

EXNING WAR MEMORIAL.

A meeting was convened on February 17th.1919 by the three representatives on the Newmarket Urban District Council.100 electors were present in the Unionist Hall. Mr.W.P.King(senior representative)was chairman,and Mr.A.Whitaker secretary.

It was decided that "we accept the offer of the Newmarket War Memorial Committee to pool the funds of the whole Urban District and that Exning Ward Committee shall receive 1/5 of the amount collected,the money to be expended exactly as the people of Exning wish".

No other meeting was held till October 27nd.1919 as the same committee undertook the Peace Celebrations.

On October 27th.1919 it was resolved to erect a Cross of Cornish Granite on the road near the White Horse Inn.

No further meeting was possible till November 30th.1920 as the Newmarket Committee could not decide on any scheme for themselves and would not guarantee any sum of money till they had fixed on a scheme although they had £2000 in hand.

On November 30th. the Hon.Secretary told the committee that the Newmarket Committee had promised £400 and he expected to get at least £600 as our share.

Messrs.W.J.Nutty of Cheveley and Hatchett of Bury St. Edmunds exhibited designs Resolved that Nutty's design of Cross for £475 be accepted.

(The same design had been prepared on instruction of secretary a year before at a cost of £400 )

It was resolved that the duration of the war was 1914-1918.

The committee selected the inscription "OUR GLORIOUS DEAD".

Kerbing and Fence left to Chairman and Secretary.

Service and all arrangements left to the Secretary.

The Monument was unveiled on Sunday 5th.June 1921 by Col.Hon.Walter Guinness,D.S.O. M.P.,and dedicated by Canon Farmilae.6000 people were present.

At a meeting of the Subscribers of the Exning War Memorial Fund held on Wednesday 19th.July 1922 it was moved by Mr.Walter Mayes and seconded by Mr.W.E.Fuller and resolved...

"That the Exning War Memorial be vested in the Newmarket Urban District Council to be held by them for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said District in perpetuity to the intent that the same shall be and remain for ever a Memorial to the Officers and Men belonging to or connected with Exning who fell in the Great War,and that Messrs.H.Dennis,F.Jeffery,B.Newton,W.P.King and A.H.Whitaker be,and they are,hereby appointed to enter into and execute on behalf of the Subscribers such legal documents as may be necessary to effect the Memorial being vested in the Newmarket Urban District Council.

Chairman,W.P.King. Secretary,A.H.Whitaker.

<u>Cost.</u>	Memorial (inc.950 letters	475-00-0
	Posts and Kerbing	85-10-0
	14 extra letters	14-7
	964 letters gilded and blacked	14- 1-2
	Galvanised Chain	11-10-0
	Extras (secretarys orders)	2-00-0
	2 Extra Names	3- 6-0
	Band	5-00-0
	Newmarket Bell Ringers	2- 2-0
	Light (Gas Co.a/c)Since removed	11-10-0
	Official Photographer	1- 1-0
	Printed service and instructions	8- 0-0
	Architects fees,ground plan	3- 0-0
	Oil for lamps	10-0
	(Gas not used owing to strike)	
	Labour in removing gas standards	7-0
	Draping Memorial	1- 0-0
	Total Cost	<u>£624-12-6</u>

Source..Suffolk Record Office.

Exning C.P.School Log Book. ref.ADB 538/4 (back of book).

Researched by R.E.Bye,Parish Councillor.