

# Lanchester Parish Council



## War Memorial Working Group

Lynwood House  
Monday 5 December 2016  
5.00pm

**Present** Sally Laverick, Councillor Kevin Leary, Councillor Alasdair Nairn, Brian Naylor, Eric Hepplewhite, Graham Meek, Marian Morrison, Dorothy Hall, Brian Masterman, Pam Sinclair

### 1. **Welcome**

Sally welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

### 2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ossie Johnson and Ian Murray.

### 3. **The Project**

#### **Background to the project**

This project has been discussed over the last several months and the Area Action Partnership have explored how a working group may take the project forward. The proposed project is to place the names of fallen soldiers on the war memorial on the Village Green.

#### **Funding for the project**

Funding of approximately £5000.00 has been offered from the two County Councillors through their members fund to deliver the project. This funding is co-ordinated through the Area Action Partnership.

#### **Scope of the project**

The group talked about the scope of the project.

The list of fallen soldiers read out at the Remembrance Service provided a starting point. This roll of honour had been compiled when the war memorial was unveiled in 1951 with additional names added at a later date. Discussion centred around whether the list was complete, correct spelling of names, omission of names etc.

Further information on names is available through memorial plaques in the Churches and at the Community Centre, the Book of Remembrance, other war memorials and on gravestones. The group talked about the importance of the list being complete and accurate and of sharing the list with the community for their consideration.

It was agreed that an article be submitted to the Village Voice providing information on the project and the current list of names. This information could also be provided through the Parish Council newsletter and notice board. In addition it was felt that information could be sent to key groups in the community and also through Lanchester Past and Present.

### **How do we progress the project**

A small working group is required to progress the project. Lanchester Parish Council at a recent meeting resolved to set up a working group to carry the project forward. This meeting constitutes the first meeting of that working group.

It was agreed that the project could be progressed through a series of meetings of the group.

In order to secure the County Councillor's funding, broad costs and details of the project needed to be submitted by early March. It was agreed that costs for various designs be sought for future discussion. It may be that once costs are known that additional funding may need to be secured to deliver the project.

### **Who should be involved**

The current membership of the group provided a wealth of experience and knowledge. However other interested members of the community would be welcome to join the group

## **4. Next Steps**

- To gather the lists of names from all sources and consolidate into one list
- An article be submitted to the Village Voice
- Prices be sought for various designs and schemes
- Contact be made with Durham County Council planners regarding permissions required for the works

## **5. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the group will be on Thursday 26 January at 5.00pm at Lynwood House

Meeting ends 6.15pm