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Agenda Item No.12

Council
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OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Report Author: Cllr Adam Lowe

Title: Councillor

Subject: WW1 Centenary Field

Strategic Aim No. 1. Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play. 2. Improve and increase facilities within the town. 3. Maintain and improve OTC land and buildings for the benefit of the community. 4. Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay.

October 2017 the Council resolved to register the Tresham Land as a WWI Centenary Field, which is now well under way and has generated much interest from the WWI commemoration committee as OTC have demonstrated their commitment to the WWI commemoration shared by the whole Country.

The Lord Lieutenant, Dr Sarah Furness, would be keen to be involved in when the field is 'unveiled', to that end I am seeking for the Council to agree to support a further idea to enhance the theme of the project with the installation of a special bench and information display at the same time the Centenary Field sign is installed.

This is not a request for any more funding, as the Lord Lieutenant is keen that the Town Council approach others for sponsorship to make this a more business community involved project.

The aim of the paper is seeking permission for Cllr Lowe along with the assistance of the Office Administration Team, specifically Sarah, look to raising the money for the items by approaching leads suggested.

Further that Cllr Lowe arranges for litter picking teams to help clear the wooded area adjacent to the field and tidy up the entrance off the main road and tidy up the memorial to Mr G E Gibson.

It is requested that the Council through their normal contractor have the trees at the entrance checked and any remedial work carried out prior to any potential unveiling in the latter part of 2018 and with permission of the Council that the Lord Lieutenant is approached to perform any unveiling.

Decisions:

- 1 Council resolve to the installation of the bench and information panel.
- 2 Council resolve to allow Cllr Lowe and the office to seek sponsorship.
- 3 Council resolve to invite the Lord Lieutenant to unveil the 'field'.
- 4 Council contractors assess the trees and carry out appropriate works.
(covered by the Council Tree budget)
- 5 Council resolve that Cllr Lowe seek to arrange a tidy campaign in the wood and tidy up the memorial.

