

**The Friends of The Dorsetshire Regiment**  
**The Devon & Dorset Regiment and The Rifles Regiment War Memorials**  
**AGENDA**

The Friends  
The Wykings, 13 Church Hill  
Enmore Green, Shaftesbury  
Dorset SP7 8QR

**Item 5 - Future maintenance of the Monument**

8. A member of the public had queried the absence of agreement on future maintenance. The Trust had specifically stated (in its draft Agreement) that it would not accept “an obligation to maintain or clean the Monument”.
9. **Decisions**
- a. It was agreed that the Committee should continue to accept responsibility for future maintenance.
- b. As this decision implied that the Committee would now need a continuing existence after installation, it was agreed that the Committee should formally title itself ‘The Friends of the Rifles Monument’.

**Item 6 – Arrangements for the Dedication Ceremony**

10. **Decisions**

a. Date and Time:

Responses to informal contact were such that the proposed date was now confirmed as Thursday 28 JUL 16. However, to ensure that members of the Silver Band could arrive in time, it was agreed to put back the start time to 1915, with invited guests to be in position by 1900.

b. Administration:

- (i) SH was requested to:
- draft the invitation with the Town Hall as the Committee’s correspondence address and with the ‘RSVP’ date to be Friday 08 JUL 16.
  - send the invitation to Civic Dignitaries, others on the Shaftesbury RBL list for Remembrance, and all on the list of donors.
  - include a plan of the town showing the Cemetery and the RBL Hall.
- (ii) TL would send the invitation to military recipients.
- (iii) RM would supply SH with the RBL Remembrance list.
- (iv) LD would supply SH with the list of donors and contact details where known.
- (v) RM would provide the RBL Hall as the venue for refreshments and the Branch would provide those refreshments.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE RIFLES MONUMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHAFTESBURY TOWN HALL ON 23 MAY 16**

Present	Leo Williams Mrs Rachel Caldwell The Revd Helen Dawes Lester Dibben Lt Col A Edwards Ray Humphries (until Item 8b) Lt Col Robin Miller Bill Sherriff Lt Col T Lerwill (not for Items 1- 8b) Stephen Holley	D&D Association Civic Society Team Rector Committee Member  Silver Band / Guides Chairman, Sh'y RBL Donor  Town Council	Chairman        Acting Sec
In attendance	-		
Apologies	-		

	<b>Action</b>
<b>Item 1 - Minutes of the last meeting</b>	
1. The minutes of the last meeting had not been circulated.	
2. SH offered to act as Secretary until the Dedication Ceremony and would circulate minutes in future.	SH
<b>Item 2 – Installation of the Monument</b>	
3. LW informed the Committee that the Monument had been installed and Shaftesbury Charitable Trust had issued payment to the Stonemason.	
4. The railings had not been installed with the stonework. SH offered to have them collected from the storage unit and held in the Council's Depot. He would also look for the Poem Plaque written by Mrs Allen (mother of the late RFN Allen)	SH
5. Subsequently, a further donation of £100 had been received and would remain credited to the Committee in the Shaftesbury Charitable Trust account.	
6. <b>Decision</b>  The £100 would be starter funds for future maintenance work	
<b>Item 3 - Transfer of ownership</b>	
7. It was noted that the Town Council had issued the Trust with a Licence to install the Monument in Mampitts Cemetery. Since the last meeting the Trust had started drafting an Agreement (through Rutter's Solicitors) for ownership to be transferred from the Town Council to the Trust. At the same time, Farnfields Solicitors had started drafting a Certificate of Ownership for the constituent members of the Committee to confirm transfer to the Trust. The two Solicitors had been requested to liaise.	LW/LD