

# LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Report from the 1918 Armistice Commemoration Working Party  
Held at 7pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
in the Market House

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**Present:** Bob Barnes (Chair), Martin Eager (note taker), Jennifer Harrison, Brenda Hill  
Mike Stephens, Lloyd Meredith, Clive Jupp and Rev Bill McKenzie (left following item 3)  
Also Cllr Nina Shields (Chair LTC) & Cllr Andy Manns

**Apologies:** Cllr Keith Francis

- 1. Interests:** None declared.
- 2. Notes from Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Accepted & approved without any alterations.

**3. Item 5 on the Agenda – Remembrance Sunday Service:**

This was taken early as Rev Bill McKenzie had to leave the meeting following this item.  
New Parade Marshall – Martin Allen now fully on board and trial timings due to the additional content in the service now taken place.

Service will start 5 minutes early, church clock to be silenced, Barrett Browning Clock to be checked as currently striking late.

Church will be readied to accept congregation immediately following the parade.

Following the service the church bells will be rung.

**4. War Memorial Refurbishment:**

Members were informed that the War Memorials Trust had re-opened their funding applications, members were reminded that the failure of the previous application (initially submitted October 2014) failed due to the Council appointing a company (Philippa Fawcett) whose detailed knowledge and explanation of the works required was used in the latter part of application process. It is deemed to have started the work if the contractor is appointed before a grant decision is made, this has not changed. It was discussed and debated at length, and the following action was proposed and supported.

**ACTION:** That the Chair of LTC, Cllr Nina Shields with the Acting Clerk makes contact with Philippa Fawcett to establish the status of the estimate and whether Philippa Fawcett is prepared to submit a revised estimate. Advice would also be sought from the Conservation Office to define the work specification and report back to this Working Party at the next meeting.

Noted: that this WP fully supports LTC in any efforts to obtain grant funding to support the intended restoration, so long as it does not impact on the time/repair schedule.

J. Harrison is in correspondence with a County Councillor (not local) re war memorial refurbishment, she will report back to next meeting.

When asked, J Harrison stated that the planned Ledbury War Memorials booklet (funded by LTC) will be published when the War Memorial is refurbished.

**5. 1918 Armistice Commemoration Updates:**

J. Harrison reported that the Centenary Exhibition was still planned for 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November at St Michaels & All Angels, she requested help in the setting up on the 6<sup>th</sup> and taking down on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. LTC have agreed to loan the council owned 9 exhibition stands.

B. Hill & L. Meredith agreed to put up posters around Ledbury.

Following last meeting's agreement re printing centenary banners, due to commitments and lack of time, J Harrison had not been able to progress - discussed.

**Action: That following her return, J. Harrison contacts B. Barnes and that they work with Rachael Lambert to produce the banners.**

J. Harrison & Cllr Shields have spoken to the group who are putting on various displays and exhibitions in local businesses and galleries to recognise the WW1 ending centenary.

**6. Silent Soldier:**

B. Barnes offered his congratulation to B. Hill for her work and effort in getting the Silent Soldiers exhibited around Ledbury, it was noted that one soldier (Dog Hill) had been stolen/gone missing and that B. Hill and her son Christian will replace at their own cost.

RBL representation asked if and what plans were being made for disposal of the soldiers at the end of the year, to be reported back to this WP.

**Meeting Closed at 8.00pm**

**Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7pm in the Market House**