

# TUTBURY WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

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Parochial Church Council (The Venerable John Hall)  
Civic Society (Chair)  
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## MEETING Held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury at 10am

**Present:** Mr Rick Nuth (Chairman) Mrs Kay Chapman Mrs Lesley Evans  
Mrs Sue Norris Mrs Jane Nuth (Secretary) Mrs Pol Wood  
Mr Bob Wood Mr Brian Wright

1. There were not any apologies.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013** were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters arising from these Minutes**
4. **Finance – General**
  - a) The Treasurer reported that there was £40 in the TWMPCC bank account.
  - b) A total of £289 had been spent on the Tutbury Book of Remembrance from the grants specifically allocated.

## 5. Reports - None

## 6. Memorials - Stone Cross War Memorial, St Mary's Priory Church

The Chairman was to chase up **Smartwater** as their reply was due.

The **Funding Options** for the Preservation of this Memorial were outlined by the Chairman.

The Co-op had not replied to his query (if TWMPCC is not eligible to apply for a Community Grant, could the Church?).

The Chairman was hoping to speak with Malcolm Wardle of Trent & Dove Housing Association regarding a grant.

There was the possibility of a grant from ESBC from the WASP fund, but this is not available until the end of the chronological year. The Chairman would contact Cllr Staples.

An application to Peveril Housing was also considered.

It was thought prudent to bear in mind that more money would be needed for Phase II of the project and to apply to larger companies when the cost of the work to be done is known eg Nestle and British Gypsum).

The Chairman had spoken with Lesley Smith from Tutbury Castle, with a view to having a stall, etc, and would contact her again in February.

### **Diocesan Accredited Conservation Architect Quotations**

The Chairman explained that 7 companies had been approached for Phase I– one did not reply, 2 were “too busy” and replies had arrived from the remainder.

There was a need to employ a suitably accredited architect, as the work would have to be signed off on completion.

The Chairman had also contacted War Memorial Trust and English Heritage. There were essentially two areas of problems –

- the War Memorial needed professional cleaning, there was mortar missing and failed earlier repairs
- there was possible subsidence and there may/may not be a lean.

Of the 4 replies received, Robert Kilgour had not fully answered the specification, showing no proper costings; Anthony Sharpe & Partners were not only very expensive but did not have their own structural engineer – this costing would be in addition to their quotation.

Peart Bradley of Nottingham were light on detail and were the cheapest, but considered not complete.

Smith & Roper, of Bakewell– had contacted RN twice to clarify points and their structural engineer had visited the memorial. All personnel used were named. Their quotation was not the cheapest.

The Chairman said that he had contacted the War Memorials Trust under the Small Grants Scheme to ascertain if the choice of architect was left to us, or if they would only pay (up to half) of the cheapest, to a maximum of £2K. The choice of architect would be ours but the War Memorials Trust would only pay up to half of the cheapest suitable quote..

It was therefore proposed by Mr Wright and seconded by Mrs Chapman that Smith & Roper be given the contract, subject to funding being obtained and suitable contracts signed.

The Chairman also mentioned that the Regional Co-Ordinator for the Heritage Lottery Fund was based in Birmingham (for our area).

## **7. Remembrance Sunday**

It was suggested that handouts could be distributed at the Remembrance Service on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at St Mary’s. This would outline the work of the TWMP and the need for the preservation. The Chairman offered to prepare these.

The Parade would leave Cornmill Lane at 10.15am and process up the High Street , left into Duke Street, left at Castle Hill and into the Churchyard for 10.45am. The Act of Remembrance would then follow the laying of wreaths before sojourning into Church. The Chairman and the Secretary would lay the wreath on behalf of the TWMP.

The Venerable John Hall had given permission for this to be videoed by RW and PW. RW to liaise with Joycelyn Hickman about recording hymns in Church.

**8. Any Other Business**

The Secretary reported that the Leicester Mercury was hoping to raise £40K to place a memorial to the Leicester Regiment.

LE suggested writing to the Metro newspaper.

Recent publicity explained that the leaf on the poppy should be worn at the 11 o' clock position.

It was suggested that a lunch/dinner for the TWMP be held in the New Year.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting would be organised for after Christmas, when a response from the War Memorials Trust should be known.

The Meeting closed at 11.15am.