

TUTBURY WAR MEMORIALS 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 Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury at 10.30am

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) There were no apologies as all Committee members were present.
- 2) **Minutes of the previous Meeting** were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 3) **Funding**

The funds in the bank account was £1076.52.

At the Christmas Festival the previous Saturday, a further £62 was donated and this was duly handed to the Treasurer.

Therefore, the new total was £1138.52.

The grant from J&O Lloyd had been successful and TWMPCC had been awarded £4.5K.

The Treasurer expressed her thanks to all concerned.

4) Tutbury War Memorial Preservation Progress

- a) **Faculty** The Chairman reported that the Faculty had arrived from the Diocese the previous day.
- b) **War Memorials Trust grant application (see attached emails of 21.11.2014)**

The WMT response had arrived on 21st November 2014.

Some of the work was judged “unnecessary” and “not sufficient justification in the paperwork received to date”. This was somewhat strange given that the Assessment Report had been prepared on the basis of full examination on site by qualified Conservation Architects, etc.

A copy of the Chairman's reply was also discussed. He suggested that the WMT Conservation Officer speak directly to the Conservation Architect (ie professional talking to professional, leaving out the laymen).

RN also suggested to ask Smith & Roper (the Conservation Architects) for a new proposal based on WMT responses (though this would cost more money), then the permissions and quotes would also have to be reworked – again more cost.

Thirdly, to continue with the current proposals and try to raise all the money from other sources.

c) Quotations

The Chairman had received the quotations arranged by Smith & Roper (S&R)

In the light of the WMT response, it was thought prudent to ask for the quotations to be itemised, to enable WMT to fund those areas they are willing to support.

RN reported that S&R were of the opinion that their assessment was correct and could not be watered down.

A vote was taken whether to continue –

Proposed by Mrs Evans and seconded by Mrs Chapman.

S&R felt that the quotes were too small to assess for 15% Management fees and would propose a fixed fee.

The Chairman was complimented by LE on his handling of the situation and all his work.

d) WASP Application

RN was again completing an application to the WASP Fund, via Cllr Steven Smith, which would be submitted in January 2015.

e) Other grant applications/funding options

In view of the likelihood that other sources of funding may be needed, RN suggested other local avenues to explore.

He had requested an application form for a Tutbury Parish Council grant.

[Mrs Chapman left the meeting]

Another local source had expressed an interest.

As the War Memorial was in the Conservation Area and the Church listed, it was thought prudent to ask Tutbury Civic Society for funding.

The Friends of St Mary's Church could also be asked.

Both Miller Homes and Peveril Homes could be approached.

LE suggested approaching Burton Albion who held charity auctions and also allowed collection buckets at games.

There was the possibility of advertising in Dean & Smedley's window after Christmas.

f) Schedule/Next Steps

In the light of the WMT response, it was thought prudent to ask for the quotations to be itemised, to enable WMT to fund those areas they are willing to support.

5) Civic Voice/Burton Civic Society

The Government had given £5m - £3m to WMT and £0.5m to Civic Voice in order to train volunteers to assess the condition of war memorials.

As RN & JAN were volunteers for WMT, they had applied to attend the Birmingham Workshop in January.

The database of war memorials, held by the IWM was outdated and had been written by volunteers (there was a very good description of our St Mary's War Memorial).

It was proposed by Mrs Evans and seconded by Mrs Norris that any expenses incurred should be paid by TWMP.

Tutbury Civic Society was not a member of Civic Voice (payment to which was based upon the number of members).

6) Rededication – Standards & Bugler

For the Rededication Service – to be held on 1st July 2016 – the centenary of the Battle of the Somme – it was envisaged that there would be numerous ceremonies and there was the need to book a bugler and standard bearers as soon as possible.

Mr Wright said that he would undertake the bookings of these.

It was hoped that there would be sufficient space in the new garden area to accommodate wreath bearers, etc at Remembrance Services.

The correct order for laying of wreaths would be properly observed this November.

7) AOB

It was suggested that a display could be erected in the Village Hall and a Coffee Morning held to promote the plans, fund raising, etc for the War Memorial.

SN would research online donating for TWMP.

It was queried if fund raising letters could be sent to Miller Homes and to Peveril Homes in the New Year.

8) Date and time of Next Meeting (& AGM)

The next Meeting would be on:

Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 10.30am at 26 Hillcrest.

The Christmas Lunch and AGM would be on Sunday 8th February 2015 – lunch at the Castle Hotel, Hatton, when spouses would be invited.

This would be followed by the AGM at 26 Hillcrest some time later that afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE!

Since the December Meeting, a Meeting with Emma Suckling, Conservation Officer for WMT, and Richard Smith of S&R has been arranged for:

Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 1pm at St Mary's Priory Church.