



**THE ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

**PATRON: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN**

**SERVICE – NOT SELF**

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BRANCH MEETING**  
**OF THE GRAVESEND & DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**HELD IN THE GRAVESHAM COURT ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

1. **Members present 12 Meeting Opened at 1930 hrs**

**Branch Website, [www.gravesendsapper.uk](http://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: 4**

**Guest Mike Bishop RBLI**

**New Members:**

3. **Apologies: Mr R Finney Mr J Hoadley Mr B Baines**

4. **Previous Minutes.**

**As emailed & displayed, dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Be accepted as read.**

Proposed by: Mr K Trevor  
Seconded by: Mr B James

Carried

**Matters Arising From Previous Minutes - Nil**

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

a. **Accounts to date £ 1822.34p**  
b. **Subs £22 Raffle £31**

Proposed by: Mr B Frost  
Seconded by: Mr S Dixon

Carried

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

The Honorary Secretary spoke on the following points.

- a. **Letters in : Royal Engineers Association Trustee's Report & Financial Statement**
- b. **Benevolence Report 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting.**
- c. **Letters out : None**
- d. **85 fewer cases of benevolence cases in 2016 than 2015 ,565 cases submitted.  
2016 = £327,943 , £29,495 less than 2015  
Controller can authorise £1000**
- e. **REA Annual Dinner 14<sup>th</sup> Oct Victory Services Club £22 pp**
- f. **Corps Memorial Weekend Calling Notice**
- g. **SE Group Arboretum Trip.**
- h. **Gillie Pipe Volunteer Co-ordinator Carers First at next meeting**
- i. **Facebook boost reached 1.088 people cost £8**

Any comments from the floor: Nil

Proposed by: Mr D Spurgeon

Seconded by: Mr B Frost

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: Mr

Seconded by: Mr

**Fund Raising.**

**Bread pudding £19**

9. **Chairman's Report.**

a. **Thank all branch members that attended the Armed Forces Day Fly the Flag.**

Proposed by: Mr D Allen

Seconded by: Mr S Dixon

Carried

10. **Proposals from the Floor.**

**None**

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Carried

11. **Any other Business.**

a. **Guide Dogs for the Blind talk still being arranged**

12. **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2017**

**Meeting closed 19-55 hrs**

**Mr M Bishop spoke about the RBLI Veterans Project**

MR R BARDSLEY  
(President)

Mr M DOBSON  
(Chairman)

MR R ELLIS  
(Honorary Secretary)

Mr D SPURGEON  
(Honorary Treasurer)