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PUBLIC CONSULTATION

PAINSWICK WAR MEMORIAL

Painswick Parish Council agreed during its March Council Meeting to conduct a Public Consultation on proposals to renovate the War Memorial.

The two main concerns are the overgrown state of the surrounding yew hedge and the badly eroded lettering on the Memorial itself.

The yew hedge, planted in 1921, has become much higher and wider than originally intended. The hedge now obscures the Memorial and prevents air circulating freely, contributing to the erosion of the lettering on the soft stone of the Memorial.

Two independent firms of arborists have been consulted and both have concluded that, given the poor state of the hedge, any pruning would have to be done in slow stages. This would result in the hedge looking bare and unsightly for many years with the very real possibility that individual yew plants might die.

Both firms recommend removing the old hedge and replacing it with a new one which could thereafter be properly maintained. This is also the preferred option of Stroud District Council's Tree Officer.

The Memorial itself is made of Minchinhampton limestone which is beautiful but soft. Erosion is rendering the names and dedication increasingly illegible but re-carving is not an option. It is important that the names of the Painswick men who lost their lives in the two World Wars are preserved.

There are two possible options:

- The erection on the side closest to the churchyard of a very low Cotswold stone wall with the names engraved on attached metal plaques
- A single flat plinth with the names on an attached composite / stone panel.

The War Memorial is a significant feature of Painswick and should be a visible focus of pride and respect.

Your views are important. You are invited to choose from the suggested proposals overleaf and then state your preferences either by email to the Parish Council - clerk@painswick-pc.gov.uk or by posting or taking the Return Slip to the Town Hall.

Thank you - your participation is greatly appreciated.

Return Slip:

(Please tick your preference between 1a & 1b and 2a & 2b)

1a Leave the existing overgrown yew hedge which hides the War Memorial on three sides.

OR

1b Remove the existing overgrown hedge and replant with a new yew hedge to be properly maintained and kept low.

2a Erect on the churchyard side a low stone wall with the names engraved on attached metal plates.

OR

2b Erect a single flat plinth bearing the names on an attached composite panel.

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