

Informal War Memorial Site Meeting

15th October 2021

PRESENT

David Bish – Tattenhall Poppy Appeal

Jennifer Chambers – Chambers Conservation

Ann Wright (Clerk).

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss repair of War Memorial.

The following points were discussed during the meeting:

It was asked what the risk of injury from the current condition of the memorial site was and whether with a small amount of work or fencing off the site would allow limited access in the short term.

It was noted the memorial is visibly leaning but appears stable.

It was suggested that it should be asked why underpinning of the memorial was not being recommended.

It was noted that the memorial works should be split into 2 different areas:

1) Engineering, geotechnical and structural works below ground.

2) Conservation and stone masonry work above ground.

It was suggested the project could be in 2 phases:

Phase 1 – short term solution to make safe and allow some access and remove wire fencing.

Phase 2 – to undertake full community consultation on how the memorial should be rebuilt following full ground works, taking account of the following:

- Location, should it move within its current location or on another site.
- Accessibility, to allow access from those with limited mobility, noting on occasions people have struggled to lay wreaths.
- Should there be an opportunity for further memorials to be added.
- Appearance, how can the appearance be improved, could the view be improved by being able to see George the War Horse, the flagpole and Mill Brook.
- Should there be more seating available
- Should access points be introduced into the wall.
- It was noted the memorial is disconnected from the surrounding area, just facing the road.

Actions

- To establish risk and if a short-term solution can be found allowing removal of the wire fencing.
- Obtain prices for engineering reports /recommendations for long-term solution.
- Obtain price from stonemasons to dismantle, clean and rebuild memorial.
- Obtain price to create a scheme for the memorial.

Prices can then be submitted to War Memorial Trust for professional advice grant (up to 75% of costs).

- Consider removal of large area of greenery around Memorial wall.

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