

Remembrance Sunday – Notes

1. A Parish Council is responsible for the parish and should act as a community voice
2. Parish Councils are bound by the Equality Act 2010 which requires them to follow the [Public Sector Equality Duty](#) which prohibits discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief (or lack thereof).
3. Towns and villages do not have official war memorials. The creation of memorials was a spontaneous, community-led response to the massive losses of the First World War, not a government mandate. St James, Stedham, St Marys Church, Iping and The Stedham Memorial Hall all have war memorials registered at the Imperial War Museum.
4. The Parish of Stedham with Iping did not exist until 1972

Comments sent out with agenda (Summary of comments from SLCC Solicitor)

5. Council statutes and best practices do not contain guidance regarding Remembrance services.
6. A PC should, in general, be a neutral body & representative of the parish
7. PC agenda items should generally not be too tight/narrow, ie they should not demand either a yes or no response. SLCC solicitor recommended “Consider Remembrance Events”
8. The Remembrance Service is basically a civic service
9. The Memorial Hall would be a wholly appropriate place to hold an alternative service