



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BEAUTIFUL BATTLE COMMITTEE
held at The Almonry on 17th October 2018**

Present: Marilyn Waughman, Sheila Lawrence, Geoff Lawrence, Tony Perkins, Barbara Clements, John Cherrington, Peter Mills, Rob Madge and Glenna Favell (representing the Town Council).

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Alan Gavin, Barbara Brooks and John Boryer.
- 2) **Minutes of meeting held 19th September 2018:** Minutes agreed by Committee subject to minor spelling amendments.
- 3) **Matters arising:**
Item 4: Marilyn W said that the Judas tree is now in a container located in the Almonry courtyard. Regarding Crowhurst Park, Sheila and Geoff L are aware of a response but there are still a couple of things to follow up. The creation of a dry garden is the likely outcome.
- 4) **Correspondence:** None other than as discussed in item 7 below.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance stands at £4477.79 as at 30th September, the reserve account being £2820.35. Sponsors' income in September totalled £235 – Campbells £100; Spectrum £35; Keith Winton designs £100. Donations from Friends were Taylor £20; Buxton £25 and Gray £10. Payments in September were to Marilyn W – £10 for grit to top up alpine planters and Sheila L - £13.98 for Vine Weevil killer.

Balance with BTC is £1124.44 as at 30th September but this includes the sum carried forward from last year. This, after payments to Ball Colegrove - £55.78 and £34.34; Rotherview Nursery - £77 and J.Parker and sons- £887.50. Glenna F confirmed that the proposal to net off the sum carried forward from last year against the previous year's overspend is acceptable to the Council so the true balance in the BTC account is £683.57.

Concluding her report, Barbara C announced that she will be moving to Norfolk in the New Year so a replacement treasurer will need to be found.

- 6) **Chairman's Report:**
 - a) Some strawberry plants have been offered for use in the fruit bed.
 - b) Planting at the entrance to Nationwide has suffered as a result of the scaffolding. One planter is in poor condition so needs to be replaced at some point. Geoff and Sheila L will look at the whole entrance area and recommend future planting options. Also noted that the planter at Wellington Court needs replacing. Tony P alerted the Committee to the need to review the condition of the planters at the station and future management arrangements.
 - c) Planting up for the winter will be on 8th November. Marilyn W will salvage the fuchsias which have done so well.
 - d) At the suggestion of the departing tenant some plants had been transferred from his garden at the rear of Jempsons to some BB sites.
- 7) **Battle Town Council:** Marilyn W had circulated the Council's response to the discussion which had taken place at the last meeting. The proposal was to separate financial management arrangements but with a compensating payment to BB to offset VAT. Notwithstanding that this relates solely to the payment for services in relation to the Almonry garden and Abbey Green, the Council's reaction was to assess it in the wider context of all support given to BB, financial or otherwise. The Committee acknowledged this and, with an

assurance that it could be dealt with flexibly, within audit regulations, agreed an arrangement including the following statement “Any unspent provision in the budget **will** be carried forward to an Ear Marked Reserve for **a** specifically agreed **item** of expenditure”. The words in bold reflect changes to the wording suggested by the Town Council. If accepted by the Council this will be included in a revised agreement together with the deletion of the paragraph requiring BB to make the watering payment.

Though not commenting on the risk assessment, the Council’s letter had also confirmed that the BB volunteers are covered for public liability insurance under the Council’s policy. Glenna F had no other matters to report.

- 8) **AOB:** None.
- 9) The meeting closed at 10.20am. The next meeting at 9.30am on Wednesday 21st November 2018.