

## **SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **World War 1 Working Party**

**Full Council – 11 September 2018**

#### **1. Introduction**

The World War 1(WW1) Working Party met on 13 August 2018 and this report contains the recommendations and decisions of the of the meeting.

#### **2. Report Details**

**2.1** The Working Party considered the designs submitted for the permanent War Memorial in GWR Park. The design selected was from Dr Mike Pringle a local Swindon artist, details attached. There were some members of the Working Party that were unhappy about the depiction of a gun, but other felt strongly that it was part of the design. It was agreed that the artist be asked whether he could change the gun for something else. If the artist was not happy to make the change then the design would be accepted as it stood.

**2.2** The Clerk had attended a meeting with the reps from RBL, SBC, Swindon Bid, Swindon Stitch & Bitch to go through the events being planned for the centenary. A list of events from the RBL is attached.

There are 2 memorial services on Sunday 11 November 2018. The main War Memorial at 11.00am which the Chair will attend and lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. The second is at Radnor Street Cemetery at 2.00pm and the Vice-Chair will attend and lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. 2 wreaths have been ordered by the Parish Council.

**2.3** The painting of the underpass has not progressed forward and the Clerk was informed at the meeting that Artsite intended to paint the underpass adjacent to Debenhams. Artsite also do work with schools. The Clerk was asked to contact Artsite to see if they could assist with working with schools on this project but they have said that this is not possible. Lawns Primary School have indicated that they would be interested in helping with the mural.

**2.4** The Clerk explained the problem that she was having with trying to get the website started. Reluctantly the Working Party agreed that this would have to be shelved.

**2.5** The Clerk provided an email from Swindon Stitch & Bitch about painted Poppy Rocks that could be painted by children at a session in half-term and then hidden in Town Gardens. There would some expenses in purchasing the rocks and hiring a room for the session and it was agreed that a room at Broadgreen Community Centre could be offered.

#### **3. Recommendations**

**3.1** That the Parish Council notes the report of the WW1 Working Party.