

**MINUTES OF WINTER MEETING ON TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2023 AT THE APPELYARD, AVENUE OF
REMEMBRANCE, SITTINGBOURNE**

APOLOGIES

Terry Lymch, Steve Freeman, Stuart Downs and Brian Griffin.

OBITUARIES

A full list of obituaries was read out to the Meeting from the Newsletter and the below were received since the last Newsletter.

Former PC 2722 Anthony Coppard died 15/10/23 last served Maidstone

Former Supt 3264 Jeremy Powell died 28/10/23 last served FHQ

Former DC 7764 Alastair Barr died 4/11/23 last served Folkestone

Former PC 7053 Stephen Saunders died 15/11/23 last served Edenbridge

Former PC 3767 Peter Gibson died 10/11/23 last served Littlebourne

Former DC 4643 Charles Bennett died 21/11/23 Last served Gravesend

Former DC 8108 John Tayler died 26/11/23 transferred to Lancs Police

A minutes silence was held at the Meeting for all those who have passed away.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from last Meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reiterated his report as of the last Newsletter. He confirmed that the CPI from September 2023 was 6.7% and therefore the rise in Police Pensions should be at that amount. NARPO subs will rise by the same amount and will go from £2.05 per month to £2.19 per month from January 2024 and annual sum of £26.28.

The Trip to RAF Duxford was enjoyed by all those that attended, and it was disappointing that more Branch members did not attend.

The Secretary will deliver to the £50 Christmas Gift to all widows that lived locally and will post cheques to those who are out of area.

All correspondence has been dealt with and no matters are outstanding.

TREASURER'S REPORT

All matters have been dealt with and the Branch is running with a healthy balance which at the last bank statement stood at £10370.09. There are monies to be paid out in before the end of the year and hence this balance will be less at end of December 2023 when accounts are due to be finalised.

LIAISON MEETINGS WITH FORCE

The issues raised with the new Chief Constable are shown in the Newsletter and it was stated by CC that in future a member of the Senior Management Team would attend all Meetings in future.

KENT BRANCHES BREAVEMENT BOOK

The delay in respect of circulating this booklet is due to Force changing to XPS to deal with pension payments and therefore needs to be updated in booklet with XPS systems and this should be updated and can then be circulated.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Frank Gallagher raised to the Old Comrades Lunch which is to be held on Thursday 25th July 2024 and suggested that the Branch arrange a block booking of members wishing to attend. The Secretary will email all members to ascertain what the uptake will be and then arrange with Chris Collins for block booking.

It was also suggested that the Branch introduce a password for the Branch website and this is being looked into.

Bruce Goldfarb

Branch Secretary