

Agenda item no. 14. b.	
Report to	Burwash Parish Council
Subject	Battles Over
From	CLLr Dixon and The Clerk

Summary

The organisation of the events is going very well. The clay poppies look beautiful and are well on track to be installed on the bench opposite Garstons. This bench will be turned into a commemorative bench. 100 poppy tiles are being made for the brick work one for each of the years since WWI. The rest of the tiles will be green and one tile will be on the front within the tiles to explain the meaning of bench. More and more poppies are being knitted. They will be placing the poppies along the High Street and on St Bartholomew's Church archway on the 10/11/18 to raise awareness of the events on the 11/11/18.

The recording of the voices has been complete. We are still looking to sort out the two PA systems but this should be in place for the events on the evening. In the evening a recording of the names of the names on the War Memorials in the Village and in the Common will be played. The names will be recited by local people and played at the two separate war memorials at the same time before the 7pm national lighting of the beacons.

The Clerk has now received the three Perspex cut out figures received due to the grant application. The Clerk has spoken to St Barts and the School. Both are very receptive of having the figures displayed. Rev Sally at writing this report was taking the matter to the Church Council. The Headteacher at the Primary School, Mrs Gilbert, has said that they would have a silhouette at the school from the 5th November and base one of their assemblies around it.

The Clerk will make contact with St Philips and Christ the King to ensure they are engaged with the process as well if they wish to be.

The three silhouettes will be used for the following purposes:

1. A silhouette to be placed in the local Primary School. The idea would be to circulate the silhouette around the class rooms getting the children to ask questions and understand the importance of the idea of the silhouette in relation to the 11/11/18.
2. A silhouette to be placed in the pew at each of the churches on the 11/11/18. Each church will be asked if they could please highlight the silhouette in their service.
3. On the actual day of the events the three silhouettes would feature in the following places:
 - a. One from the churches would be placed on a bench in the High Street and adorned with the knitted poppies on the 10/11/18 – this one would then be moving into St Bartholomew's ready for the church service on the 11/11/18.
 - b. The other two The remaining silhouettes would be taken out from the churches at St Philips and Christ the King and taken to the two sites of the beacons and the reading of the names for the evening events. The reading of the names will be greatly enhanced by the presence of the silhouette giving a powerful visual remembrance of the many names from the village that are 'There but not There'.

We need to take photos of the silhouettes being used at the events.

Proposal

The Parish Council agreed in July 2018 to spend the remaining budget of £300 on the 'There but not There' Charity as part of the event. Looking at the forecast expenditure it is more likely to be around £600.

The possibilities to spend that money could be:

1. To buy one 6 foot aluminium at £750 (£150 deficit in funds) – however there would be an issue where this statue would stand. To buy three one for each village within the Parish would cost £2,250.
2. To buy a 'name block' for each fallen soldier from the 1WW. Having looked into this there were a total of 500 people from Burwash Parish who fought in the war and 135 tragically lost their lives. This would therefore cost £1,350 in total but each church (based on the Rolls of Honour) would have their own set of blocks to go with the silhouettes to honour each of the fallen soldiers. All of these items can be kept and gifted to each of the churches to be used year after year at the Remembrance Sunday Church Services. The unspent funds could be moved from other budget headings from this year's budget so there would be no additional cost to parishioners as laid out below:

	Costs	Running Total
Money left	£850	
Clay for Poppies	£250	£600
Potential hire PA system	£100	£500
Requested funds for blocks	=135 x £10	-£850
Virement from Events	Move £550	-£300
Virement from Newsletter*	Move £150	-£150
Cllrs Expenses	Move £150	£0

*Total amount for this budget heading is £350 however £200 has been allocated to parish promotional materials.

Resolution

Cllrs are asked to resolve to make the outlined virements to pay for the 135 blocks to commemorate Burwash's fallen of the 1WW. These blocks would be gifted along with the silhouettes to each of the churches for this and future Remembrance Services.