



Battle Town Council



DRAFT MINUTES of ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 4 June 2014 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr P Fisher – Chairman
Cllrs J Boryer, G Favell, D Furness, R Jessop, M Kiloh, A Ratcliffe, J Sydes and D Wilson.

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Mrs Fisher was proposed by Cllr Mrs Favell and seconded by Cllr Bye. With no other nominations Cllr Mrs Fisher was duly elected unanimously to serve as Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Boryer was proposed by Cllr Mrs Fisher and seconded by Cllr Jessop. With no other nominations Cllr Boryer was duly elected unanimously to serve as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. Apologies for Absence – None.

4. Disclosure of Interest – None.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 April 2014. Cllr Wilson proposed approval of the minutes seconded by Cllr Jessop. This was agreed and they were duly signed.

6. Roles and Responsibilities

Cllr Mrs Fisher presented the roles and responsibilities document (attached.) Cllr Jessop commended Cllr Mrs Fisher for this approach to the working of the committee. Cllr Mrs Favell confirmed that her role was to inspect her areas of responsibility but that she was not legally responsible for them, Cllr Ratcliffe requested a footpath map and the Clerk was instructed to source one for him. Cllr Sydes requested a map of the town and Cllr Jessop offered to give him a copy of his with the benches listed on them. Cllr Mrs Fisher explained that meetings would be every six weeks where possible.

Cllr Jessop proposed that the roles and responsibilities be approved in principle; this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Favell and agreed unanimously.

7. Proposals for the Abbey Green – The Battle in Bloom proposals were presented by Cllr Mrs Kiloh who asked members for approval for the grant application. Cllr Kiloh explained that the work will be divided into two phases; phase one will be planters and trees on the Abbey Green up to value of £10,000. The trees will be mature and the planters will be stable enough that the trees would not blow over and can be moved by a forklift. English Heritage has been consulted and seating on the Abbey Green will remain the same. Trees would match on both sides and the type selected will look attractive in all seasons. Cllr Mrs Fisher said that English Heritage would need to confirm in writing that they approve the plans and Cllr Mrs Kiloh said that there was already approval for planters and trees on site. There was a discussion about the plans and views were aired. It was agreed that a further plan was needed, 3D if possible so that the height of the trees can be clearly seen.

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The Committee expressed their support for the project but felt that a more detailed 3D plan would give the project the best chance of success.

Cllr Jessop proposed that approval in principle be given to the project, seconded by Cllr Mrs Fisher and unanimously agreed.

8. Correspondence and Communications

The Clerk reported that Sue Burton had asked for members to be on the Health Pathway Committee. Cllr Mrs Fisher confirmed that this would need to be discussed further at a future meeting.

9. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items – agenda items to be submitted to the Chairman and the Clerk at least a week before each meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting: 24 June 2014.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Chairman
Cllr Fisher

