

Full Council

Date:	14 November 2017
Title:	War Memorial Additional Names
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Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an update on the recommendations of the War Memorial Panel and agree to the additional names of servicemen being added to the Thame War Memorial and where appropriate also to the Moreton War Memorial.

Background

2. Thame Remembers has been researching the names recorded on all of the memorials in Thame, not just the main War Memorial but others in churches, at Lord Williams's School, and in Moreton. In the process they discovered a number of names of men associated with Thame who died in conflict but whose names do not appear on any memorial.
3. At the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 10 May 2016 Thame Remembers sought agreement, in principle to the future addition of qualifying names to the Thame War Memorial and also proposed the criteria for qualification and the process for accepting a proposed name be adopted.
4. The criteria included *'that a panel of five Councillors would be constituted, as the need arises, to consider the request and evaluate the evidence'*. At the Full Council meeting held on 16 August 2016 it was agreed that to provide consistency a panel would be convened for the lifetime of this Council. The War Memorial Panel members being Cllrs Champken-Woods, Deacock, Dixon, Jones and Wyse with Cllrs Butler and Midwinter acting as substitutes when needed.
5. The War Memorial Panel has since met three times, 13 December 2016, 21 February 2017 and 7 March 2017 and considered a total of 34 names. Of these, 28 have been agreed by the War Memorial Panel for inclusion on the Thame War Memorial and the Moreton War Memorial where appropriate. The agreed names are attached as Appendix 1.
6. Once approved work will take place to find out what the different options are to add the names to the Memorials, the cost and planning consents required. These options will be brought back to a future meeting of Full Council to agree.
7. The original thought was that additions should be made around November 2018 to mark the centenary of the Armistice. However, it is now considered more appropriate that the addition of the names coincides with the centenary of the unveiling of the War Memorial by Lloyd George (30 May 2021).

Recommendation that:

- i) The 28 names as listed in Appendix 1 be added to the Thame War Memorial and where appropriate the Moreton War Memorial.***