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## LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

E1 REFERS

Report from the 1918 Armistice Commemoration Working Party  
Held at 7pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
in the Town Council Offices

**Present:** Cllrs Bob Barnes (Chair), Martin Eager (Note Taker) & Andy Manns, also Jenny Harrison, Brenda Hill (RBL), Clive Jupp, Reverend Bill McKenzie & Alison Thomas (Ledbury Traders)

**Apologies:** Cllrs Nina Shields & Jean Simpson

**1. Interests:** None declared.

**2. Last Meeting:**

The notes from the last meeting were approved at E&L but yet to go through Full Council for recommendations to be enacted upon.

**3. Further discussion plans for 1918 Armistice Commemoration:**

Further discussion of the memorial plaques - some concern that the money spent could be spent on a childrens' project, after debate all agreed that the plaques idea still to be pursued (early days yet).

Jenny suggested that a professional style booklet is produced based on her work on the history of Ledbury's War Memorials.

There was some discussion when it was revealed that Hereford is planning a special Commemoration service on the Remembrance afternoon as there was a fear that any Armistice Commemoration would take over or dominate the normal remembrance service held at 11am. This produced some very forthright views and comments and a robust debate on the format of the 2018 Remembrance Service (to be debated further next year with RBL), Jenny will find out if there is going to some form of national guide/liturgy for next year to work around.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the cost is sourced to produce a booklet on Ledbury's War Memorials.
  2. That all the local choirs are contacted to confirm availability on the day (to lead the Hymns)
  3. That all the names of the WW1 fallen are read out at The Service (by whom and how, to be decided - maybe descendants and/or local children)
  4. That the dais is no longer required at any future Remembrance Sunday Service.
  5. That in lieu of this year's service, it is imperative that the service timings for next year are researched and rehearsed, also that the parade layout and structure is also investigated.
  6. That in association with the Church and RBL that a commemorative high quality service sheet is produced (that will include the names of the fallen).
  7. That Chris Smith is spoken to to ascertain the logistics and availability of additional microphones for next year's service.

There was some discussion as to the rededication of the War Memorial with members hoping that the rededication service could coincide with Armed Forces day in June 2018.

**Recommendation: That the Re-dedication of the War Memorial is held on Armed Forces Day and that the descendent (daughter) of the designer (second part) Joanne Ruddock is invited.**

Also a suitable date required for the re-dedication of the Centenary Fields Recreation Ground.

The proposed Freedom Parade was again discussed and suggested renaming (if it takes place) to Parade (lose Freedom).

Clive suggested that some form of publication is produced based on the historical work mainly undertaken by Jenny re the research on Ledbury's WW1 involvement and casualties. Further consideration next year.

Meeting closed 8pm

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm in the Town Council Offices**