

TUTBURY WAR MEMORIALS PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Distribution of finalised Minutes

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

MEETING held on 25th August 2015 in the Priory Suite at 2pm

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

- 1) **Apologies** - None
- 2) **Minutes of previous meeting** were signed by the Chairman.
- 3) **Funding**

The Treasurer reported that the Funds in the bank account were £5,162.43.

Subsequently there has been a donation of £150 and a payment of £50 to assist in the administration of the Committee.

Funding allocation discussed under 5.3

Bridging loan assured by PCC for £13,110 – available when required.

- 4) **Past activities** – None to report

- 5) **Tutbury War Memorials Preservation Project**

5.1 On-site meeting 19 Aug 2015 (Smith & Roper, Midland Stonemasonry)

It was agreed that the stone on the upper plinth would not be removed as it was too firmly embedded – this should save £150.

Richard Smith wants MSM to remove the Cross if possible and reset it straight with modern fixings with a new collar.

New pavers to be of Cove Red sandstone

(Report from Richard Smith received post meeting)

5.2 Conservation

Existing pavers and new pavers yet to be laid —

Lime mortar pointing yet to be finished and lower plinth still to be cleaned.

Progressing more slowly than anticipated

5.3 Walls adjacent to War Memorial steps

Quote from MSM - £2,144 (inc VAT)

RBN thought that TWMPCC could contribute half if another contributor could be found but the meeting felt that allocating our money to TWMPCC priorities should come first and consider the wall afterwards as a separate project, if there is any money left.

The PCC are set to have general discussions with the Parish Council over churchyard matters – the wall may be discussed.

5.4 British Gypsum/Wreath Holder:

5.4.1 Design

RN & JN have visited Holmfirth and taken extra photos (shown to the Committee) and measurements to help with the specification. The bill for Kirklees Council for the Holmfirth installation included £750 for design.

RW has suggested a "hinged" panel design so that the installation can be angled, exact angle to be determined on installation.

5.4.2 Permissions

Kristina Williamson thinks the Wreath Holders will be acceptable to the DAC in principle but quality will be the issue. The PCC must pass a resolution of support before a Faculty can be submitted.

5.4.3 Manufacture, Installation

Steve Hartshorn will be added to the contractors list (manufactured Kay's gates) along with Dragon Forge and Bentley Fabrications.

5.5 War Memorial Garden - New garden design/planting

RN circulated a specification for the work that included lowering the 'mound' to the north-west of the Memorial to improve the view and the approach. PW asked whether it included planting, RN commented that this would be a separate issue. SN said she would contact Paul Steed (ESBC) re help with planting when the time came.

It is critical that the area around the Memorial is tidy in time for Remembrance Sunday.

5.6 Listing of memorial

A booklet has been received from the War Memorials Trust covering listing – it is not a complex process – to be done as soon as time allows.

6) Schedule/Next Steps

- Wreath Holder (completion expected 1Q 2016)
- Completion of the conservation (post meeting re-scheduled to end Sept)
- Invoice and bridging loan
- Completion report & War Memorials Trust grant

7) Future activities

- Staffordshire in the Great War conference (3/10/2015)
- Parish Council meeting (19/10/2015)
- Bretby Rotary Club talk (Jan 2016) requested by Liz Staples

8) Any Other Business

There was still no progress on the display for the chemist's window.

9) Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting is 23 Sept 2015, 10.30am at 26 Hillcrest.

The date was later altered to Wednesday 30 Sept, 10.30am at 26 Hillcrest.