



Lavington & District WW1 Commemoration Group

Minutes of meeting held at The Old School, 23rd January 2018

Present:

Glyn, Michael Challinor, Lyn Dyson, Colette Carson, Carol Treloar, Pat Stacpoole

Action

Apologies:

Frank Jones, Mike Bridgeman, Toby Robson, Martin Brown, Ray Besant, Nick Hale, Emma Cheetham.

Activity Updates

1. Battlefield Tour

With the addition of a few meals, the cost of the tour will be around £600 per person. If there are less than 15, it may be a bit cheaper to use a minibus. It was agreed the role of our committee was merely one of publicity. Colette will do a poster including the deadline required by Fran, and the date and amount of the deposit.

Colette

2. 2018 Commemorative Musical Finale - 11/11/2018

Nothing for the committee to do at present. Nick is working on the composition. It was agreed that refreshments should be considered for the end of the event in the community hall, and there should be some sort of finale speech to wind up the committee. Local dignitaries should again be invited.

3. Toposcope

£125 received from Market Lavington Parish Council towards the toposcope. West Lavington Parish Council had considered the matter but require more information before making a decision. Glyn to send the summary plan to Mike Challinor. The next Parish Council meeting is 1st February so Mike really needs this before then. Glyn is hoping to get a quote from the people doing the plate, and a quote from Toby for his work.

Glyn

The base for the toposcope was considered and it was agreed that a sewer pipe would be used to support the plate, with the outside concreted and sculpted while the concrete is wet. Toby can carve either sandbags or something more artistic.

It was agreed that an application for a grant should be made to the Area Board with the quote from the plate maker and from Toby, and the application should be for half of the total. This needs to be done on the official form on the website and should be made before the next Area Board meeting which is in March at Lavington School. Members of the committee need to attend the meeting, and the support of Councillor Richard Gamble should be sought.

It was agreed that local dignitaries should be invited to attend the official unveiling of the toposcope. These should include the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff. The projected date for this had been 21st July, but it was decided to delay it until 22nd September.

Lyn

Lyn is to provide a list of the battles at which local people had died, so that these battles could be recorded on the toposcope.

4. Treasurers Report

Closing balance of account is still £2277

5. Signboards

No change from last meeting. Daunstey School are happy to be involved with making them, Nick to liaise with them. Glyn will circulate the text on the signs made for the Winnie Walk. When we know exactly what size, materials, positioning is then the next step is contact Paul Millard, the Rights of Way Warden at Wiltshire Council. Emma has his email.

Glyn

6. AOB

Pat raised the question of a plantation of Maple trees. It was agreed that the toposcope location would probably be too exposed, but Pat said he would look at whether two or three trees could be planted in the churchyard or on the green. The trees should be the Canadian Sugar Maple, not the English maple.

The plaque at the Green Dragon was also mentioned and agreed. The expected cost would be about £350 shared between the group and Wadworths.

Date for next meeting:

20th February 2018, 7pm, The Old School, Market Lavington. Future date is 20th March.