

Lanchester Parish Council



War Memorial Working Group

Lynwood House
Tuesday 30 January 2018
5.00pm

Present Sally Laverick, Councillor Ossie Johnson, Councillor David Friesner, Dorothy Hall, Brian Naylor, Marian Morrison, Brian Masterman, Pam Sinclair, Aubrey O' Brien, Ian Murray, Mike Stoddart

Mark Topping – Art of Stone Memorials

1. **Welcome**

Ossie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Eric Hepplewhite.

3. **Minutes from the Last Meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting of the group were received

4. **Visit to Art of Stone Memorials**

Representatives from the group (Ossie, Eric, Marian and Dorothy) visited Art of Stone Memorials on 2 November 2017. Mark from Art of Stone met the group and showed examples of the companies work.

The group saw some unique pieces with bespoke hand work. The company offers an apprentice scheme to ensure the traditional skills are continued.

The feedback from the group was that the standard of the work was very good.

5. Memorial Design

Mark talked through the proposed design for the memorial.

It was agreed that the straight design should be used. The existing side sections of the memorial will be removed. The sides will then be extended using stone to match the centre stone. A granite panel will be placed on either side of the central granite panel. The granite will match the existing centre panel. The height of the two side sections will be raised using matching stone to allow for more space between the granite panel and the top of the memorial. The centre section will still be higher than the sides. The three granite panels will be in-line at the top and bottom. The two side granite panels will be slightly narrower.

Mark showed examples of how the names could be applied to the side panels. The example proposed one panel to represent World War I and the second panel to represent World War II and subsequent names. The font size would be approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in height

The group discussed the fact that there would be many more names on one of the panels.

The group discussed the stone which is to be removed from the memorial. It was agreed that this should be retained and used in some way.

The following was agreed:

- All the names appertaining to World War I to go on one panel
- To balance the panels that an engraving (possibly poppies) is placed on the bottom corner of the second panel
- The headings for the two panels should be World War One (or I) and World War Two (or II)
- The name of the ship to be included next to the identified name. It may be that this one name is moved to the end of the list for clarity
- The removed stone is retained and reused
- The group considers ways in which the stone can be re-used
- There would be no granite panels applied to the back of the memorial

A final proof will be presented once everything is agreed

6. List of Names

Since the last meeting a long list of names has been compiled and ordered alphabetically.

Letters have been sent to the three Churches asking for feedback on the list. All three Churches have confirmed that they are happy for the 121 names to be included on the War Memorial and to be read out on the Remembrance Day service.

In September a second article was placed in the Village Voice and on the Parish Council notice board asking for comments etc on the long list. No further feedback has been received.

Discussion took place on the names on the list. Some have full middle names, some have initials for the middle name.

It was agreed that Mark supplies a design showing full names and a design with initials for middle names for consideration. Ian to provide details of middle names.

Some names may be wrong. If they are wrong should they be altered. It was agreed that errors should be corrected.

Ian and Dorothy will continue their work to examine the names.

The group considered the long list and the following spellings were agreed:

- James Cleugh
- James H Dunning
- John Hassan
- Michael Lennard
- Gerard G Sadler
- Donald McMillian

With regard to Michael Lennard, Ian is to speak with Lanchester RC Church regarding the spelling.

7. Timescale of the Project

Mark confirmed that they would need 4 weeks for installation and engraving.

It is planned that the works should be completed by the end of September.

The following timescale was agreed:

- The final proof of the design and detail of names is agreed in July
- The work is undertaken in August and September
- The Dedication of the Memorial to take place in October

Mark is to provide a scale drawing. It was agreed that this is forwarded to Durham County Council for planning and design comments.

It was agreed that a letter is sent to Art of Stone confirming the works to be undertaken.

8. Next Steps

- Mark to produce a further proof of the granite panels to reflect full middle names and initials for middle names
- Ian to provide details of middle names
- The group to consider how to use the removed stone
- Ian and Dorothy to continue their work on names
- Ian is to speak with Lanchester RC Church regarding the spelling of Michael Lennard
- Mark to provide a scale drawing of the proposed design
- The scale drawing is sent to the County Council for comment
- A letter is sent to Art of Stone confirming the works

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the group will take place in March, time and date to be determined.

Meeting ends 6.30pm