

Agenda item number: 8b

Date of meeting: 10th December 2018

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Events Committee

Report by: Jennie Currie

Job Title: Community & Civic Manager

Subject: Victoria Cross Stones Interpretation Panel

1 Purpose of Report

To update the Working Party on the progress of the Victoria Cross Stones Interpretation Panel which will be installed in The Broadway.

2 Background

Thatcham Town Council was gifted a Victoria Cross stone for Alexander Buller Turner, after consideration from the WW1 Working Party two additional stones for John William House and Victor Buller Turner were commissioned and installed in September 2015.

Since that time the Working Party has been developing content for an interpretation panel to be installed near the stones. The content of the panel was agreed by the WW1 Working Party meeting on 1st November 2017 (item WW1/2017/27) and subsequently approved by the Finance & General Purposes Committee in July 2018 (item FGP/2018/37). The panel will measure 84cm x 60 cm (A1).

3 Update

The interpretation panel is currently being produced by Shelley Signs Ltd and should be delivered in the first two weeks of December.

The unveiling is provisionally planned to take place on Wednesday 19th December 2018 at 10am with a small number of invited guests in attendance.

4 Financial Implications

The cost of the interpretation panel is £1,050 and it is estimated that installation will cost £250.

In April 2016, £360 was donated to the project from Mr. & Mrs. Nicholls who held a fundraising concert in aid of the project.

In July 2018, the Finance & General Purposes Committee agreed to allocate up to £1,000 from the General Reserve Fund (item FGP/2018/37).

5 Legislation

Localism Act 2011 – General Power of Competence

6 Reference to Council Plan

Objective 3: To enhance the sense of community within Thatcham.

Objective 5: To protect and improve the open spaces, recreation facilities and heritage

7 Consultation

No consultation has been carried out.

8 Recommendation

That the report is noted.
