

For : Presentation at Monday's Kempley PC meeting #113 21st November by the Clerk

Ref : 26.9.22 # 83 (v.1 and v.2) Centenary Stone Information display

From : Chris Bligh, www.Moment.press HLF project.

Dear Tim, Clerk KPC

#83 The Centenary Memorial Poster '9 Sons App' for phones and tablets

This email acknowledges the email report from Cllr. Cruse received **Friday 18 November 2022**, on the above subject,. The tardiness of this report from the Council's meeting 26th September is regrettable. The 7 week delay leaves us two days to frame and submit a response. I have to assume the delay was intended.

(i) The poster was designed to support the Centenary Memorial 9 Sons of Kempley mobile/tablet App. As the Parish Council is well aware this was produced by DyFRA as "The Moment Centenary Project" (2014 - 2019) funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. DyFRA remain solely responsible for all outputs until 2024.

Kempley Parish Council has no editorial authority over this project nor indeed for communications from any other properly constituted village organisation.

(ii) The changes you demand as draft-minuted (#83 26/9/22) are comments from an *ad hoc* group of members of the public, but not including either you (Cllr Cruse) or, ungraciously, myself. The comments rather suggest that no-one in this 'discussion' nor the Councillors remaining present, have actually read, let alone understood the purpose of the Poster. Or indeed the interactive Information App. itself

The demand 3), to remove the QR code, completely destroys that purpose. As pointed out in (i) above you have no editorial authority in this matter.

(iii) The Council do have the power to refuse that the poster is displayed on property under KPC management or control. The Council has exercised their authority in this matter with repeated refusal without the amendments demanded. I do remind Council that the WW2 bus shelter walls display public information from/and for all members of the village community, and that the Moment Centenary project was supported with public monies to this end.

(iv) We see no cause to make further content changes to the Poster (approved by Stafford in July 2022) and additionally point out that the KPC Process that we have assiduously followed, was initiated over 2 years ago.. The promotion of the Centenary Memorial is a vital part of the recent social history of our entire village and community. The siting of it on the Village Green is as it should be on the public Commons without fear or favour. The Council's constant equivocation on supporting a project from the heart of the community is regrettable. We shall therefore continue with the project utilising any other site and publication that we may identify to further the aims of the social history projects in the Golden Triangle.

I am confident that given this further insight and context for the ongoing promotion of the Centenary Memorial initiative, Council will want to clarify the misunderstandings of the draft minute, and respond now in a fully supportive manner. Or not, in which case we look forward to a precise and detailed minute for the decisions made.

Thank you for your time

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