

**Tattenhall & District Parish Council Informal Meeting – War Memorial
27th September 2021 via Zoom.**

PRESENT

John Bailey, Iain Keeping, Jonny Kershaw, Neil Matthews, Norman Sharp,
Ann Wright (Clerk).

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss repair of War Memorial.

It was noted that the Memorial would need to be dismantled and rebuilt on a suitable base the cost of which was likely to be up to £30k.

Memorial Location

It was discussed that the existing location of the memorial is always going to be wet and whether there will always be an issue with the memorial moving in the future.

It was noted that the location was agreed by a public ballot in the 1920s.

It was discussed that siting the Memorial nearer to the church, possibly where the youth shelter is would have a number of advantages including earlier access for the Act of Remembrance given the increasing difficulty of organising road closures, the land is also drier. It was not believed there would be financial savings be relocating the memorial.

Memorial Appearance

It was discussed which parts of the current structure make up the memorial. It was agreed the Cross, plinth, plaques and 3 steps are key parts of the memorial, however the sandstone paving, and wall were perhaps not essential to the memorial.

It was noted that the sandstone wall had been pile driven when repaired, however it was noted there is movement in the wall recognised by the Tier report.

Funding

It was noted that as, yet funding had not been identified for the project and that the available founding would in fact determine the works to be undertaken.

It was noted several approaches had been made to the War Memorials Trust but not response had been received.

The Clerk had also contacted Historic England who had advise that funding for memorial can be obtained from the War Memorials Trust.

It was greed to also approach:

Heritage Lottery fund

Commonwealth & War Graves Commission

David Bish agreed to contact the Royal British Legion for help and advice.

The Clerk reported she had been contacted by CBS Conservation. It was agreed the Clerk should contact them regarding obtaining a 1st phase design and access to funding.

Bolesworth Estate

It was agreed to write the Nina Barbour to update her on the situation and seek the Estate's support for the project.

Ann Wright
28th September 2021