



Press Statement

29th November 2017

World War One commemorative tree planting

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council took place on Tuesday 28th November and welcomed its two newest members, Councillors Louise Morris and Elizabeth Colvin. One of the projects under discussion was Council's involvement in the County wide proposal to deliver a legacy to mark the end of World War One on 11 November 1918 and invite local communities to get involved in the planting of 10,000 trees. Each tree to represent the soldiers that lost their lives.

A number of organisations will be supporting the project and The Woodland Trust will donate free trees to communities who will be encouraged to plant native types. The Members discussed the proposals and it was agreed that crab apple, *Malus sylvestris* be requested with the aim to plant one in Heytesbury, Tytherington and Knook. The trees don't grow too large and flower in spring, with the blossom pollinated by bees and other insects which develops into small yellow green apple-like fruits. Councillor Sarah Buttenshaw said "this is an excellent way to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and the Parish will be able to commemorate the end of World War One with something that can be appreciated by everyone".

The Parish also discussed the report submitted to them from Historic England who are assessing the Heytesbury war memorial for listing as part of their First World War Commemoration project. The memorial is situated in the north-east corner of the churchyard of the Church of St Peter and St Paul standing on a square stone platform. The tall octagonal Latin cross is of Cornish Granite and is inscribed with 12 names of those who lost their lives from the first world war and the four men who died in the Second World War. The Parish Council felt this was a positive move to protect this historic and important memorial.

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