the Church Architect, Robert Kilgour (of Robert Kilgour & Associates of Bewdley) (though no details have yet arrived).

There seemed to be relevant questions to be considered to achieve this:

How does this Committee know what is to be done?

What needs to be done?

Who has the required skills?

Who will sign off the finished work?

The Church is the custodian of the War Memorial. A Faculty will need to be raised for the work to commence.

The pragmatic solution would be to employ the Church Architect. It was felt that a conversation with him, to outline the details and to ask about funding would be the way forwards. Although not present, Mr & Mrs Wood had thought this a reasonable approach.

This was proposed by Mrs Norris and seconded by Mrs Evans.

6. The inclusion of related projects under TWMPCC banner (see Attachment No 3)

The Chairman asked if various projects could be put under the TWMPCC banner – for example the Tutbury Book of Remembrance, 2nd edition. SN said this was the case in Tutbury Civic Society.

This was proposed by Mrs Evans and seconded by Mr Wright.

7. Bank account status and funds

The Treasurer reported that a Lloyds Bank account had been opened for TWMPCC. There was now a Paying In Book and a Cheque Book.

8. Grants & Fundraising

a. Parish Council (Tutbury Book of Remembrance - TBoR)

The Chairman handed over a cheque for £100.00 (one hundred pounds) from Tutbury Parish Council which was for the Tutbury Book of Remembrance, but finances could not be given to an individual. The Secretary handed a cheque for £40.00 (forty pounds) being monies collected through writing, etc.

b. Co-op

The Chairman reported that Mr & Mrs Wood had attended the meeting held by the Co-operative for the application of funds for good causes. From reading the instructions, these meetings are held every 3 months and funding has to be for a specific purpose.

It was decided to leave this in abeyance until there is a finite plan.

c. Staffs County Council (TBoR)

The Chairman reported that he was applying to Staffs County Council for funds to help finance the 2nd edition of the TBoR.

d. Land Fill Tax

Mr Wood had asked about Landfill tax being used for community projects. The Chairman had discovered that this had now ceased, although some of the companies involved, such as Biffa, may still provide funds.

e. Andy Luffman Sources (see Attachment No 4)

Andy Luffman provided a document listing a number of funding sources after the previous meeting.

f. Various companies (Nestle, British Gypsum)

Other companies to ask for funding were Peveril and Network Rail. Mrs Norris would enquire from Malcolm Wardle about Trent Dove Housing funding for community projects.

Action: SN

g. Donations Book

It was reported that Mr Wood had purchased an "In memorium" book for donations, the siting of which was to be discussed at a later date.

9. Memorials

a. Croft Conservation quote

A brief quote had been received from Croft Conservation. Note that this quote is confidential between Croft, the Committee and the Parochial Church Council – it will not be posted on the website or distributed to anyone outside the TWMPCC and the PCC.

b. Odd Fellows

The Chairman reported that, in principle, Burton Odd Fellows had agreed to clean and tidy the plaque, now re-sited with the other war memorial plaques in St Mary's Priory Church.

c. Draft Tender & companies

This was left in abeyance until the Church Architect has responded.

10. Music Festival Sunday 14th July 2013 at Tutbury Castle

It was agreed to man a table at the Music Festival, giving details of the TWMPCC and its plans. The Chairman and Secretary undertook to provide literature, leaflets, etc.

Perhaps the Donations Book could also be to hand.

11. AOB

- a.** Even though holidaying, Mrs Chapman had sent a photograph of title of the Roll of Honour of the Monk Street Congregational Sunday School plaque. This was featured in the house sale details from John German.

The Chairman had left his details with John German in the hope that the owners may allow a full photograph to be taken.

- b.** Mr Wright reminded the Committee that the Constitution must be amended for the change of Committee name. This will be amended and distributed for approval at the next Meeting.
- c.** The Chairman reported that he had received an email from Alix Jones, an Educational Theatre Producer employed by East Staffordshire Borough Council to present a WWI Arts Project and had read the Tutbury Book of Remembrance with great interest. He and the Secretary were to meet with her in the week.
- d.** The Chairman also reported that he, Mr & Mrs Wood and the Secretary had attended the Staffordshire Great War Conference. It had been proposed to set up the Great War Trail featuring the National Memorial Arboretum, the Staffordshire Regiment Museum and Cannock Chase.

A WWI model of the Messines Ridge attack had been uncovered on Cannock Chase (also the site of the largest WWI Army Training Camp in Europe). It was hoped that this would be completed by 2014.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the Next meeting was Monday 1st July 2013 at 10am at 26 Hillcrest.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 11.20am.