

**MINUTES OF THE MEDWAY AND DISTRICT BRANCH MEETING ON 15th NOVEMBER 2022 AT THE
APPLEYARD, AVENUE OF REMEMBRANCE, SITTINGBOURNE**

APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Maurice Baggott

OBITUARIES

A full list of obituaries was read by the Chairman with the below named being added after the Newsletter was published.

Former PC 9271 Mary-Anne Wake died 17/10/22 Last served Ebbsfleet
Former Supt 2978 Christopher Longfield died 11/10/22 Last served FHQ
Former Insp 3179 Ronald Dillon died 22/10/22 Last served Cranbrook
Former Supt 2567 Peter Spittles died 17/10/22 Last served Canterbury
Former PC 6682 Joanna Mantle died 3/11/22 Last served West Malling

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary had no questions on his report on the Newsletter, but he explained that no decision has yet been made in relation to rise of 10.1% in line with the September CPI being agreed. It is hoped that this will be the case. In respect of the State old age pension is still to be decided in the Chancellors Statement on Thursday 17th November if the Triple Lock will be honoured this year with will raise the state pension by 10.1%. This is a Conservative party manifesto pledge

TREASURER'S REPORT

The finances are in good order with all outstanding payments being made and as of 14th October 2022 there was £11249.36 in the account. There are the second instalment of the precept to be taken off along with honoraria, widows Xmas gifts of £50 and other items which will still leave a healthy balance.

FORCE BEREAVEMENT BOOK

The Secretary attended a Meeting with other Kent Branches to discuss having a Bereavement Book special for Kent Officers in order that relatives can have accurate details of their service history and other relevant information. The book will contain all relevant information on what to do when someone dies and will included space for full-service history, information on wills, powers of attorney, probate, contact details of relevant people to inform. The book is envisaged to be some 10 pages and will be at a cost of £52.50 for 350 copies for this Branch. The Meeting agreed to this being accepted.

INCORPORATION

The Secretary explained that this was a matter that was due for discussion at this year’s Conference, but this was cancelled as a mark of respect the death of Her N=Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11.

At the moment NARPO is unincorporated but changing this would mean it would become a Limited Company and NEC members would become Directors and could have control over Branches autonomy which it is felt by me and many other Branches this would be a retrograde step. The NEC however decided to make this **NEC POLICY** although the object of Conference was scheduled to hear arguments for and against but again the NEC has continued, we assume to spend money on having this looked into be Affinity Resolutions and report back to NEC. It remains to be seen if this question will be put to next years conference in Blackpool. I have had details of this put onto the Branch website and would appreciate any comments from Members having looked at information.

DISCUSSION ON EVENTS

Bob Morris will look into the cost and feasibility of running a trip on a Thames Barge and will report back giving details.

The Chairman explained that trip to RAF Duxford would cost around £40 per person which includes coach travel for 40 people and entrance fee.

Both these events will be subsidised by the Branch at £10 per member and their partners and children. It is envisaged that these trips will be arranged for Spring 2023.

MEMBER DETAILS

Members are reminded to update their details if they move, change contact detail i.e. telephone or email so that accurate records can be kept.

NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st March 2023, at The Appleyard, Avenue of Remembrance, Sittingbourne.

Signed Secretary.....dated.....

Signed Chairman.....dated.....