



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 1st Nov 2016

1. **Members present 12 - 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: 4

Guest Mr K Palmer
Collective Legal Solutions

New Members: Mr D Ward

3. **Apologies: NIL**

4. **Previous Minutes.**

As emailed & displayed, dated 4th Oct 2016. Be accepted as read.

Proposed by: Mr R Bardsley

Seconded by: Mr D Allen

Carried

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes - Nil

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

a. Accounts to date £ 1661.99p

b. Subs £24 Raffle £32

Proposed by: Mr B Frost

Seconded by: Mr K Trevor

Carried

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

The Honorary Secretary spoke on the following points.

- a. Letters in : None
- b. Letters out : None
- c. REA AGM – Victory Serves Club 8th Oct 2016
- d. HRH Queen Elizabeth visit to Brompton Barracks 13th Oct
- e. SE Group AGM & Sapper300 Celebrations 15th Oct
- f. Pause to Remember Service 11th Nov at 11am . Civic Square.
- g. Request for Mayor to attend church service received by Mayor's Parlour
- h. SE Group visit to Arboretum 20th Aug 2017
- i. Tickets for Major Generals Review 3rd June 2017
- j. Branch Standard paraded at the Service to Commemorate Battle of Trafalgar.
- k. Remembrance Sunday Windmill Hill Mr Trevor Mr Finney Mr James Mr Frost
- l. Northfleet Mr D Allen
- m. Meopham Mr M Dobson
- n. New Ash Green Mr D Spurgeon
- o. St Barbara's Garrison Church Mr R Bardsley Mr R Ellis

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**

- a. SE Group visit to NMA on the 20th Aug 2017 names to Mr M Dobson.
- b. Army v Navy Rugby tickets 29th April 2017
- c. Branch Christmas function. The Ship Inn Southfleet 13th Dec 1900 hrs. £25pp
- d. Branch Christmas Social .Raffle & Quiz 6th Dec 2016 Prizes to be in the region of £5

Proposed by: Mr S Dixon

Seconded by: Mr K Trevor

Fund Raising.

Bread pudding £12

9. **Chairman's Report.**

a. **Congratulated branch members on attending various events in previous month.**

Proposed by: Mr R Salmon

Seconded by: Mr B James

Carried

10. **Proposals from the Floor .**

a. **£50 Donation to Ellenor Hospice**

Proposed by: Mr M Dobson

Seconded by: Mr R Finney

Carried

11. **Any other Business.**

a. **Mrs Ellis asked why no thank you letter from Milestone Scouts, Mr D Spurgeon replied check to be presented 22nd Nov 2016.**

b. **Branch President reminded all members all Minutes of REA AGM and other related Documents are on the REA website**

Mr Kevin Palmer from Collective Legal Solutions gave an informative talk On Tax, Care and Toy Boys.

12. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting 4th Dec 2016

Meeting closed 20-20 hrs

MR R BARDSLEY
(President)

Mr M DOBSON
(Chairman)

MR R ELLIS
(Honorary Secretary)

Mr D SPURGEON
(Honorary Treasurer)