

**BRIEFING NOTE**

To: Community Affairs Committee

**RE: British Legion Grant – road closure signs**

Routinely the Council makes a grant of around £150 to the Hurstpierpoint British Legion (HBL) for the provision of a band and wreath on Remembrance Day Sunday in November, and it is expected that the same will apply in 2017.

This year there has been some confusion about arrangements for the parade and associated road closure. The HBL have applied for a road closure as usual, and have made arrangements for volunteer marshalls. However, the local authority (MSDC) have said that HBL should provide and display the advance notice road closure signs. In discussion with the HBL representative earlier in 2017 the Clerk said that the Council could help by arranging the signs if necessary (we have a good supplier who responds quickly) but we would wait to hear from HBL.

On 24 October 2017 the HBL representative contacted the Parish Office and asked for the signs. He had understood that the Council were providing them. Therefore to assist in the matter, the Clerk has arranged for the signs to be produced (5 signs at a cost of £144 + VAT) in time. It has been explained to the HBL representative that the cost should form part of the grant to HBL.

The purpose of the Note is therefore to ask Community Affairs Committee to agree to add the cost of the signs (£144) to the grant made to HBL for 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION: Community Affairs Committee agrees to grant £144 to Hurstpierpoint British Legion for the purchase of road closure signs.**

Stephen Hoyles  
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL  
25 October 2017

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