



THE ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BRANCH MEETING
OF THE GRAVESEND & DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS
ASSOCIATION
HELD IN THE GRAVESHAM COURT ON TUESDAY 2nd Aug 2016

1. **Members present 7 - Meeting Opened at 1930 hrs**

Branch Website, www.gravesendsapper.uk

Welcome to all Retired Sappers and Associate Members/Friends/Guests of the Association to the meeting of the Gravesend and District Branch of the REA,

Mr R Bardsley	President
Mr M Dobson	Branch Chairman
Mr D Spurgeon	Honorary Treasurer
Mr R Ellis	Honorary Secretary
Mr R Ellis	Standard Bearer
Mr K Trevor	Welfare

Friends of the Association: 3 Guest

New Members: Nil

3. **Apologies: Mr R Bardsley Miss S Nelmes Mr J Hoadley Mr R Grimes Mr B James**

4. **Previous Minutes.**

As emailed & displayed, dated 5th July 2016. Be accepted as read.

Proposed by: Mr B Frost

Seconded by: Mr D Spurgeon

Carried

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes - Nil

5. **Honorary Treasurer's Report.**

a. Accounts to date £ 1650.99p

b. Subs £14 Raffle £19

Proposed by: Mr D Allen

Seconded by: Mr K Trevor

Carried

6. **Honorary Secretary's Report.**

The Honorary Secretary spoke on the following points.

- a. **Letters in : Thank you letter from Mr J Allen**
- b. **Letter Out: None**
- c. **Mr D Taylor is walking the battlefield of Belgium and ask local groups to sponsor a wreath. £17.00 plain wreath & £18 Wreath with crest.**
- d. **New war memorial at Christchurch 18th Sept , timings TBC.**
- e. **Mr B Frost due standing down as deputy standard bearer.**
- f. **Minutes of the 125th Management Committee Meeting, to be posted on website.**
- g. **Mrs A Allen raised £32 for branch funds at Poppy Picnic.**

Any comments from the floor: Nil

Proposed by: Mr D Spurgeon

Seconded by: Mr R Finney

That the Honorary Secretary's Report be accepted as read:

Carried.

7. **Welfare Report.**

The welfare Member spoke on the following

Any comments from the floor: Nil

Proposed by :

Seconded by:

That the Welfare Report be accepted as read:

Carried

8. **Entertainment Report**

No Report

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Fund Raising.

Bread pudding £13.00

9. **Chairman's Report**

- a. **Commented on the 125th Management Committee minutes.**
- b. **Thanked Mr B Frost for carrying out Deputy Standard Bearer duties.**

Proposed by: Mr R Ellis
Seconded by: Mr K Trevor

Carried

10. **Proposals from the Floor .**

- a. **18.50 for crested wreath to be laid at a Sapper grave in Belgium.**
- b. **£50 donation to Milestone Scouts**

Proposed by: Mr D Spurgeon
Seconded by: Mr M Dobson

Carried

11. **Any other Business.**

- a. **History presentation 1400 hrs 6th Aug at Jubilee Hall St Marys Church Fawkham.
The Corps of Royal Engineers , presented by Mr Martin Stonerham £5.**

12. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting 06 September 2016

Meeting closed 20-00 hrs

MR R BARDSLEY
(President)

Mr M DOBSON
(Chairman)

MR R ELLIS
(Honorary Secretary)

Mr D SPURGEON
(Honorary Treasurer)