

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

To: Grounds & Environment Committee

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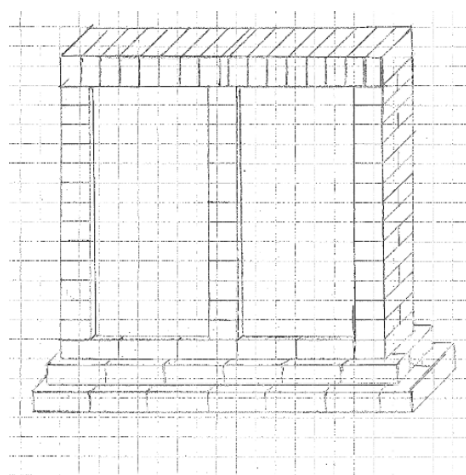
Subject: Agenda Item 7 – Memorial Wall

1. The purpose of this report is to invite Members to consider suggested options for a wall design to display the Memorial Tablets previously recovered from Royal British Legion site in Hassocks.
2. Following the previous G&E meeting held on 30 May 2024, Members made a site visit to the Garden of Remembrance to identify a suitable location within the gardens and potential designs to display the two tablets (shown below) which have been removed from the previous Royal British Legion site in Hassocks, and are currently in storage.



3. After various discussions and consideration, the proposed location is on the west border of the Garden to the left just inside of the Lych Gate, parallel with the hedge.
4. It is proposed that a double fronted wall will display both tablets, built on a concrete plinth with a small pathway leading from the main path.
5. Two possible options are proposed and indicative designs are as below:

Option 1: Using dark/rustic formal brickwork



Option 2: Using a more traditional style of brickwork i.e./ York stone.



5. Costs have been sought to build both designs and it is hoped that these will be available to share with Members by the meeting date.

6. For the Committee's information, there is currently £7,200 in the Ear Marked Reserves for improvements to the burial ground. Circa £1,200 has been set aside for the creation of a ramp on one of the paths in the Gardens as previously agreed.

It is also anticipated that some additional plants will be required later in the year following a suggestion from the Volunteer Gardening group to replace the roses in one of the older rose beds, which are no longer in good health. The Council is extremely grateful to the Volunteer Group which has continued to maintain and tidy the Garden and beds on a regular basis during the Spring and Summer.

6. It has been agreed that the Council will endeavour to have the tablets on display by Remembrance Sunday this year.

7. OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS.

7.1 Members are invited to agree the proposed location and presentation for the stones in a double fronted wall.

7.2. Members are then invited to agree which is the preferred style of brick/stone for the wall.

7.3. Once a decision has been made on the wall design and materials, Members are then invited to agree a budget and delegate the management of the project to the Parish Clerk.