



**MINUTES OF THE SUTTON BRANCH  
OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
HELD ON 01<sup>st</sup> June 2017 20:05hrs**

**Presiding:** Chris Gregory, Chairman

## **INTRODUCTION OF MEETING**

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### **Exhortation:**

The exhortation was delivered by the Vice Chairman, no prayers were received in the absence of a Padre.

### **Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Gregory, Chris	Chairman
Gregory, Sally	Committee Member
Mansfield, R E	President Elect
Stead, Lee	Vice Chairman
Stead, Nichola	Treasurer Elect
Wells, John	Committee Member
Wright, Robert (Bob)	Secretary

### **Apologies:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Hough, Marion	Committee Member
Cawthorn, Jonathan	Poppy Appeal
Kemp, Colin	Standard Bearer

### **Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed, viewed and agreed as read the next meeting will be determined by the Chairman in due course.

### **Matters Arising:**

1. It was reinforced the minutes of previous meetings are available on the web page at [www.suttonrblclub.co.uk](http://www.suttonrblclub.co.uk) under the Branch tab, for those who cannot access this please contact the Branch Secretary who will furnish you with a hard copy. These will be read and proposed as accepted at the next meeting.
2. The Chairman discussed RBL Branch membership figures for Sutton Branch and disclosed the following:
  - a. There are currently 226 on establishment, 63 of these have lapsed (28% not renewed)
  - b. It was agreed that Branch rules as set by the Royal Charter need to be visited and dialogue entered in to with the RBL Club.

- c. The Branch were going to investigate youth membership and ascertain what would attract and encourage 12 – 17 year olds. This would then be used as a building block for future RBL Branch memberships.
2. Contractual challenges were to be discussed by the Chairman with the Parish Council and RBL Sutton Club. This is with a view to ensuring all parties benefit in the right way.
3. The Chairman and Mr J Cawthorn attended the funeral of a WW2 Naval veteran Mr John Craig, they reported a good turnout and 5 Branch Standards on parade.
4. The Chairman will feedback on the Armed Forces Day event 2017 to the Parish Council.
5. The Secretary reiterated that all reports are to be available for the next meeting. Any assistance required with report presentation will be supported by the Secretary, corresponding members of local Branch committees offered assistance also.
6. John Wells was thanked for maintaining the Branch web page and social media and will continue to do so as a committee member of the Branch. John was also asked to assist with the advertising of Armed Forces Day 2017, the Vice Chairman will support this.

**Chairman’s Address:**

The chairman raised the planning and facilitating of the Armed Forces Day event to be held in the Village of Sutton.

**REPORTS**

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<b>Secretary:</b>	Attached
<b>Treasurer:</b>	No report
<b>Welfare:</b>	No report – post vacant currently
<b>Chaplain:</b>	No report – post vacant currently
<b>Standard Bearer:</b>	No report
<b>Women’s Section:</b>	No report – post vacant currently
<b>Poppy Organiser:</b>	No report
<b>Membership:</b>	No report
<b>Entertainment:</b>	No report – post vacant currently
<b>Youth:</b>	No report
<b>County Brief:</b>	No report
<b>AOB:</b>	No report

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

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**Date of Next Meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017 **Previous Meeting Closed:** 21:20hrs

**Distribution of minutes:** Chairman, Vice Chairman, President, Secretary, Poppy Appeal, Treasurer, Standard Bearer, Committee, [www.suttonrblclub.co.uk](http://www.suttonrblclub.co.uk).

**Signed By:** Robert Wright



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Chris Gregory  
Branch Chairman

Robert Wright  
Branch Secretary

**Secretary Report:**

1. After the inaugural meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 the Armed Forces Day 2017 has been hastily planned and will be met as best is practicable given the time line.
2. An action log to support the jobs to be completed has been made available to the committee members and volunteers as necessary.
3. The reports outstanding are required at the next meeting so the Secretary can forward and action as required.
4. There is nothing further to report.