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Tutbury War Memorials Preservation Committee



MEETING Held on Wednesday 18th April 2016 at 10.30am at 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury

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

[1] **Apologies** were received from Mrs Evans and Mr Wright.

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

[3] **Funds**

[3.1] **Funds in bank account** were £4403.71. The invoice had arrived from Staffordshire Records Office for the conservation work on the WW1 Roll of Honour and the framed architect's drawing of the War Memorial (usually located in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's Priory Church). The amount of the invoice was £753.00.

It was agreed that the Treasurer should pay this invoice.

[3.2] **Donations** this month were

Friends' of St Mary's Priory Church	- £400
Tutbury Civic Society	- £100
Collecting tin (in Church)	- £ 6
Sale of Wool	- £ 5

Total: £511

[3.3] **J&O Lloyd Trust**

The Chairman reported that the J&O Lloyd Trust had merged with the Staffordshire Community Foundation.

He also told that Committee that our grateful thanks had been sent to both organisations that had provided funds.

[4] **Meetings/displays since last meeting** – None since last meeting

[5] **Conservation problems**

[5.1] **Discolouration below bronze plaques**

It was hoped that MSM would rectify the problems in May.

[5.2] **Pointing failure in paving** – see 5.1

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[6] Wreath Holder

[6.1] DAC "Recommended" – Public Consultation

The design and installation of the Wreaths Holders had been recommended by the DAC.

The Public Consultation process would now commence. The Chairman explained the sequence of the Faculty Process (see Appendix 1).

[6.2] TPC Objection and Response

The copy of the Objection Letter from Tutbury Parish Council to the Consistory Court, dated, was received.

The Chairman has answered this and gave to copy to SN for our friendly solicitor to check.

[6.3] Quote for redesigned Wreath Holder

There had not been a response from Dragon Forge for the quote.

The company are very keen to undertake this work.

The J&O Lloyd logo is not required to be affixed to the wreath holders.

[6.4] Allocation of Funds – see Appendix 2.

[7] Listing of Memorial –

An formal Assessment Form had been submitted by Carrie Cowan of Historic England for consideration by the Secretary of State. We await their response.

[8] Conservation of WWI RoH/Architect's Drawing

The Roll of Honour of WW1 Tutbury men, now conserved, had been collected from Stafford. A Faculty was needed (or the Archdeacon's permission) to hang this on the wall in the Lady Chapel.

The Chairman reported that the Architect's drawing, now conserved, showed clearly that originally two rows of paving was envisaged. Therefore we have gone back to the original design.

The original drawing showed that the existing approach to the War Memorial had been altered from the design, perhaps this was because of the stability of the ground or to make the steps central to the paths.

[9] Rededication Service

[9.1] Whistle for the Somme

The Western Front Association, Cheltenham & Gloucester Branch, had proposed that, at 7.30am on 1st July 2016, at each War Memorial, a whistle (or more) should be blown 3 times, which was the signal at that time for the troops to go "over the top" on the morning of the 1st day of the Battle of the Somme.

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This would happen at Tutbury. Perhaps an army cadet(s) would be able to attend. A photographer would be required. This was in hand.

KC said that she had an antique whistle.

[9.2] Service Format

A laurel wreath had been ordered to be laid on behalf of the men, from TWMP. This is what happened at the 1920 Dedication Service – the first poppy wreaths were not designed until 1921.

There may be others who wish to lay wreaths.

Discussion took place on who to identify the Guests of Honour and the Invited Supporters.

The Order of Service was being discussed with Rev Ian and Roger Sharp.

[9.3] Invitations

The draft list of invitees was scrutinised and suggestions made.

It was envisaged that ushers would greet the invitees and take them to the relevant pews.

[9.4] Catering

A caterer had been identified. It was thought that £3 per head should cover light refreshments for 200. Discussion took place on how to fund the catering. It was thought that sponsorship should be sought from local companies, etc

[10] Schedule/Next Steps

As above

[11] Future meetings/displays

[11.1] WMT meeting

On 22nd May RBN and JAN were meeting two from War Memorials Trust at their London Office. This was to discuss Wreath Holders and to pass on our thanks in person.

[11.2] Ashbourne presentation

The Chairman had offered to give a talk to Ashbourne Heritage Association in November 2016. A general request had been put out by WMT.

[12] AOB – None

[13] Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 16th June 2016 at 10.30am

Please note this new date

The Meeting closed at 12.20pm.

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