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24 MAY 2018

AGENDA ITEM
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Report from the 1918 Armistice Commemoration Working Party
Held at 7pm on Tuesday 11th April 2018
in the Town Council Offices

Present: Cllrs Bob Barnes (Chair), Martin Eager (Note Taker) & Andy Manns, also Brenda Hill, Mike Stephens & Lloyd Meredith (RBL), Jean Simpson (Merchant Navy Day), Jennifer Harrison, Clive Jupp, and Alison Thomas (in part).

Apologies: Rev Bill McKenzie

1. Interests: None declared.

2. War Memorial Grant & Planning Application:

Funding application progressing, all parties concerned with the works awaiting commencement date.

Email from War Memorial Grants office wanting the War Memorials Online website updated with the grant application details and condition report.

Mrs Harrison advised that she had been updating the site with a regular condition report.

RECOMMENDATION: That Cllr M Eager updates the WM site ASAP.

3. Centenary Fields Rededication:

Took place on 23rd March as planned, Cllr Barnes reported that this was the only rededicated site in the County (one in Worcestershire), members commented on the tree felling that day.

Everybody agreed that it was a very good service and Cllr Barnes hoped that there would be follow up articles in the local press and Ledbury Focus.

4. Ledbury's War Memorials Booklet:

Cllr Barnes produced design & printing figures from Rachel Lambert (Joined up Heritage) following a meeting with her. Following some discussion over the design, wording, costs and numbers the following was agreed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. That another meeting is arranged with Rachel Lambert to further discuss the quotes, but to accept the design quote (£350) in principle.
- b. Mrs Harrison & Mr Jupp together contact Jonny Chan re printing quote.
- c. That JMHS & Ledbury Primary School were approached re distribution to all pupils, and numbers required (1500 suggested).
- d. To go with a print run of minimum 3000 and up to an initial print run max 5000

5. Centenary Exhibitions:

At the same meeting with Rachel Lambert, Cllr Barnes obtained quotes for Freestanding Display Floor Stands (banners) @ £200 each. Mrs Harrison had not completed her research for these yet, but agreed in principle to obtain said banners when numbers finalised. Mrs Harrison to liaise with Cllrs Barnes & Eager over the content for the banners.

Church (2nd) exhibition probably running for a 7-8 days from 6th November.

Mrs Harrison produced a draft completed early 20th Century map of Ledbury with a key to the 85 fallen of Ledbury mapped to their residences at the time. Members congratulated Mrs Harrison and Mrs Hill for the huge effort putting this information together.

Discussion as to the completed title, size and printing arrangements.

RECOMMENDATION: That when ready, Mrs Harrison liaise with Cllr Eager and look at Vista Print to produce an A1 (594 x 841 mm) size plastic sign initial cost around £20.00 plus delivery.

6. Silent Soldier:

Mrs Hill gave members an update of her communications to local businesses requesting a token £15 donation towards off-setting the cost of purchasing Silent Soldiers for Ledbury. So far £410 in donations received with the hope that enough money will be raised to purchase around 8 Silent Soldiers. Brenda had compiled a list of possible relevant locations which members approved though BBLP may have to be advised on some suggestions. It was thought that including the 2 Silent Soldiers being purchased by LTC there will be around 12 Soldiers in total. Members congratulated Mrs Hill for her endeavours and hard work in this initiative.

RECOMMENDATION: That LTC proceeds with ordering it's 2 Silent Soldiers without delay.

7. Remembrance Sunday:

Planning meeting held on 9th April 2018 and bullet point report present to members. After a considerable & intense discussion re service length, timings and content, it was agreed to adopt the report as presented.

8. Armed Forces Day:

Saturday 30th June 2018, flag raising ceremony at 10am, civic dignitaries to be in attendance.

9. Merchant Navy Day:

The meeting welcomed Mrs Simpson to the meeting, she went on to outline the plans for Sunday 9th September 2018, these included booking the Burgage Hall (may be changed to RBL after an offer from RBL members present). Service to be held at 2pm at Ledbury War Memorial. Similar invitees list to last year, Maritime Cadets to be asked to send a full contingent (just one last year). Members suggested that just a single wreath is laid. Band will start playing (Nimrod) approx 45 minutes before start of service, suggestions for other tunes/hymns welcome. Calls for medals etc for exhibition.

Further ideas for the day most welcome.

RECOMMENDATION: That LTC be asked to pay for band (as last year).

SPENDING RECOMMENDATION: That the accumulated costs so far re all the events as detailed in this report will be around £2000, and that LTC gives permission for this money to be spent from allocated budget.

10. AOB:

None

Meeting Closed 8.40pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 7pm in the Town Council Offices