



**PROGRESS REPORT ON WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION PROJECT
For Parish Council Meeting 05 December 2023**

1. Previous report 07 November 2023
2. Grant applications have been submitted and decisions were expected at the end of December 2023. Unfortunately, apart from FCC Communities, the other funders have confirmed that due to high demand and limited resources this date has been extended.

| Funder | Application by | Amount requested | Current situation |
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| FCC Communities | Parish Council | £33,380.45 | Third party contribution required: £3,588.40 Decision pending; FCC Board meet in December 2023 to consider the application |
| SKDC Prosperity Fund | CFoR | £2,300.00 | Has potentially been declined, however, due to demand it may be that the funds could be approved in April 2024. Cllr Bellamy has offered to clarify the situation with SKDC |
| War Memorial Trust | Parish Council | £27,923.00 | Unlikely to achieve more than £4,000 Decision deadline extended to 31 January 2024 |
| National Lottery Heritage Fund | CFoR | £33,380.45 | Confirmation received 03 November 2023 that the application has been processed for assessment and this will take up to 8 weeks. |

3. The preferred contractor has confirmed that the tender will be current until April 2024
4. CFoR fundraising commenced in May 2023 as part of the partnership with the Parish Council after it was resolved to reinstate the War Memorial Restoration Project. The fundraising included static collection boxes and events selling crafted items made by volunteers hosted by the Village Hall, Co-op, the White Lion and the Grantham Veterans Breakfast Club. There was also a raffle drawn at the White Lion on Remembrance Sunday 12 November 2023. This, along with the generous donation of £300 from the Frederick Ingles Charity means that CFoR has now ringfenced **£3,000** in their accounts for the restoration project.
5. CFoR has also been successful in their application to the Local Co-op Community Fund as their nominated "good cause" in 2024. Any funds from this will not be available until November 2024 and for the sustainability of CFoR to support the War Memorial Restoration and ongoing maintenance.

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Reported to Council 07 November 2023

1. CADPC have allocated a grant up to £3,500 for the project.
2. Currently resolution has been passed to approve Architect's fixed fees at £2,287 to take the project to signing off the work (excluding VAT).
3. No additional charge by Architect for re-tendering process which has now been completed.
4. The Parish Council has agreed to act as "Employer" but will only instruct the Architects to proceed with the works if all the funding is secured through grants, fundraising and donations.
5. The Parish Council will cover the VAT element of costs and reclaim this keeping the works at net cost.
6. The recommendation from the Architects for preferred contractor will put the costs at £33,380.45 (excluding VAT)
7. The VAT element will be covered by the CADPC and then reclaimed (potentially in the region of £7K). CADPC would have to cover this from Reserves for an anticipated period of two months prior to it being reclaimed to go back into Reserves. For cashflow purposes it is preferable that this is within the first six months of the financial year (April-September 2023)
8. The net costs of the restoration (via grant allocations/fundraising/ donations) must be held by CADPC prior to any instructions from CADPC to start works and incur costs. If this is not in place then the Project cannot proceed.
9. The tenders are valid until January 2024
10. Planning permission expires October 2024

Resolutions/Minutes:

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| 2022.170.3: April 2023 | 2023.13.2: May 2023 | 2023.36.2: June 2023 | 2023.57: July 2023 | 2023.77.2: Sept 2023 | 2023.97.2 October 2023 |
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