**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

**Roade and District Branch**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 9th January, 2023**

**Attendance** Mr M. McCafferty (Chair) – Mr J. Bretherton (Vice Chair/Standard Bearer) – Mrs A. Freund (Treasurer & Membership Secretary) – Mr I. Lloyd – Mr M. Smith - Miss S. Kitchen (Secretary) – Mrs B Rainbow (non cttee member)

**Apologies** Major P. Fleming (President**) -** 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 29th November, 2022 were agreed and signed as a True Record of that meeting. Proposed by Mr Bretherton and seconded by

 Mr Lloyd that these be adopted - ***carried***

**Matters** **Arising**

* The County Conference attendees will include Mr Bretherton a the official delegate

**Secretary's Report and Correspondence**

* The Secretary confirmed she had received a handover from Mrs Rainbow who has retired from the Committee.

**Chairman’s Correspondence**

*Various Correspondence*

* Nominations close on 24th Jan for membership of the Board of Trustees
* RBL is producing a Newsletter and Roade Branch will look to contribute when the opportunity permits.

**Treasurers Report**

* A new bank statement has not been received so no figures were available.
* A donation has been received from Rose of the Shires and a letter of thanks has been sent

 **Membership Report**

* The new Membership Secretary is in the process of arranging a handover from her predecessor.

**Any Other Business**

* Mrs Rainbow attended this meeting to give a report on the success of last years Poppy Appeal. The total amount collected was very slightly down on last year at £7677.67. Very well done to the organisers.
* Mrs Rainbow is one of our Community Support Officers and suggested putting details in Roade News, how to contact a CSO and information on local Warm Spaces. This idea met with approval.
* Mr Bretherton gave an update on plans for this years trips. The usual annual trip is likely to be to Bath on 8th July which is their carnival weekend. A second trip is being planned for later in the year to the National Arboretum.
* Mr McCafferty suggested the Committee should organise a celebration for the branches 100th year anniversary. It was agreed that all the Committee members would get involved and will come up with ideas for date and type of celebration. A Social Committee meeting will be held on 6th February to discuss further.
* Miss Kitchen asked what the Committee wanted to do for the Roade Village Gala this year. It was suggested that we do as last year and combine with the Quintono & Roade Old Folks Fund to run a tombola stall.

**Next Meeting**

**The next meeting to take place on the 6th March, 2023** **at 7.00** at Cripps House, The Ridings.

Meeting terminated at 19.32 pm Signed …………………………. (Chair)