

# BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerks Report for the Full Council meeting to be held 06.12.21

Agenda Item 2112.09 Appendix J

## REMEMBRANCE WORKING PARTY

A debrief of this year's Remembrance events, held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, was held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>. A very useful discussion was held, and all the following points raised.

Cllr. Moore, Hilary Corlett, Mike Byford, and Ian White were present. Unfortunately, Sally Livett, Eddy Stephenson & Les Down were unable to join us for the debrief, but these notes were circulated, and they are all keen to join the working party. Meeting discussion concluded the following:

### Armistice Day (11<sup>th</sup> Nov)

- We shall continue to hold a small ceremony to cover the national 2-minute silence at 11am.
- This will be specifically aimed at the attending school children, with a few words/poem/short readings from someone relevant (to be considered, perhaps someone from Bishopsteignton Heritage should be asked, Ken Irvin for example).
- To include RBL standard, last post and 2 minutes silence, and roll of honour.
- This will involve a similar road closure to usual, to ensure safety for the children. The application is subject to minor amendments to ensure the timing is correct.

### Remembrance Sunday (Closest to 11<sup>th</sup>, national standard)

- We will organise a full all-inclusive civic ceremony, for all denomination and all ages.
- If possible, a pa system to be used (ask Jason McMurray/Roger Gallagher), with some appropriate music to be played as people arrive.
- This ceremony will be timed to include the national 2-minute silence at 11am. last post etc and roll of honour.
- There will be all the usual standards with bearers; RBL and all sections of 1<sup>st</sup> Bishopsteignton Scout troop, any other uniformed groups are welcome.
- Poppy wreaths to be laid by the usuals but also opened to other community organisations and businesses.
- A shorted parade will be conducted, led from the war memorial and dispersing at Bishops Avenue car park.
- To ensure the parade is safely dispersed the car park will be closed during the evening before/early morning by the road closure team.
- The road closure application will be similar but tweaked to meet the times and spaces required.
- The village churches will be informed of this civic ceremony, and it is hoped their own Sunday services can be held at times which will not clash. Hopefully the changes to regular service times will be acceptable for just this one Sunday in the year.
- Clergy from both village churches will be invited to say a prayer, short reading, subject to timing.
- Further consideration to be given to refreshments/appropriate exhibition in a venue, or using a street vendor, after the dispersal of the parade?

### The above will therefore:

- Eliminate the parade to St Johns; for an Anglican church service where the 2-minute silence and last post etc is duplicated.
- Allow the 2-minute silence to take place at the War Memorial simultaneously with all other municipal Remembrance services nationally.
- Enables parishioners the choice to be part of a civic service, church service or both, however they wish to remember.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Bishopsteignton Parish Council allow the formation of a community led working party of which an initial meeting be organised for February/March 2022.