

TUTBURY WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

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cc: Parish Council (Clerk)
Parochial Church Council (Rev Ian Whitehead)
Civic Society (Chair)
cfi: Bishop of Stafford

MEETING held on Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury at 10.30am

Present: Mr R Nuth (Chairman) Mrs K Chapman Mrs L Evans
Mrs S Norris Mrs J Nuth (Secretary) Mrs P Wood
Mr R Wood

- 1) **Apologies** were received from Mr B Wright
- 2) **Minutes of previous meeting** were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 3) **Review of onsite War Memorials Trust Meeting (13th January 2015)**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the Meeting on the previous day in the Priory Suite. Especial thanks must be given to SN for all the provisions and to all who helped.

This Meeting - with Emma Suckling and Sophie Button (WMT Conservation Officers), the Conservation Architect Richard Smith and David Park of MSM – was to establish the next steps to be taken as WMT would not support the dismantling approach, as proposed by the Architect.

The group went to examine the War Memorial and later a full and frank discussion developed.

Finally it was agreed with all parties that:

the War Memorial would not be dismantled (WMT did not support such a plan – this also would remove a potential risk element) and that the lean would not get worse

there should be extensive re-grouting

the bronze plaques should be cleaned and waxed.

Stone repairs would be as before

Mr Smith agreed to draw up the necessary new Specification of Works and Materials and to issue new tenders. The cost for this additional work would be approximately £700 - £1k (plus VAT).

The advantages were that WMT may pay up to 75% of the quote and that the potential risk of substantial damage to the column would be avoided.

Ms Suckling did add that, after completion, if there was evidence of failure then WMT would re-consider, having core responsibility. If the S&R plan was followed, there would not be this back up.

The Chairman said that he would raise the matter with the Director of WMT when he met her that Saturday (at the Civic Voice Meeting – see below).

It was apparent that the WMT would support a whole project of which they gave their approval, not parts of a quotation. There was a chance that WMT *may* look into the possibility of a grant for the re-working of the quotations.

The proposal – to follow WMT guidelines, with agreement from S&R – was made by Mr Wood and seconded by Mrs Evans and carried unanimously.

With regard to the Faculty, the Chairman would write to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, who have been most helpful, explaining that *less* would be undertaken “on the advice of WMT”.

4) **Funding**

- a) Funds in bank account were £778.52, after S&R were paid £360. The next audit would be arranged for June.
- b) Online banking – this was outlined by the Treasurer who would investigate.
- c) Online donations – this was a separate issue and would be left in abeyance for the time being.

5) **TWMPP** (if not covered in Item 3 above)

- a) WASP Application – the Chairman had submitted this to Cllr Smith and the outcome known in early February.
- b) War Memorials Trust grant application – the closing date was the end of March. A revised Plan was distributed by RN. It was still possible to accomplish item H31. Mr Smith, of S&R would revise the specification as soon as possible.
- c) Quotes – The Chairman suggested that the quotes were only sent to 5 firms, if these would indeed be willing to re-quote.
- d) Other grant applications/funding options – RW would request an application from Pete Steadman for a Tutbury Parish Council grant. There were other avenues that could be followed up.

The forthcoming Tutbury Farmers’ Market – Sunday 26th April – was a possible site for an advertising stall.

RW had looked into the chance of advertising in Dean & Smedley’s window, together with a collecting tin on the counter. He and JAN would meet the managers for discussion on Thursday 16th January 2015.

- e) Schedule/Next Steps – see above

6) Future Activities

- a) Saturday 17th January – Civic Voice/Burton Civic Society
RN and JAN were to attend the above Meeting in Birmingham when it was known that Frances Moreton, Director of WMT, would be present.
The meeting was to train people in assessing the condition of war memorials.
- b) Sunday 8th February – Lunch at The Castle Hotel and AGM
- c) Thursday 12th February – Presentation to Tutbury WI, Part II
RN and JAN had been invited to make a return visit to the local WI
- d) Saturday 28th February – Staffordshire War Memorials Day
SN, RN and JAN would attend the above Meeting.

7) AOB

The wreath holder at St Mary's Priory Church was noted by the WMT representatives and duly photographed.

A vote of thanks was expressed to LE for the cake! (Much appreciated by RN!)

8) Date of Next Meeting (AGM)

The date of the next Meeting – which is the Annual Lunch and AGM – is

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2015 at The Castle Hotel, Hatton

To which spouses are most welcome!

The AGM will take place afterwards at 26 Hillcrest