

**Notes on a meeting of the Armistice Centenary Co-ordinating Group 17th July 2018
report by Mike Mortimer**

Present: Mrs Burroughes, Mrs Sumpter, Mrs Webb, Mr Hewitt, Mr Traynier, Mr Kemp and Mr Hodges.

Mr Hewitt outlined the terms by which the District Council had provided funding for a centenary event... He explained that it was expected that whilst the secular parish should be seen as a single identity a distinction between the two Church parishes should also be made. The solution Mr Hewitt had suggested was to have the two separate church services and wreath laying ceremonies with a combined lunch event at the joint Village Hall. A list of items for discussion drawn up by Mr Hewitt was distributed. The purpose and aims were recognised and agreed.

Mr Hewitt wondered if further funding might be needed but the general feeling was that there should be no need. However it was agreed that in the event of unexpected expenses then the Parish Council and the Parish Charity would provide a probable source.

It was felt that the lunch should be free but entry by ticket so that numbers could be calculated. The possibility of official guests would also have to be taken into account. Mrs Burroughes, Mrs Sumpter and Mrs Webb volunteered to take responsibility for the catering including the provision of drinks. It was agreed that a buffet was the best option.

The form of the event surrounding the lunch was discussed. It was agreed that there should be a recognition of the sacrifices made in all hostilities in the past the calculated. with the inclusion of personal recollections or family accounts in some form or other. A notice should be put on the website asking for participants. Mr Traynier and Mr Kemp agreed to co-ordinate response and consider how best to present these individual accounts. Mr Traynier and Mr Kemp both offered to pursue contacts in the forces who might play a part in the event. Mrs Webb's suggestion that the members of the Drama Group dress in military costumes from past to present and mingle amongst guests was welcomed. Mr Hewitt offered to approach the school and Mr Taynier the Scouts with a view to extending the age groups involved.

Reaction to the possibility of a lasting tribute was positive and group members agreed to give it thought. The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday the 4th of September at St Andrew's.