

Remembrance Day Working Group

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 4 September 2018 at 6pm

At Castle Park House, Castle Park Frodsham

Present: Cllrs C Ashton & D Critchley (part), Father Michael Mills, Ros Caldwell, Jenny Evans, Ian Lancaster, Diane McNamara and Hazel Catt

1. Welcome & Introductions

Cllr C Ashton agreed to chair the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July

The minutes were agreed.

3. Updates/actions from the meetings.

Mike Amesbury will attend the Beacon Lighting.

Hazel will contact the Scouts, Helsby High School and Cadets now that the holidays are over.

Fireworks – after discussion it was agreed not to go ahead with a display. The idea of lanterns down the hill as an alternative was discussed – alternatives to be discussed further at a future meeting.

Bell-ringing – the main bell ringing session will be on Monday 12 November.

Bugler – may need to use a recording again. Hazel will contact HHS & the Silver Band.

WI – Hazel will contact them again about taking part after the play and providing WW1 themed tea.

Programme for the service in 2014 – Hazel will check the records held by FTC. Ros will ask Pammi and Heather.

4. Beacon Lighting

Gleaves Garden Centre have offered to loan a gas bottle again so we don't need to purchase one but will pay only for the gas.

Forest Hills have agreed we can use the area used for the Charity Concert for the beacon. Hazel will contact the hotel about access arrangements.

FTC's Estate Manager will be available to assist with the erection of the beacon and help the Junior Mayor to light it.

The publicity will be clear that the only activity on the hill will be the last post and the lighting of the beacon.

5. 'There But Not There' Installation - <https://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk/>

The application for 10 silhouettes has been successful but they haven't arrived yet.

When they do arrive it will be possible to see how they will fit into the church and the play. They will be available for other events before and after Sunday 11 November.

6. Frodsham Players – Update

All is going well with preparations. The cast have been appointed and are in rehearsals. The title is 'At the going down of the sun' and the publicity materials are being prepared. They are going to involve 3 year 6 pupils from each of the schools to hand out poppies, hand knitted by WI, instead of the poppy cascade. Each poppy will have the name of a fallen soldier on it – Hazel will send the list of the additional 42 names identified by WW1 Commemoration Group. The performance can

accommodate about 100-120 people – no tickets so difficult to know how many will attend. Donations will go to RBL. It might be possible to film the performance.

7. Royal British Legion – Update

There is no confirmed Standard Bearer but Diane has contacted the County Parade Marshall for assistance. Poppy wreaths will be available again from Tracey Footitt.

8. WW1 Commemoration Group – Update

They will prepare the list of names and arrange for the speakers. The need for loud speakers was discussed but some people felt it was better without.

The Poppy Cascade will be dismantled, after the final exhibition starting on 18 September, and sections put into frames to be given to local groups.

Peace Celebration 2019 – plans are underway involving the schools in a sports event on the upper field at Castle Park to run alongside the Festival in the Park event. The schools are meeting to discuss the arrangements on 18 September.

9. Other activities

The Lord Lieutenant has written to see if we want him to attend our services. It was agreed that Hazel would write and suggest he attend the Church Service at 9.45 and/or wreath laying at 10.45-11am.

10. AOB

Library are holding an event with a guest speaker on 13 September – Home Service in WW1 – 2pm at Helsby Library and 6.30-7pm at Frodsham.

11. Date & time of next meeting.

Tuesday 16 October – 6pm at CPH – Father Michael gave his apologies.

Tuesday 23 October – 6pm at CPH.