

# CABINET MEMBER DECISION



## Decision:

**That permission is given for a Memorial to be sited on St Peter's Hill Green as requested by the Veteran Association and responsibility for future maintenance in line with other memorials or provisions in public open spaces.**

### (1) **Details of Decision**

To seek permission to erect a memorial on St Peter's Hill Green in memory of those who have Fallen in conflicts since the end of the Second World War

### (2) **Considerations/Evidence**

Discussions have been taking place with representatives from the National Malay & Borneo Veterans Association who have requested permission to erect a Memorial to the Fallen in conflicts since the end of the Second World War on St Peter's Hill Green, Grantham. The Veterans Association Committee have mounted a highly publicised campaign to raise funds with high levels of support from the British Legion, Royal Naval Association, RAF Association and Malay and Borneo Veterans Association and the Grantham Journal. There have also been many letters of support to the Council and the Grantham Journal from the people of Grantham.

The funds raised by the Committee will be used to purchase the memorial and provide a commuted sum for future maintenance. The Association has requested that the Council give permission to erect the memorial on St Peter's Hill Green and to provide the necessary concrete base.

The proposed memorial will be made from Ancaster stone with a marble centre piece and measures 1500cm high by 1500cm long by 750cm wide. The proposed site is in the shrub bed beneath the Cherry Tree near to the site of the Remembrance Garden to the west of the statue of Sir Isaac Newton. The monument will be

inscribed "In memory of all service and civilian personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the interests of freedom and peace during wars, campaigns and peacekeeping operations and from terrorist actions since 1945 to the present day".

The Veteran Association would like the memorial to be erected in June in readiness for a dedication ceremony on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009 being Armed Forces Day.

(3) **Reasons for Decision:**

The Veteran Association Committee have raised the necessary funds and will be responsible for the procurement and purchase of the monument.

Quotations have been received by the Council for the preparation of the concrete base and placing the monument in the sum of £535.00 plus VAT. This cost can be funded from existing budget allocation for 2008/2009.

The Committee will pay the Council a commuted sum of £500 to be used for the on-going maintenance of the memorial. This is based on current fundraising levels and will increase in due course as further fund raising takes place.

The Council's Arboriculturalist has confirmed that the position of the Memorial beneath the Cherry Tree is acceptable as there will be minimal disturbance to the root system of the tree.

The Council's Development Control Lead Professional has confirmed that planning permission is not required.

Furthermore the Council's Health and Safety Officer has confirmed that there are no particular issues with Health and Safety due to the design of the monument discouraging any persons from using the monument inappropriately.

It is considered that the Council should be supportive of this initiative which has received high levels of involvement and support from many parties.

**Conflicts of Interest**

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded).

NONE

**Dispensations**

(Any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee on respect of any declared conflict of interest to be noted).

NONE

**Decision taken by:**

Name: Councillor John Smith  
Portfolio Holder: Healthy Environment

**Date of Decision: 11 May 2009**

**Date of Publication of Record of Decision:**

**Date decision effective (i.e. 5 days after the date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Scrutiny Committee Chairman or any 5 members of the Council from any political groups):**