

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL – EXTERNAL COMMITTEE

WAR MEMORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING ON 11th September 2018

Present: Cllrs Justin Nelson, Bill Chantler (RBL & TDRA) Canon Rev Lindsay Hammond, Maj. Alan O’Hagan, Fred Walker &. Member of the public Carol Douglas. The Town Clerk Phil Burgess was in attendance.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Neil Beaven (RBL), Cllr Pam Smith.
2. **Appointment of Chairman.** Cllr Nelson was appointed.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held 24th July 2018.** Were agreed. Neil Beaven’s name was incorrectly spelt. This will be corrected on future agendas.
4. **Matters Arising.**

Carol Douglas gave a further report on the progress of her research. She has only been unable to trace one name: Frank E Smith. The name appears on the church memorial but not the main memorial. A further search will be made in the parish magazines and if there is no further reference there it may not be possible to trace him. Details of her research on individual names were shown to the committee on a single sheet giving various details over and above name regiment service details and date of death. The committee were impressed with the presentation (copy attached). There is some disparity in the ranks quoted but this is not unusual and can be recorded in the accompanying notes. Carol asked if there was any restriction over the usage of the information from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Action: PB to check* (post meeting note – CWGC and forces records site terms and conditions attached. The only possible breach here would be the highlighted term in the forces records site which only applies to full membership)

A query was raised about the inclusion of ranks on the Church War Memorial Lindsay stated that it was to be a brand new memorial, and a decision will be made by this committee at that time.

The potholes on the road alongside the memorial were addressed within a week or so of last meeting.

Any honours earned by the war dead should be noted and were felt to be more important than rank.
5. **Listing and registration of the Memorial.** There was a query as to whether the surround would itself be listed and what the procedure would be for adding pathways or further bricks. *Action: Town Clerk to check with WMT, Historic England or the conservation officer as appropriate.*
All members were in favour of listing it if the listing applied to the monument only and not the surround.
6. **War Memorial Cleaning.** The clerk reported that Burslem were not able to remedy the black spot issue without the use of corrosive substances. Bill Chantler said he was able to remove the black spots using his fingernails and enquired whether the quote included brushing and whether this was used *Action: Clerk to check quotation and contact contractors* (quotation attached showing use of stiff bristle brush). The clerk would first contact Burslems to query the apparent non-brushing of the memorial (resulting in the black spots being left) and, dependent on Burslem’s response, approach the Stone Shop to tackle the black spots if this is possible without the use of corrosive materials. Members would be invited to attend the

inspection of the War Memorial with the Stone Shop. A maximum budget of £1000 was set for remedial work to remove black spot.

It was agreed that the names should not be painted to make them stand out as this would create an on-going maintenance issue. The names would be re-incised at a later date.

7. **Any other Business.** Merger with the remembrance Sunday committee. Once the cleaning and listing has been resolved the centenary has passed, the two committees could be merged.
8. **Next Meeting of this committee:** Further meeting may not be necessary. The Clerk can notify progress on cleaning and listing by e-mail.

Meeting Closed at 19.00 p.m.