

Oadby & Wigston Borough Council

Notes of the meeting of the Armed Forces Working Group

10th September 2015

Present: Councillors B Boulter, D Carter, S Morris, A Bond, B Fahey

1. Apologies for absence: L Eaton, R Eaton, L Darr
2. Cllr S Morris was elected Chair in the absence of Cllr L Eaton
3. Notes of previous meeting: Approved
4. Proposed Website design and content:
Some minor changes were suggested
MH to incorporate these and to then liaise with the web designers to publish the pages
5. Results of the information gathering from schools identified that there were very few (seven) children of service personnel currently at schools in the borough
6. WW1 Commemoration Updates:
 - a. Oadby Stakeholders proposal
DC made a presentation on behalf of the Stakeholders Group in relation to a proposed family day event on 2nd July 2016 which will place at Brocks Hill Country Park. A detailed discussion took place and it was agreed that the Council would support the proposal and initially commit funding of £3,000 to the event but that this should be kept under review in the light of other sources of funding being available as the WG does not want the event to fail.
 - b. Wigston
An event will take place in July 2016 when a national commemorative slab will be laid in Bell St in Wigston to mark 100 years since the VC was awarded to Sgt Boulter. The Council will coordinate this.
 - c. South Wigston
Mr C Walter has approached Cllr S Morris and would like to work with the Council and the local community to organise an event. It was agreed that MH would contact CW to discuss this with him and to organise an initial meeting.
7. Remembrance Day 2015
MH set out what events the Council was involved with which primarily focused on organising the parade and service in Wigston on 8th November and the service in Peace Park on 11th November.