

17 Feb. 1919

My Lady Portsmouth

Ellenfield

I have been asked by the War Memorial Committee in ~~Ellenfield~~ ^{Ellenfield} to write & invite your assistance.

It has been proposed that we shall create a small village hall in memory of those who fell in the war. This would be used as a place of entertainment, meetings, ^{a reading room} and ~~more~~ Club. The need for such a place has long been felt by all who live in this rather out of the way spot where there is not even a school room in which people can assemble ~~occasionally~~.

The sum needed to erect and equip it is about £650 and we have already been promised ~~before~~ towards this between £300 + £400. What shows the keenness with which the scheme is received by the people in the Parish.

We have now arrived at the point ~~in the~~
where we have to consider ^{the question of a} the site on which to
build it, and it is on this point that I am
writing you -

The most suitable spot we can find for this
purpose would be in a small field, under half
an acre in size which is on your property ~~and~~
^{that is adjacent} to the Post Office and marked 100 on the
Ordinance maps.

The Hall would occupy there a central
position and could be attended to by two ladies
the postmistress & her niece who are most suitable
people for the work.

May I ask if with you well known personally
you would care to present the village with
a site in this field necessary to erect the hall
the proposed building is 53 feet long by 22 feet wide.
I need hardly say how much such a kind action
would be appreciated -

Dictated.

HURSTBOURNE PARK,
WHITCHURCH,
HANTS.

20. Sep 1919.

Dear Mr. Hoare,

It will give me great pleasure to present the little field at Ellisfield, to which your letter refers, as a site for the Village Hall that is to be erected as a War Memorial. My Agent, Mr Tancock, is writing at once to Mr Earwaker - the present tenant - with a view to obtaining early possession.

Will you kindly let me know to whom the Conveyance should be made out? Should it be to the Parish Council?

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

B. M. Fortnum.

Speech

General resolution of the form
which the War Memorial shall
take.

Elect Trustees in whom the

Property shall be vested.

→ Propose that a Committee of ^{Management}
6 be appointed ~~to be~~ ^{to be}
one of whom retires annually
at the annual Parish meeting.
The order of retirement of the
original Committee to be
decided by lot.

Elect a building Committee.

Vote of thanks to Lady P. & S.

& to the for use of paragon.

Speech

~~Sketch of the~~ W. L. L. L. L.

Sketch of the situation including
how the idea was first started.
A preliminary committee was
formed to ascertain approximate
cost and what subscriptions were
likely to be forthcoming.

Description of the hall which includes
a memorial tablet.

Gift of ground

$$\begin{array}{r} 250 \\ 60 \\ 20 \\ \hline £330 \\ 40 \\ 25 \\ \hline £395 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 250 \\ 60 \\ 10 \\ 21 \\ \hline £340 \end{array}$$

Ellisfield War Memorial

Minutes of General meeting of Parishmen
held at the Manor Garage on
Monday Oct^r 6th 1919

Chair Rev A. Mackay

In view of the special circumstances the
Chairman asked all present to stand
for a short prayer in which special
reference was made to those from the Parish
who have given their lives in the war.

Chairman read a letter of apology for absence
from W. Hoare who had been unavoidably
called away to London.

Chairman then explained to the meeting
the steps that had been taken and
especially how, by the generosity of
W. Hoare, the idea of erecting a
Parish Hall as a war memorial had
become possible.

W. Probert proposed (That ^{the} steps ~~be~~
and
W. Broomfield Seconded by the provision
Committee be ended
and that ~~the~~ we proceed
with the erection of
the Hall.
(Carried unanimously.)

