



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BEAUTIFUL BATTLE COMMITTEE
held at The Almonry on 17th April 2019

Present: Marilyn Waughman, Geoff Lawrence, Sheila Lawrence, Tony Perkins, Rob Madge, John Cherrington, Alan Gavin and John Boryer.

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Barbara Brooks and Peter Mills.
- 2) **Minutes of meeting held 20th March 2019:** Minutes agreed by Committee.
- 3) **Matters arising:**
 - a) Item 3c: Geoff L asked about progress – see 6a below.
 - b) Item 3b: Sheila L asked whether this was going ahead. It is intended that new plants and shrubs and plants be obtained for the Kebab Bed and a plaque be located there. Rob M suggested that Pat Fowler's sister be contacted to see if she had a favourite flower (Alan G to action).
 - c) Item 6b: Geoff L asked about progress. Alan G has researched some bowsers and needs to assess further for suitability.
- 4) **Correspondence:** Marilyn W received an invitation through BTC to join TCV Community Network and another invitation for the Dig for Britain TV programme. No interest shown by the committee.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Rob M advised that the Bank balance stands at £4667.79. Expenses for the month £147.95 and income £1025 (sponsors £640, Pat Fowler £380, Friends £5). The BTC account for 2019/2020 will be £3325 and BB has spent £558.60 so far.
- 6) **Chairman's Report:**
 - a) BTC has entered the Town and Almonry into the South & South East in Bloom 2019 competition. The judging will be on 2nd July 2019 at 9.30am.
 - b) Planting out will be on 30th May 2019 after Medieval Fayre (26/27th May).
 - c) New barrier baskets for Abbey Court expected in next 2/3 weeks.
 - d) Second delivery of plugs have now all been potted on.
- 7) **Battle Town Council:**
 - a) John B asked if new barrier in Market Square effected BB. Lisa at Jempsons lets BB volunteers in at 9am on Thursdays.
 - b) John B asked about the thyme line path in the Almonry. It was advised that it needed a proper repair and not a bit of cement under loose paving stones. John B considered that, as the Almonry was a listed building, the path may have significant heritage requiring the stones to be numbered, lifted and put back in the same place after new foundations put in place. Some doubt was expressed over this assumption.
 - c) As John B is stepping down from BTC and the BB committee, BB thanked John B for all his contributions to the committee and hoped that his replacement will provide the same level of cooperation, style and approach to ensure the continued good working relationship between BB and BTC.
- 8) **AOB:**
 - a) Alan G suggested 30th May 2019 for the BB AGM. Marilyn W will check availability in Memorial Hall.
 - b) Sheila L asked about intentions for the Crowhurst Park horseshoe. Responsibility will be handed back to Crowhurst Park. A BB working party will first clear plants from the horseshoe, put weed suppressor in place and cover with pebbles.
 - c) Tony P considered that a rubbish bin should be located by the bus stop bench near the library. This land belongs to East Sussex District Council and Tony P will approach them with the request.
- 9) The meeting closed at 10.30am. Next meeting at 9.30am, Wednesday 15th May 2019.