MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Quotations to relocate the Kohima stone from its current location to New Road cemetery

Quotation 1- Ivett & Reed

To remove existing memorial and bring back to Ivett & Reed works. Drill and refix in alternative position to base (prepared by the Parish Council) using dowels - £4128.00 including v.a.t. This quotation does not include any other work to the memorial.

However Ivett & Reed have expressed their concerns about moving the stone – "We have a few concerns about how the existing memorial is fixed and the existing condition of it especially at ground level which we may not be able to assess until we remove it."

Quotation 2- Cambridge Stonecraft Ltd

To carry out the work an estimated budget of £2,000-£2,500 plus VAT is advised.

Concerns about moving the stone have been expressed hence why it is an estimated budget- "Due to the concerns I expressed to you over the ground anchors possibly being set in concrete which would create the need for an excavation by hand next to the memorial I can only advise that a budget price of £2000.00 - £2500.00plus vat"

During a telephone call, it was explained that the work can only be fully assessed once the stone is out of the ground.

Quotation 3- Hibbitt Stonemasons

Hibbitt Stonemasons originally installed the Kohima Stone at its current location.

To dig out and supply a new foundation near the entrance to the Cemetery, lift, transport and re-site the memorial would cost £2270.00 +VAT. Others to dig out and re-instate the existing foundation and adjacent area.

Also, they would need to carry out a site survey, unless this has already been done. The cost to carry out a survey to detect underground cable & pipes (using a CAT3 cable & pipe locator) would be £225 +VAT

Note: Hibbitt have assumed that they would be able to re-use the stainless steel anchor rods, but if these are damaged in the lifting process they may have to charge the additional cost for these.