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Trustees - It was considered that ~~five~~ ^{six} Trustees would be advisable and that to ensure permanence of the Parish rights the Rector & Church Wardens for the time being should be ^{ex officio} ~~three~~ of the ~~five~~ ^{six}. The others appointed were

W. Stacey { proposed by W. Mackay
 { seconded by W. Patten

W. Hoare { proposed by Mrs. Pyott
 { seconded by W. Harvey

W. Harvey { proposed by W. Patten
 { seconded by W. Wakeling

Building Committee

Proposed by W. Stacey } That the present
Secd by W. Massingham } Committee of Enquiry
viz the Rector, Messrs Hoare, Patten
& Harvey be elected as the Building
Committee (unanimous)

(3)

Management Committee

The following Ladies & Gentlemen were appointed as the Committee of Management

Miss Pigott { P - Mr Harvey
S - Mr Padden

Mr Broomfield { P - Miss Pigott
S - Mr Wakeling

Mr Hoare { P - Rev Mackay
S - Mr Stacey

Mr Brassington { P - Mr Stacey
S - Mr Harvey

Mr Broomfield { P - Mr Stacey
S - Mr Wilson

Mr Newman { P - Mr Broomfield
S - Mr Harvey

Mr Probert { P - Miss Pigott
S - Mr Harvey

Mr Wakeling { P - Mr Brassington
S - Rev Mackay

Vote of thanks

To Lady Portsmouth for land
Mr Earwaker for promptly vacating
Mr Hoare for use of room

{ P - Rev Mackay
S - Mr Stacey

The meeting throughout was most unanimous & enthusiastic and several useful suggestions were made, notably one by M. Stacey who offered to cooperate with other Farmers to do the hauling of materials to the site free of charge.

A Vote of Thanks to the Chairman brought to a close a most satisfactory inaugural meeting.

The Building Committee to meet at the manor on Wednesday Oct 8th at 6.15

H. H. H. H.

11 Sep. 1920

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NICHOLSON, PATTERSON & FREELAND.

E.S. FREELAND.
W.H. PATTERSON.
W.L. SHEPHERD.

O. B.

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TELEGRAMS: OAKHILL, VIC. LONDON.

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 3205.

46 QUEEN ANNE'S GATE,
S.W.1.

7th June, 1920.

Dear Sir,

The Countess of Portsmouth,

Ellisfield War Memorial.

The Conveyance of the Memorial site has now been executed by Lady Portsmouth, and we send it on to you for execution by the Trustees.

Will you kindly execute it against the second seal, and then get your co-Trustees Mr. Martin Harvey, Mr. Henry Moore and Mr. Arthur Stacey to execute against the 3rd, 4th and 5th seals respectively

Each of the executions should be attested by two witnesses if you please.

If you will then return it to us, we will lodge it at the Central Office in accordance with the provisions of the Mort Main & Charitable Uses Act. and thereafter send the Deed to you as the senior Trustee.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Nicholson Patterson & Freeland
WHS

The Revd. Angus Mackay.

ELLISFIELD MANOR,
BASINGSTOKE.

13 Sep. 1920

Dear Dad, Portsmouth

The Village Hall ^{being} ~~is~~ nearly finished ~~and~~
we have ^{been able to} fixed the ^{time} ~~date~~ for the opening ceremony
~~for Oct 28~~ at 3 pm. on Oct 28. and I have
been instructed by the Committee to write & tell
you how pleased everyone would be if you could see
your way to open the Hall on that occasion -
May I hope that you will be able to do this.

Yr sincerely
H.H.

Telegrams TIGWELL, BASINGSTOKE.
Telephone 158 BASINGSTOKE.

W. H. TIGWELL,
BUILDER, CONTRACTOR,
DECORATOR AND
SANITARY ENGINEER.

Wote Street,

Basingstoke.

Nov 3 1920

H. Hoare Esq J.P.
37 Fleet Street

Dear Sir

I am greatly obliged for your kind letter
of 2nd inst. enclosing cheque value £633 in settlement
of account for Village Hall - I am more than pleased
that our work has given satisfaction. Also, I thank
you, & appreciate very much your kind
congratulations for my coming year of office as
Mayor of this town & I feel that I shall need the
support of all to faithfully discharge the duties
& responsibilities in this connection.

Again thanking you.

I remain

Yours faithfully
W. H. Tigwell