

A General Meeting was held in the Mission Hall, Middle Barton on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 1945 to discuss a proposed War Memorial for the village.

Mr. W. Howe was elected Chairman of the meeting & he explained that the Barton's Services Welcome Home Fund had reached the target of £500 & was now closed. There was a sum of £17 to hand over to a new fund. The meeting had been called to consider ideas for a War Memorial & he invited suggestions. Two suggestions were put forward: -

1. A scheme to include the building of a Village Hall with the provision of a bowling green, tennis court, football pitch, etc.
2. To enlarge the Mission Hall.

After a considerable discussion the first suggestion was accepted by an overwhelming majority.

The meeting then proceeded to elect officers as follows: -

Chairman, Major Philip Fleming. Vice Chairman Mr. W. Howe.  
Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. H. Cross. Treasurer, Mr. R. Jarvis. Committee: -  
Messrs. L. G. Newman, W. Moulder, C. Cox, J. Gascogne, R. Carter,  
W. Pountell, C. Pratt & H. Knight. Mesdames Fleming,  
Cross & M. Stockford.

With regard to a possible site Mr. Howe said that a piece of land adjoining the Worth Road had been earmarked by the Ministry of Town & Country Planning for post-war development & the Chairman undertook to write to Mr. Kenyon of Chipping Norton with a view to obtaining further information.

Mr. G. Cochran Wilson proposed that the Fund be known as Victory Hall Fund. Mr. Moulder put forward an amendment that it be known as The Barton's Victory Memorial Hall Fund. It was seconded by Mrs. Cross & carried unanimously.

Committee Meetings were arranged to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> April & 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

A GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD IN THE MISSION HALL MIDDLE BARTON ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1945 TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL FOR THE VILLAGE

MR W HOWE WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING & HE EXPLAINED THAT THE BARTONS SERVICES WELCOME HOME FUND HAD REACHED THE TARGET OF £500 THERE WAS A SUM OF £17 TO HAND OVER TO A NEW FUND. THE MEETING HAD BEEN CALLED TO CONSIDER IDEAS FOR A WAR MEMORIAL AND TO INVITE SUGGESTIONS . TWO SUGGESTIONS WERE PUT FORWARD

[1] A SCHEME TO INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF A VILAGE HALL WITH THE PROVISIOIN OF A BOWLING GREEN ;TENNIS COURT ;FOOTBALL PITCHES ETC

[2] TO ENLARGE THE MISSION HALL . AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUION THE FIRST SUGGESTION WAS ADOPED BY AN OVER WHELMING MAJORITY

THE MEETING THEN PROCEEDED TO ELECT OFFICORS AS FOLLOWS  
CHAIRMAN MAJOR PHILLIP FLEMING VICE CHAIRMAN MR W HOWE HON  
SEC MR N CROSS TRESURER MR B JARVIS COMMITTEE MESSERS L G  
NEWMAN W MOULDER J COX F GASCOIGNE R CARTER W COURTNELL  
C PRATT H KNIGHT MESSERS FLEMING COX & M STOCKFORD

WITH REGARD TO A SUTIBLE SITE MR W HOWE SAID THAT A PIECE OF LAND ADJIONING THE WORTON ROAD HAD BEEN EARMARKED BY THE MINISTRY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN TO UNDERTAKE TO WRITE TO MRS KENYON OF CHIPPING NORTON WITH AVIEW TO OBTIANING FURTHER INFORMATION

MRS G COCKRANE-WILSON PROPOSED THAT THE FUND BE KNOWN AS VICTORY HALL FUND. MR MOULDER PUT FORWARD AN AMMENDMENT THAT IT BE KNOWN AS THE BARTONS VICTORY MEMORIAL HALL FUND SECONDED BY MR N CROSS & CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE MEETINGS WERE ARRANGED TO TAKE PLACE ON 18 APRIL & 2<sup>ND</sup> OF MAY.