

# CUCKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Queen's Hall, High Street, Cuckfield, RH17 5EL



## Assets Community and Environment Committee Meeting 9 July 2020

### ACE008.e - To consider re-incising/re-enamelling the names on the War Memorial

#### 1. Background

The War Memorial at Holy Trinity Church was professionally cleaned on 4 May 2020. CPC obtained a small grant from War Memorial Trust (WMT). At the time of applying for the grant original images were sent and WMT considered the lettering was still legible as mentioned in their response hereunder.

Quote:

Having reviewed the additional photographs submitted with the full Application Form it is not felt that there is sufficient evidence to justify the re-cutting and re-painting of the inscriptions because the inscriptions are legible. Lettering can only be re-cut a finite number of times and such work should only be undertaken when absolutely necessary and as a last resort. In addition, it is often the case that following cleaning the legibility of names and inscriptions improves considerably so re-cutting is not required. Based on our experience we would recommend a project to clean the war memorial now.

After cleaning the legibility of the lettering could be reassessed and if necessary further works could be undertaken. War Memorials Trust's website has some guidance on when to consider works to incised lettering [www.warmemorials.org/stone-incised-relief](http://www.warmemorials.org/stone-incised-relief).

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#### 2. Findings

After the clean it would appear the lettering is still difficult to read as can be seen from the images below.



### 3. Costs

At the time of obtaining initial cleaning quotations, the following estimates were received in respect of the inscriptions. All contractors reserved to review the inscriptions after the monument was cleaned.

Details	Comments	Qty	Per letter	Cost + VAT
Contractor 1	Re-cut/paint	150	3.00	450.00
	Repaint	1202	1.50	1803.00
Contractor 2	Onsite fee for 3 weeks	-	-	1010.00
	Re-cut/paint	1322	1.80	2855.50
Contractor 3	Re-incise/re-enamel	TBC	.80	-
Contractor 4	Approximate budget	300	2.50	1000.00

Note: Contractor/supplier names have been deleted to prevent bias.

### 4. Remarks

WMT were recently contacted again and have responded as follows:

Quote:

From the images provided it does not appear as though every letter requires re-incising. Therefore, the selective sharpening and deepening of eroded lettering and re-enamelling every letter and would be acceptable. Please note that you do not require the Trust's permission to obtain quotes for works towards the memorial.

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### 5. Recommendations

Contact Contractor 3 to provide a more specific quotation to sharpen and deepen eroded lettering and re-enamel lettering where necessary.

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