

**Frodsham Town Council**  
**World War 1 Commemoration Working Group**  
**Record of Meeting**  
**Held On Wednesday 15 March 2017 at 18.15**  
**At Frodsham Library, Princeway, Frodsham**



**Present:** Ken Crouch Pammi Taylor Allen Wales  
**Apologies:** Cllr Alan Oulten Cllr Mark Nield Geoff Abnett Ros Caldwell Jenny Evans Kath Hewitt  
Heather Powling Sara Wakefield  
**Observer:** Dennis Taylor

**Meeting 20**

**Action**

**Part A**

140. **Declarations of Interest:** None.

141. **Record of Meeting Held on 15 February 2017**

141.1. *Acceptance:* Agreed as true & accurate.

141.2. *Matters Arising:* None.

142. **Finance**

142.1. *Budget 2016-17:* There were no transactions since the last meeting.

142.2. *Budget 2017-18:* Nothing to report.

143. **Review of Actions & Progress**

143.1. *Passchendaele Commemoration (21 Jul – 10 Dec 2017)*

i. *Scanning Day (Sat 21 Oct '17):* Lena Shiell (CWaC) had offered to help with the organisation and to arrange a talk by Paul Knight (Major in Army Reserve and with a PhD in history) to be delivered free-of-charge. Members recorded their thanks to Lena and agreed to meet reasonable travel expense for Paul as suggested by her.

ii. *Poppy/Wildflower Bed In Castle Park*

- Heather & Kath had visited the allotted site and Pammi had forwarded their comments to Pam Bradley (Senior Manager, Localities, CWaC) who had referred the matter to Jill Connolly (Urban Spaces Team Leader, CWaC) who, in turn, referred it to Tony Blackledge (Ranger for Castle Park, CWaC). Tony had informed Pammi that he had passed the request to the StreetScene Team.
- On 14 Mar Tony informed Pammi that StreetScene were in the process of recruiting new staff and that there was no one in post to make a decision. There was also a misunderstanding about the requirement. As a rough estimate, StreetScene believed it would cost £2,000 to create a bed, seed it and maintain it. Tony would take back the correct requirement (digging a plot for WW1 WG to cultivate) to StreetScene as soon as a new decision-maker is in place. He had suggested that we have a site meeting to identify a suitable location for the bed. This was agreed.

iii. *Screening "Passchendaele":* It was agreed that the film will be screened at St Laurence Church on Wed 4 Oct '17. **HP**

iv. *Cascade of Poppies*

- Pammi had spoken to Roger Williams (Chair, Frodsham Community Centre) and was informed that the Management Committee was content for the Group to display the Cascade & exhibits (Item v) at the Community Centre. However, Storm Doris on 23 Feb had caused considerable damage to the Centre and major repair work was needed to make the Main Hall usable. Pammi had arranged to meet Sue Thompson on Sat 1 Apr '17 at 13.00 to discuss siting of the Cascade & the exhibits. Any member wishing to accompany Pammi & Sue would be welcome.
- Following agreement with the Community Centre, other sites (eg Helsby High School) would be considered to fill any gaps during the period 21 Jul – 10 Dec.
- The Town Clerk would be approached to check if the FTC van can be used to transport the Cascade from Frodsham Health Centre to Frodsham Community Centre. **PT**

v. *Exhibition:* See Item iv.

143.2. *Trinity Memorial – Missing Name*

i. *Engraving of Missing Name:* Rawsons had informed the Town Clerk that they needed the Memorial stone to be 'bone dry' and were keeping an eye on the long-range weather forecast. They would confirm the date for completion of work in due course.

- ii. *Ceremony to Pay Tribute to Ethel Saxon*: It was agreed to contact Rev Emison to discuss details of arrangements for a ceremony to take place on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ethel's demise (**NOTE**: Ethel passed away on 3 Sep 1917). **PT**

143.3. *OHMF War Memorial Gates & Railings – Listing*: C/F in Mark's absence.

143.4. *St Laurence Church War Memorial Renovation*: PCC had decided to defer this In view of other urgent repairs needed at the Church. It was agreed to approach Father Michael to see if progress can be made in view of the approaching 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War's end in 2018 and the nationwide events to mark the occasion. **PT**

143.5. *Sundial at St Laurence Church*: It was noted that the latest offer from Lance Yates was not acceptable to the Diocese. Members considered options for an alternative site (OHMF, Fluin Lane Field, Castle Park etc) and for alternative permanent memorials (picture boards etc). The item would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Group with a view to making a recommendation to FTC.

143.6. *Remembrance Services – Arrangements for 2017*: C/F.

143.7. *Exhibition at CPAC (16 Sep – 1 Nov '18)*

- i. *Site Details & Cost*: CPAC had offered the Café/Foyer area free-of-charge. Members recognised that the space would be limited but agreed that it would be sufficient for our needs and that the booking be confirmed. **PT/Town Clerk**

- ii. *Poppy Cascade*: Arrangements for transporting to CPAC would be confirmed nearer the time.

- iii. *Exhibits*: C/F.

- iv. *Frodsham Choral Society's Involvement*: Pammi had sent a message to the Society asking for details of the person to be contacted to arrange details. Their response was awaited.

143.8. *Missing Names Plaque for OHMF Memorial*: Work to confirm accuracy was continuing.

143.9. *Notices for Cross References to Other Memorials*: Work to compile a list & to photograph memorials was continuing.

143.10. *Other Events / Activities*: None.

#### 144. **Any Other Business**

144.1. <http://www.greatwar-frodsham.info/>: A member of the public, having visited the website, had contacted the Group for further information on Pvt Peter Worrall who had died in the Battle of the Somme. Members recorded their satisfaction on the usefulness of our website.

144.2. *Attendance at meetings*: Members expressed their dismay at the lack of FTC representation at the Group's meetings.

#### 145. **Items for Future Meetings**

145.1. *Zeebrugge Campaign - Frodsham's Hero* (Isaac Lawless/Leonard Ellams) (2018)

145.2. *Beacons of Light – 11 November 2018*

145.3. *Peace Celebrations* (Church Service, Participation in Festival in the Park Re-enactment/Tea Party – Refer to 1919 celebrations programme) (2019)

145.4. *Memorial Field – Reference(s) in Parish Magazine*

145.5. *Books – Progress*

- i. *Commemorative Book*

- ii. *Historical Record of WW1 WG's Work*

146. **Next Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 12 April 2017 at 18.15 at Frodsham Library, Princeway, Frodsham.

**Meeting Closed at 19.15 pm**