

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

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

**Minutes Meeting Sunday 17th December 2023 at 3PM.**

In attendance : Lester Dibben(Chair), Bill Sherriff (Secretary), Jon Simpson, Peter Yeo (Audio Link).

**Agenda Item 1. Apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence.

**Agenda Item 2. Adopt minutes from 30th August 2023.**

Adopted.

**Agenda Item 3. To agree budget for the website.**

A balance exists in our account of £2300.

To facilitate the large file sizes on our website £500 needed.

Proposed by Peter for an extra spend of £500.

Seconded by Jon.

Agreed.

**Agenda Item 4. To consider a Yeomanry Badge for the War memorials.**

The proposal to have a Dorset Yeomanry badge initially at the Mampitts War Memorial and then possibly on the Memorial at Caldwell Gardens in the Maltings.

It was agreed in principle present estimated cost £1410 for one, if two purchased a 10% discount would apply.

The need to raise suitable funds first.

The present day Wessex Yeomanry exists and Peter will liaise with them.

Proposed by Lester.

Seconded by Peter.

**Agenda Item 5. Treasurers report.**

Our monies currently stand at £2607.99 minus £350 for outgoings.

**Agenda Item 6. Jon update for regular postings and Facebook.**

The need to advertise more and to inform Simon.

Jon maintain delivery on Facebook page.

**Agenda Item 7. To consider Silent Soldiers for Remembrance Day.**

The need to ask STC if we may have use of theirs as held, free of charge? 2 No are required.

Peter was not so sure, need to consent to have Silent Soldiers placed on a War Memorial all the year round.

Jon made known the Silent Soldier profile has RBL copyright and Legion takes very seriously copyright infringement.

It was thought to make our own variant of a Silent Soldier, say by forming a lazer cut out of the logo.

This proposal agreed in principle subject to rightful ownership – more research required.

Proposed by Lester.

Seconded by Bill. Peter abstained.

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**Agenda Item 8. Education programme.**

Our Facebook page to be shared with Dorset and Shaftesbury.

Peter advise that the Royal Wessex Yeomanry still exists.

It was made known the need to find a Shaftesbury School Trustee the potential to build upon our local schools with their established computer systems from where the young can gain insight of our County Regimental History.

**Agenda Item 9. Any other business.**

Peter asked if consideration be made for future meetings conducted by audio-link involving all Committee members, an understandable view his own participation at this meeting by that means.

Lester expressed reservations there is recognised merit in having face to face meetings, audio-link would also need a computer visual link, to compensate for loss of actual meeting, there again not all committee members have such IT facilities.

Secretary Bill Sherriff RE

Copy to:

Lester Dibben, Adrian Thompson, Peter Yeo, Jon Simpson, William Sherriff, Robin Miller, Mike Madgewick.

**Post Meeting Update:**

Lester our Chairman making enquiries for an application for STC to consider our Charity to receive an STC Community Grant currently awarded in July of each year.