

# World War 1 Commemoration Working Group

## Record of Meeting

Held On Wednesday 30 August 2017 at 18.15

At Frodsham Library, Princeway, Frodsham



**Present:** Geoff Abnett Ros Caldwell Jenny Evans Kath Hewitt  
Pammi Taylor Allen Wales Peter Vickery (Ex-officio) Kim Horton (CPAC Manager)  
**Apologies:** Ken Crouch Heather Powling Don Rustage Sara Wakefield  
**Observer:** Dennis Taylor

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### ACTION

25. **Declarations of Interest:** None

26. **Record of Meeting Held on 16 August 2017**

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

26.2. *Matters Arising:* It was noted that Rawsons Memorials could not start the renovation of St Laurence Parish Church War Memorial till March 2018 and that Pammi had asked the Town Clerk to place the order on this understanding (*Item 21.4*). **Town Clerk**

27. **Finance**

27.1. *Balance of Budget 2017-18 – Transfer to CPAC Trust:* The Town Council had transferred £2,850.00 to the Trust to meet the Group's prospective expenditure.

27.2. *Estimates for 2018-19*

i. *Assessment of Value of Planned Projects to the Community*

a. *Commemoration of Zeebrugge Campaign (23 April 2018):* Frodsham resident Leading Seaman Leonard Ellams died during the Raid. He is commemorated on the War Memorials at Overton Hill, St Laurence Parish Church & Frodsham Methodist Church. Details of activities to commemorate and associated costs would be determined at the next meeting of the Group.

b. *Beacons of Light (11 November 2018):* FTC & WW1 WG registered jointly to participate in the WW1 Beacons of Light Event. Based on similar past events, members considered the cost to be negligible as FTC has a working beacon and most of the work (erecting / lighting / dismantling the beacon, marshalling etc) would be done by volunteers. The Group would liaise with the Town Clerk to assess potential costs. **PT/Town Clerk**

c. *Peace Celebrations (19 July 2019):* Members considered possible events / activities to involve the community. Options included entertainment by local performing groups and / or cakes for residential homes, sporting events for school children and bunting at suitable venues. Involvement of army cadets, scouts & girl guides was raised. Performing groups would be contacted to check feasibility and potential cost of cakes, bunting etc would be discussed at the next meeting. **PT**

d. *Missing Names Plaque(s) for OHMF Memorial:* £1,000 had been budgeted for Financial Year 2017/18. At the Group's meeting held on 17 May '17, members agreed to use this money for renovation of St Laurence Parish Church War Memorial pending completion of list of missing names. A fresh request based on re-assessed cost would be submitted to FTC.

e. *Notice(s) for Cross References to Other Memorials:* £200 for a noticeboard at OHMF had been budgeted for Financial Year 2017/18. At the Group's meeting held on 17 May '17, members agreed to use this money for renovation of St Laurence Parish Church War Memorial pending completion of list of missing names. A fresh request based on re-assessed cost would be submitted to FTC.

f. *Group's Archive:* An assessment of cost of stationery required would be made for consideration at the next meeting. **PT**

g. *Books:* Members noted that work on both books was continuing but there were concerns about the value of their publication insofar as:

- With publication being not long before disbanding of the Group, there would be little opportunity to sell the books;
- The information in the "Commemorative Book" would be largely a duplication of that already available from other sources, including books & websites; and
- The "Historical Record of WW1 WG's Work" would be lodged with Frodsham & District History Society.

Options, including on-line publishing were considered briefly. Estimates for on-line publishing would be obtained and the item would be discussed further at the next meeting. **PT**

ii. *Potential Cost of Agreed Projects:* C/F.

28. **Poppy Cascade:** Transport and Display at Frodsham Community Centre (13 Sep – 25 Oct '17) and at CPAC (16 Sep – 1 Nov '18)
- 28.1. *CPAC Trust's Concerns (email of 25 Jul '17)* about health & safety and insurance - arising from the size & weight of the Cascade - were discussed at length. Kim described how a shortened Cascade could be displayed in CPAC's café area with exhibits around it. Members were amenable to the proposal.
- 28.2. *Display at FCC:* Allen, Geoff, Ken, Kath & Ros will manage the move (from Frodsham Health Centre) & erection of the Cascade and display of the explanatory notice & soldiers' stories (in FCC foyer). Members recorded their thanks to Paul Morris (FTC Facilities Manager) for his help with transportation of the Cascade and to Paul Smith (FHC Business Manager) for his offer of storing it at the Health Centre after 25 Oct '17.
29. **Trinity War Memorial – Re-dedication Service**
- 29.1. *Arrangements for Ethel Saxon's Relatives' Visit*
- i. Pammi informed the Group that there were no B&Bs in Frodsham or nearby villages. She provided figures for local hotels and for mileage expenses but they were no longer needed as Ethel's great-niece Lynn Lynch & her husband Nigel had booked their own accommodation and were arriving on 2 Sep. Pammi had invited them to lunch with Group members. Lynn's reply was awaited. **[NOTE:** Lynn has, since, accepted the invitation and arrangements for lunch at the Old Hall have been made.]
- ii. Geoff informed the Group that Frodsham Flowers being closed, he had not been able to order the flowers for the re-dedication ceremony. Allen offered to get a bouquet for Lynn to lay at the Memorial. **AW**
30. **Next Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 20 September 2017 at 18.15 at Frodsham Library, Princeway, Frodsham.

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