

Minutes of Whitley Reading Rooms Committee Meeting

The Reading Rooms at 8pm on Tuesday 23rd October 2018

PRESENT: Ian Uffindell (chair), Carole Uffindell (bookings secretary), Margaret Beament (Treasurer), Alison Crawley, Brian Roberts, Leila Riley(minutes)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Eddie and Eileen Carter, Bob Brownrigg and John Hamley

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (23rd January 2018)**

These were accepted as a true account. Proposed by Brian and seconded by Alison

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

4. **WW1 Armistice Centenary (3pm-5pm 11.11.2018)**

Brian and Margaret have been to the Wiltshire Museum matching names on the roll of honour with names on the 1911 census and marking their homes on the map. They have also collected together other artefacts and memorabilia

Ian has made a life-sized hardboard silhouette of a soldier.

Brian has distributed posters around Whitley and Melksham and alerted the Wiltshire Times

Leila has made a Reading Rooms Facebook page and advertised the event on it

Ruth Gillings has agreed to come at 4pm to give a short prayer and blessing

Many thanks particularly to Margaret, Brian and Ian who have done the lion's share so far.

Other things to be done are: find out if anyone can play the Last Post on Bugle, send an article in to The Melksham News (Margaret), Make cakes and scones (all), find a Union Flag and bunting (Brian) Get in touch with school again after half term and also Mavern House re possible contributions eg giant poppy (Leila), Ask Beavers for an input (Alison), teas to be served on the day (Margaret and team), photos of the day (Leila)

NB The whole exhibition will be put together by committee members on Saturday 10.11.18 at 2pm

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

I would like to thank John Hamley for all his hard work in digging out a lot of soil from around the garage. We have spread a lot of it down one side of the garage and this has been seeded. The rest has been spread along the front to make a slope and this will also be seeded. I am pleased to say this has now cured the problem of water entering the garage. I have fitted guttering to the Pocock's side and a plastic board to the bottom of the garage door as there was a 2inch gap at the bottom.

The storage cupboard has now been painted.

Lastly I have rung Wiltshire Council on 3 separate occasions since August to ask them to remove their bins and every time they say, "first time we have been told – will collect them within 10 days" but they always know my name without me saying. I have told them if not collected this time I will not ring again, but will cut them up and dispose of them.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Margaret told us that overall we have approximately £3000 more in our accounts than this time last year. £3427 in the current account and £9500 in the emergency repairs account.

It was decided to leave the hall hire fees the same for next year except for toddler group which will go up from £6 to £7 per hour

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** - None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday January 22nd 2019 at **6.30pm** at **Margaret's home.**