

TUTBURY WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

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cc: Parish Council (Chairman, Clerk)
Parochial Church Council (The Venerable John Hall)
Civic Society (Chair)
cfi: Bishop of Stafford

MEETING Held on Thursday 5th September 2013 at 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury at 10am

Present: Mr Rick Nuth (Chairman) Mrs Jane Nuth (Secretary)
Mrs Pol Wood Mr Bob Wood

1. Apologies were received from Mesdames Chapman, Evans and Norris and Mr Wright.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

As a quorum was present, the Minutes of the Meeting of 7th August 2013 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Finance

a. Bank account funds

b. TBoR funds/spend

In the absence of the Treasurer these topics were left in abeyance.

4. Reports

a. Heritage Lottery Funding Meeting

The Chairman and Secretary gave a verbal report after attending a meeting to discuss Heritage Lottery Funding the previous day at Swadlincote. Our details were to be passed to the Staffordshire representative.

Perhaps approaches could be made to Crystal Court and to the Tenants' Association.

5. Memorials

a. Stone Cross Memorial

i. Church Architect Selection

The Chairman reported that there were 60 architects in the Midlands who were all accredited on the Lichfield Diocesan Approved list.

This had been whittled down to 15 in the near proximity. RW thought it prudent to consider larger companies as group expertise could be called upon.

There were five on the Lichfield Diocese Quinquennial Architects' List. Another, in East Midlands had an excellent website.

ii. Project Specification

The draft version of the Specification was handed to RW and PW for their input. It was thought that the "Anticipated Time scale" looked very professional. It was envisaged that the first phase would be completed in the first quarter of 2014.

iii. Funding Options

The Chairman reported that War Memorials Trust would contribute 50% of the cost – the remainder may be funded through other grants. For example:

It was suggested that other parties who may be approached for funds were Peveril homes and the Community Fund of the Co-op.

The Tutbury Flower Club had named TWMPCC as their chosen charity of the year.

For larger donations it was thought prudent to seek help from nestle and British Gypsum.

b. Boer War Memorial

Whilst photographing artefacts in St Mary's Priory Church (for the forthcoming St Mary's website), RN had discovered yet another War Memorial, from the Boer War. It reads:

"Trooper E Bentley of the 6th Co (Staffordshire) 4th Bn, who died in Harrismith, ORC, South Africa on January 10th 1901 after 12 months active service in South Africa."

Mr Minchin confirmed that there had not been any sightings of the War memorial in the Congregational Chapel since the Chapel restoration and he did not have any photographs of the plaque.

6. Extending Committee Membership?

It was queried whether the TWMPCC membership should be increased. It was decided to send out a general note inviting others either as individuals or as representatives of an organisation.

7. Any other Business

The Chairman sought approval to invite Mr B Barton back on to the Committee as Special War Memorial Advisor, to capture his expertise.

The wreath from TWMPCC for the Remembrance Day Service had been ordered.

A letter of thanks had been sent to Mr & Mrs Brian Wright for all their hard work in raising the standard of the War Memorial garden.

The Chairman reported that there was to be a meeting in Stretton on Tuesday 10th September 2013 to consider if there was sufficient local interest to set up a local branch of the Western Front Association. This would be affiliated to the Sutton Coldfield branch (this being the nearest to Tutbury).

8. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 16th October 2013 @ 10am @ 26 Hillcrest

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 12.17pm.