

Remembrance Day Working Group
Minutes of a meeting to held on Wednesday 23 May 2018 at 6pm
At Frodsham Library, Princeway, Frodsham

Present: Cllr J Critchley (FTC), Father Michael Mills (St Laurence Church),
Ros Caldwell (WW1 Commemoration Working Group), Diane McNamara (RBL) and
Hazel Catt (Town Clerk)

Apologies: Ian Lancaster and Jenny Evans

Cllr J Critchley agreed to chair the meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions

Judith welcomed everyone.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March

The minutes were agreed.

3. Updates/actions from the meeting:

a. RBL attendance - Town Clerk

Diane was present.

b. Beacon lighting site – Town Clerk

Forest Hill have confirmed they are happy for the beacon to be lit on their land. TC will ask Forest Hill if they plan to put any activities on at the same time to encourage people to attend. This group will consider what activities it might put on too. TC will ask local Parishes if they are having a beacon.

c. Marshalls – Town Clerk

The scouts have responded positively to our request to get involved.

d. Churches Together – Father Michael

Representatives of Churches Together will be attending the service at the War Memorial. St Laurence's service will be at 9.45am and will not be the usual Sunday Communion Service but more like the usual service held on Remembrance Day when it isn't on a Sunday. This is a simpler service. Father Michael has arranged for a bugler in Church. Methodist Church service will be at 10am for ½ hour followed by coffee for those who don't want to go to the War Memorial. They will be reading the names on their 2 memorials.

e. MP – Town Clerk

TC has written to Mike Amesbury and has had a holding response.

f. Helsby High School

HHS are keen to be involved but won't be in a position to agree how until after the half - term break.

**4. 'There But Not There' Installation - <https://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk/>
To discuss applying to host 10 silhouettes and agree actions.**

As there were so few at this meeting it was agreed to hold another meeting to discuss this further. Diane offered to research into the application process and find out more about what is expected in terms of insurance, how long we would have them for, if it is 'first come' basis for the funding etc. Ros will ask if the Methodist Church would be interested in hosting the silhouettes. TC will contact other organisations to see if they are interested in getting involved. She will also ask her colleagues in other parishes to see if they plan to utilise the silhouettes in their activities. The fund is aimed at encouraging people to engage with Armed Forces Day which will be on 30 June 2018 and 29 June 2019.

5. Flypast over OHMF

To discuss inviting the Flying Club to fly past and scatter poppy petals at this year's service.

WW1 Commemoration Working Group have liaised with a flying club around a fly past and discovered it would cost approximately £225 for a licence. Ros agreed to make contact with the club again to see if it would be possible to arrange a fly-past and poppy scattering. Judith suggested we may be able to use drones – to be researched. The poppies would need to be biodegradable. The timing of any fly past would need to be carefully considered.

6. Frodsham Players

Unfortunately Ian wasn't able to attend but had sent an update. His colleague is in the very final stages of finalising the programme, which will comprise poetry, song, music and elements of drama from selected plays themed on WW1. We expect a running time of 1h30min, with the event due to start at 4pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards & all proceeds from the event will be donated to the British Legion.

Ian is meeting with his colleague to finalise the programme on 07/06 and will share it with this group afterwards.

7. Royal British Legion

The Poppy Appeal will be organised by Tracy Footitt again this year. RBL will co-ordinate the wreath laying at the War Memorial as usual. There is no standard bearer at the moment. Diane will find out about the training requirements and where and when the sessions take place. It may be possible to get someone else trained up to do it. She will also check with Mr Reugen to see if there is a local member of another Branch able to do it as happened at the St George's Day event.

8. WW1 Commemoration Group – Update

FTC has agreed in principle to the placing of a lectern near the War Memorial to record 42 names that are missing from Memorials around the town.

They are planning a Peace Celebration involving all the local schools. Although the actual Peace Celebration day is set for on 19 July 2019 the event in Frodsham is likely to be linked into the Rotary Festival in the Park event on Sunday 7 July 2019.

They are looking to see what should happen to the Poppy Cascade after its last exhibition at the Castle Park Arts Centre. This may involve putting sections of the Cascade in frames to give to the schools.

Representative of the Group will read out the names at the War Memorial. Judith offered to try and borrow audio equipment to make it easier for people to hear the names.

9. AOB

a. Beacon Lighting

It was agreed that the Junior Mayors should be asked to formally light the beacon.

b. Activities around the Town

Father Michael suggest it would be a good idea to get more activities around the town eg getting people around the town to ring bells. TC will contact the WI to see if they would be interested and have any ideas for encouraging more involvement in the commemorations.

10. Date & time of next meeting.

Tuesday 6 June at 6pm at Castle Park House – to discuss the Silhouettes and agree the details for an application.