



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 6 th Sept 2016

1. **Members present 10 - 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 Ellis Mrs A Ellis Mr R Grimes M J Morgan**

4. **Previous Minutes.**

As emailed & displayed, dated 2nd Aug 2016. Be accepted as read.

Proposed by: Mr J Hoadley
Seconded by: Mr B James

Carried

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes - Nil

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

- a. **Accounts to date £ 1709.99p**
- b. **Subs £20 Raffle £24**
- c. **Donation £6 Mr D Allen Mrs A Allen**

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

Carried

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

The Honorary Secretary spoke on the following points.

- a. **Letters in : Christchurch ref 18th Sept 2016**
- b. **Letters out : Mr F Church**
- c. **Corps Memorial Weekend 16-18th September**
- d. **REA Annual Dinner 8th October**
- e. **Sapper Sunday 9th October**
- f. **SE Group AGM program of events. £8 Visits , curry & high tea.**

Any comments from the floor: Nil

Proposed by: Mr D Spurgeon

Seconded by: Mr B James

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

9. **Chairman's Report**

- a. **Wreath to Belgium – Somer Farm Cemetery**
- b. **Poppy Appeal Breakfast 15th October Church Hall Breakfast Snacks.**
- c. **Cadet Force Affiliation to Branch see rule 1302-1306 (look into Friends of Branch)**

- d. **Sling and gloves (gloves found Bob Grimes) sling need to check previous venue for Standard Bearer Duties ie; church, church hall & Town hall etc .**

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

Carried

10. **Proposals from the Floor .**

- a. **The Purchase of a wreath to be laid by Chairman at Christchurch 18th September, Cost not to exceed £18.50.**

Proposed by: Mr M Dobson
Seconded by: Mr R Finney

Carried

11. **Any other Business.**

- a. **Discussion on Standing minutes for purchase of Wreath/Donations at bereavement's Etc. A like standing minute " that the welfare member purchase's a wreath or donates the sum not to exceed £30 per bereavement" . In that he needs to consult two other committee members by e mail or phone.
To be included in the AGM Standing minutes 2017 and voted on.**

Info needed for next Newsletter say CMW (with photos) & Christchurch wreath laying laying

12. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting 2nd October 2016

Meeting closed 20-25 hrs

MR R BARDSLEY
(President)

Mr M DOBSON
(Chairman)

MR R ELLIS
(Honorary Secretary)

Mr D SPURGEON
(Honorary Treasurer)