

Brixton War Memorial

At the Brixton Parish Council Meeting in February. I was asked by The Council to see if our Village War memorial would be eligible under the scheme run by Historic England to protect 2500 memorials by 2018. Marking the Centenary of the First World War.

I was very lucky to be able to enlist the help of Anne Evans. Who over the years has done much research on our village history. For this project she has put in many hours at the Plymouth Archive Centre. For which I am deeply grateful. The amount of information was somewhat sparse. Nothing in Parish Council Minutes. Nothing in the Local Papers. Then Anne came across an entry in The Parochial Church Council Minutes. ' A Special Meeting was convened in 1920. This was chaired by The Rev W. T. Ahier. There were two motions to be considered.

To apply for a 'Faculty' from The diocese. ' To erect a War Memorial to the Fallen of The Men of Brixton in The Great War of 2014 — 2018.

Or

To commission an oil painting ' To Commemorate the Fallen of The Men of Brixton in The Great war 1914 -1918.

The motion was passed to apply for a 'Faculty' for the memorial to be erected by the Parishioners, This war memorial was to commemorate 13 local servicemen who died during the First World War. Some 94 men and 2 women from the Parish had served. Following the Second World War. The details of six men who fell in conflict were added to the memorial cross that had been raised in the Church Yard.

At the Parish Council Meeting held yesterday. I was pleased to report that our application for recommendation has been granted by The Secretary of State for Culture and Media and Sport That:- ' Brixton War Memorial be added to the list of Buildings of Special Architectural of Historic Interest.

The Memorial is now listed at Grade 1 1.

Michael Wills.