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Tutbury War Memorials Preservation Committee



MEETING Held on Wednesday 23rd March 2016 at 10.30am at 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury

Present: Mr R Nuth (Chairman) Mrs J Nuth (Secretary) Mrs L Evans
Mrs P Wood Mr R Wood

[1] **Apologies** were received from Mrs K Chapman, Mrs S Norris and Mr B Wright.

[2] **Minutes of previous meeting** were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

[3] **Funds**

[3.1] **Funds in bank account** - £3,945.71 (as sent by the Treasurer)

[3.2] **Donations** The above figure includes £20 donation from Hatton WI for the talk given by the Chairman and Secretary on 9th March 2016.

[4] **Meetings/displays since last meeting**

[4.1] **Staffordshire in the Great War Spring Conference NMA**

The Chairman and Secretary had given a talk at a Conference at the National Memorial Arboretum on 5th March 2016. This was well attended and began with an hour's walk around the WW1 memorials. The talk was well received, giving details of how to conserve a war memorial, etc.

[4.2] **Hatton WI**

Four days later the same pair gave a talk to Hatton WI. This being their second talk to this group was an update of present activities and was well received.

[5] **Wreath Holder**

[5.1] **Revised design – DAC response**

The revised designs were sent to Archdeacon Matthew Parker and the Secretary to the DAC, Kristina Williamson.

They preferred the new designs without the short vertical bars but made no comment on railheads.

[5.2] **Revised design – Historic England response**

In a reply of 17th March 2016, to RBN's email, Historic England accepted the concept of Wreath Holders but wanted an artistic sculpture.

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[5.3] Revised design – re-submission to Historic England

To be left in abeyance

[5.4] Options depending on a **Yes or **No** Historic England response**

No comment yet – possibly will not be accepted.

It was proposed by RW and seconded by RBN, that if the project was cancelled then Dragon Forge should be given an honorarium.

This was carried unanimously.

[5.5] Allocation of Funds (based on [5.4] options above)

Please see above and Document A (attached) and "Grants to Stage Allocation".

[6] Listing of Memorial

The proposal was not to proceed at this time.

RW asked if perhaps the PCC could list this memorial.

[7] Conservation of WWI RoH

The Chairman reported that he and the Secretary had met the Richard Nichols, Senior Conservator at Stafford Records Office on 3rd March 2016.

They had taken the WW1 Roll of Honour and the Architect's drawing of the War Memorial (displayed in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's) for assessment and the cost of conserving and length of time required.

The estimated cost would be £1K for both articles. It was agreed with Mr Nichols that the cost would be met and so the articles were left in his care. The conservation was expected to be completed by the end of April.

Advice was also sought on how to display the WW11 Roll of Honour. A "library cushion" would be required.

[8] Rededication Service

The Service is set for Friday 1st July 2016, the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. The time is to be sought from the Bishop of Stafford, hopefully this will be 11am, so that refreshments can be provided afterwards.

The known relatives and friends of the Fallen will be invited, as will TWMPCC supporters and villagers.

[9] Schedule/Next Steps

The next DAC Meeting is 12th April 2016 and until then we cannot move forwards.

It is now known that the Historic England representative also sits on the DAC.

[10] Future meetings/displays There are none planned in the foreseeable future.

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[11] AOB

The Chairman reported that the lettering on the WW1 and the WW2 plaques in St Mary's Priory Church needed attention. Funds would be required.

There was to be a joint Parochial Church Council and Tutbury Parish Council Meeting in the Priory Suite on the evening of Thursday 14th April. Matters to be discussed included the need for burial space, etc, but RBN had alerted Rev Ian that installation of Wreath Holders may well be brought up.

RW proposed that RBN and JAN relaxed for the next fortnight!

[12] Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting was set at **THURSDAY 14th April 2016 at 10.30am** at 26 Hillcrest.

The Chairman would email the DAC Secretary to see if she will let us know the outcome of the 12th April DAC Meeting before the TWMPD Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 11.45am

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