**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

**Roade and District Branch**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 6th March 2023**

**Attendance M**ajor P. Flemming (President), Mr M. McCafferty (Chair) – Mr J. Bretherton (Vice Chair/Standard Bearer) – Mrs A. Freund (Treasurer & Membership Secretary) – Miss S. Kitchen (Secretary) –

**Apologies** Mr M. Smith - Mr I. Lloyd **-** Mr & Mrs Davies - Mr J Waddington

 *The Chair opened the meeting by saying the act of homage.*

**Minutes** Minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th January 2023 were agreed and signed as a True Record of that meeting. Proposed by Mr Bretherton and seconded by

 Mrs Freund that these be adopted - ***carried***

**Matters** **Arising**

* There were no matters arising

**Secretary's Report and Correspondence**

* Nothing to report & no correspondence received

**Chairman’s Correspondence**

*Various Correspondence*

The chairman has been notified that a new Board of Trustees will be formed from May 2023. We have also have a new National President in Sir Clive Johnstone and the committee congratulate them all.

**Treasurers Report**

* The Treasurer confirmed that we had £2764.14 in our deposit account in London and £1856.65 in our current account as at 6th March 2023. A copy of the Accounts was handed round to the Committee.

 **Membership Report**

* The new Membership Secretary is booked for training on 25th March, this will cover both the Treasurer and Membership Secretary roles

**Centenary Planning**

* It was confirmed that Sunday 23rd July will be used to mark the branches Centenary
* There will be an Act of Remembrance and a short service at the Memorial Green at 1200. This will be followed by gathering at The Cock for BBQ & live music.
* 2 ‘Tommies’ in silhouette will be purchased and installed on the Memorial Green, ready for 23rd.
* Mr McCafferty has contacted the Parish Council to ask for their help and they have agreed to assist with the installation of the Tommies as a permanent feature on the Green. As the land is owned by Highways we need their permission for the installation. The Paris Council will assist with this and Mr McCafferty will apply for a grant to assist with the costs.
* Mr McCafferty has also contacted the County Chairman for the load of either the pop-up tent for the trailer, this has been confirmed.
* Mrs Freund has investigated the ordering of the Tommies at a cost of £350 for the pair. The order will be placed nearer to the time.
* Miss Kitchen will design a flyer to be displayed in the Village and sent to other organisations for notification to their members. Details will be added to the next edition of Roade news

**Any Other Business**

* Village Fete 25th June. Mr McCafferty has organised the RBL tent for use to advertise the RBL and to run the Tombola.
* Mr McCafferty will contact the MSO to organise email addresses for the new Secretary & Treasurer/Membership Secretary to use
* Mr McCafferty mentioned that the Memorial Green is not looking its best & raised the possibility of putting large planters in place of the flower beds. He will contact the parish Council to see if they would help with the funding.
* Miss Kitchen reported back about the County Conference. With the passing of Queen Elizabeth the RBL is without a Patron, it is hoped that King Charles will agree to take this position but that has not been confirmed.

**Next Meeting**

**The next meeting to take place on the 3rd April, 2023** **at 7.00** at Cripps House, The Ridings.

Meeting terminated at 19.41 pm Signed …………………………. (Chair)