



**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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Branch Chairman thanked everyone for supporting the Branch Church Service**

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: 5**

**Returning Member : Mr O Foster**

**New Members: Mr B Stanley**

3. **Apologies: Mr R Finney Mr J Hoadley Mr r Salmon**

4. **Previous Minutes.**

**As emailed & displayed, dated 7<sup>TH</sup> Feb 2017. Be accepted as read.**

Proposed by: Mr D Allen

Seconded by: Mr D Spurgeon

Carried

**Matters Arising From Previous Minutes - Nil**

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

**a. Accounts to date £ 1,857.64**

**b. Subs £24 Raffle £30**

Proposed by: Mr K Trevor

Seconded by: Mr D Ward

Carried

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

The Honorary Secretary spoke on the following points.

- a. **Letters in : None**
- b. **Letters out : None**
- c. **HQ Circular 156**
- d. **REA AGM 16-00 hrs Victory Services Club 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017**
- e. **REA Annual Dinner 18-00 hrs Victory Services Club 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017**
- f. **Sapper Sunday Royal Hospital Chelsea 10-00 am Curry Lunch**
- g. **Remembrance Day March Cenotaph London, ticket bid by 24<sup>th</sup> July**
  
- h. **Commonwealth Day Flag Raising 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Community Square Gravesend.**  
**Commences 09-55 am**  
**Flag Raising 10-00 am**  
**Close & refreshments 10-50 am                      Dress Blaziers**
  
- i. **RE Band Recital St. Barbara's Garrison Church 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**Commences 19-30 hrs 1940's themed Recital Free Admission**
  
- j. **42 Commando Standard Layup 7<sup>th</sup> May Christchurch Gravesend. Timings TBC.**

Any comments from the floor: Nil

Proposed by: Mr B James

Seconded by: Mr S Dixon

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. No Report**

**Chairman's Report. No Report**

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Carried

10. **Proposals from the Floor. None**

Proposed by: Mr M Dobson

Seconded by: Mr K Trevor

Carried

11. **Any other Business.**

**a. Talk by RBLI at June meeting to be confirmed**

12. **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Meeting closed 19-55 hrs**

MR R BARDSLEY  
(President)

Mr M DOBSON  
(Chairman)

MR R ELLIS  
(Honorary Secretary)

Mr D SPURGEON  
(Honorary Treasurer)