

Lanchester Parish Council



War Memorial Working Group

Lynwood House
Tuesday 11 September 2018
2.00pm

Present Dorothy Hall, Brian Naylor, Eric Hepplewhite, Aubrey O' Brien,
Ian Murray, Pam Sinclair,

Reverend Stuart Earl	- Lanchester Methodist Church
Peter Jackson	- Lanchester Parish Church
Reverend Peter Smith	- Lanchester Catholic Church
Father Cornelius O' Connor	- Lanchester Catholic Church

1. **Welcome**

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ossie Johnson, Marian Morrison and Councillor Kevin Leary.

3. **Minutes from the Last Meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting of the group were received.

4. **Lanchester War Memorial**

The group were informed that Art of Stone had commenced work on the War Memorial on 10 September. The sides were being removed and the foundations laid for the extended stone sides to be built so that the engraved marble panels can be inserted.

It had been intended to re-use the removed stone from the sides. It had been hoped that Art of Stone would be able to re-use the stone and provide a feature i.e. planters whilst they were undertaking their work. However the cement on the removed stone is proving difficult to remove. It was therefore decided to remove and store this stone until a decision can be made on its future use.

5. List of Names

The group were informed that a final community consultation had taken place during July and August on the list of 127 names. This consultation had included:

- Article in the Village Voice
- Article in the Parish Council newsletter
- Article on the Parish Council notice board
- Information sent to the Churches

There had been two queries from the consultation, both of which had been resolved.

During this consultation period Dorothy and Ian had undertaken further research and identified an additional three names for inclusion in the list and amendments to three of the existing names.

It was agreed that these amendments should be included.

Art of Stone had provided a mock-up of the panels with the list of names. The group considered this proof. It was agreed:

- The group proof read the panels and reports any errors to Sally
- The additional three names and three amendments to names are forwarded to Art of Stone for inclusion
- Any errors in the proof are reported to Art of Stone
- The content of the four columns on the panel for World War 1 are more equal
- Engraved poppy/poppies are included in the bottom right corner of the World War II panel
- Under Falklands Campaign the date '1982' is removed
- Under the name Stewart Ian Laing a divider line is included to provide a separate section for Gavin Peacock
- The wording for Gavin Peacock shall be 'Gavin Peacock – Died in service 1985'

A further proof will be requested from Art of Stone to reflect the above. This proof will be forwarded to the group for a final proof, following which the panels will be engraved.

6. Dedication of War Memorial

The Rededication of the War Memorial will take place on Friday 19 October 2018 at 2pm.

The following elements have been arranged:

- The three Churches in the Parish have agreed to be involved in the service

- Lord Lieutenant Sue Snowdon will attend
- The three schools have agreed to be involved
- The uniformed children's services have agreed to be involved
- Lanchester Brass Band are to provide a member to play The Last Post
- A PA system has been ordered
- Refreshments have been organised to take place in the Methodist Church after the service
- Key groups will lay clay poppies at the service and not wreaths

The group considered the service content and referred to an example service for a Rededication of a War Memorial.

Following discussion, the broad content of the service was agreed:

- The order of the service and content was discussed, amended and agreed
- Sections were allocated to individuals.
- It was suggested that Councillor Ossie Johnson shall open the proceedings and welcome everyone.
- The Lord Lieutenant will say a few words. Dorothy and Ian agreed to provide the speech for the Lord Lieutenant
- St Bedes School to be asked if a small group of students would read out the list of names. Reverend Peter Smith and Father Cornelius O' Connor to progress with the school.
- It was agreed to ask 12 students from each of the three schools to attend

The programme of service to be progressed and a draft sent around the group for comment and proofing prior to printing.

It was agreed that an article be placed in the Village Voice to inform the community of the Rededication Service.

7. Next Steps

- Remove the unused stone from the War Memorial site
- Progress the list of names with Art of Stone
- Receive a further proof of the panels of names from Art of Stone
- The group to undertake a final proof of the panels of names
- Work to continue on the rededication service including content of service, printing of programmes, article in Village Voice, posters around the village, speech for the Lord Lieutenant and working with St Bedes School regarding reading the list of names.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the group to be confirmed

Meeting ends 4.00pm