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Tutbury War Memorials Preservation Committee



MEETING Held on Sunday 7th February 2016 at 2.30pm at 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury

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

- 1) **Apologies** had been received from Mr B Wright
- 2) **Minutes of ordinary Meeting held on Sunday 8th Feb 2015**, having been circulated, were duly signed by the Chairman.

3) **Funding**

1.1 **Funds in bank account** - £4035.51

1.2 **Donations** – None received since last Meeting

1.3 **Funding allocation** – no change

1.4 **Dragon Forge Invoice**

The Chairman reported that, at the Emergency General Meeting in view of the uncertainty of the timing of the Wreath Holders order, it had been agreed to pay Dragon Forge for the sample poppy. This was unanimously agreed and the invoice for £110 had been received. The Treasurer undertook to pay this asap.

4) **Meetings/displays since last meeting – Bretby Rotary Club**

RBN and JAN had been invited by Liz Staples to give a short talk at the Bretby Rotary Club last month. Although not for financial gain, the evening had proved to be one of the best meetings ever attended by the couple. The audience were extremely interested (a small group having a similar task in Newhall) and many questions were asked.

5) **TWMPP**

5.1 **Conservation** – Moss on War Memorial was very prevalent in many places this season. RBN had contacted the War Memorials Trust who advised that nothing should be done, except in severe cases removing by scraping with a wooden spatula if thick.

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5.2 Wreath Holders

5.2.1 Faculty – DAC Response

All were a little surprised and disappointed not to be granted the Faculty. The principle of the requirement for Wreath Holders had been accepted but the design was not. There was no indication as to how to improve the design, as RBN said it was like “playing darts in the dark.

The one suggestion made, of wire around the War Memorial was not appropriate as this would cover the lettering around the base and still give rise to damage.

5.2.2. Faculty – On-site meeting

Kristina Williamson, Secretary to the DAC, had proposed an on-site meeting with the Archdeacon Matthew Parker, herself and the TWMP.

The date was set for Wednesday 17th February in the Priory Suite at 11am (following the 1030am Service and before the Mothers’ Union Meeting).

RW proposed 2 frames to be built and to be erected to give guidance to the proportions in relation to the War Memorial. He undertook to provide these.

This followed a suggestion that future diagrams would include the figure of a man, again to indicate the true size of the Wreath Holders.

RW showed the Committee a diagram of an alternative design, halving the size of the poppy panel.

Other objects in and around the War Memorial that did not enhance the area were discussed – the floodlights, the 3rd bench and that once there were railings around the stocks.

5.3 Listing of Memorial – nothing to report.

5.4 Rededication Service, Friday 1st July 2016

RBN had had a request from a gentleman who was very interested and wished to attend the Rededication Service.

6) Schedule/Next Steps - the on-site Meeting on Wednesday 17th February 2016

7) Future meetings/displays

7.1 Staffordshire in the Great War Spring Conference NMA

RBN and JAN had been invited to give a talk at the NMA on Saturday 5th March 2016.

7.2 Hatton WI

RBN and JAN had been invited again to give another talk on Wednesday 9th March 2016.

8) AOB

KC asked that, in the event of the Faculty not being granted and therefore the Wreath Holders not made or installed, what happened to the money already raised.

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The Chairman explained that each of the charities who had given money would be reimbursed (ie British Gypsum and the J & O Lloyd Trust). Other monies had been pledged to the PCC for the upkeep of the War Memorial.

Gail Higgs of British Gypsum was being kept informed about developments but was sorry not to be able to attend the on-site Meeting, due to it being half term.

Although some folk had wondered why the War Memorial had not been cleaned, it was explained that the lower plinth only had been cleaned, due to the edict of the War Memorials Trust (preserving the very stone that the mothers, widows, children touched) and the porous nature of the stone.

PW asked if photographs of the work of Dragon Forge would be presented at the on-site Meeting. The Chairman assured these would be included plus the poppy sample would be mounted in a black frame (courtesy of RW and painting by the House of Nuth).

9) Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting was set for

WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBURARY 2016 at 10.30am at 26 Hillcrest

(ie following the on-site Meeting).

LE tendered her apologies for the next Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 4pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their assistance during the last 12 months.

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