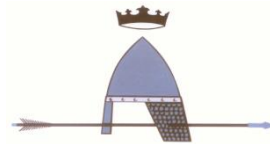




# Battle Town Council



**MINUTES of a Meeting of the  
ESTATES COMMITTEE  
held on Tuesday, 29 July 2014 at  
The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Fisher - Chairman  
Cllrs: D Furness, M Kiloh, R Jessop, D Wilson and G Favell.

**1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs A Ratcliffe and J Sydes.

**2. Disclosure of Interest** – None.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 June 2014.** Cllr Jessop proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Wilson. This was agreed.

**4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

- i. Request by resident for two more steps for access to the **public footpath** by the **recreation ground** – No further information available.
- ii. **Benches** outside the **Library** – No further information available
- iii. Request from a resident for more **dog bins** – this had been passed to the Services Committee but it was **agreed** to request the Town Clerk to direct the resident towards Rother District Council which is responsible for waste collection in the Caldbec Hill area.
- iv. **Footpath matters** – No further information available. Cllr Fisher would email Matt Harper.

**5. Update on the Recreation Ground**

Cllr Favell had circulated a report on the condition of play equipment at the Recreation Ground. Cllr Wilson reported verbally that the fair operators had removed some turf and left some holes where their equipment had been standing. Adults and children were still entering via the hedge rather than the gate. It was suggested that the Council should consider installing an additional gate at the desired entry point rather than re-repairing the hedge. Battle Baptist Church has attached a banner to the fencing along North Trade Road. This should be removed. It was **agreed** to pass this various information on to the Town Clerk for any necessary action.

**6. Grounds Maintenance Update**

Cllr Favell had circulated reports on the Council's play areas. Cllr Jessop reported verbally that the wooden edging to the flower bed at Chequers Corner is rotting and needs replacing. There is no delineation between BTC land and access to the adjoining property. The 'dry' plant bed maintained by Beautiful Battle looks untidy. Tarmac and posts on the Abbey Green are in need of attention but there are no safety issues. (Details to follow.) The planters maintained by Beautiful Battle were looking very attractive. It was **agreed** to pass on these comments to the appropriate persons.

**7. Report on lead areas**

Cllr Favell had produced draft letters to be posted on the windscreens of cars misusing the Mount St Overflow Car Park and the Recreation Ground Car Park. It was **agreed** to request the Town Clerk to take action as soon as practical.



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## 8. Footpath Matters - No new issues.

## 9. Correspondence and Communications

- i. Report of **standing water** on the **football pitch** – Cllr Wilson would discuss with the ground staff, the Town Clerk and the contractor what would be the best course of action.
- ii. Report of **excess water** on the **George Meadow footpath** - Cllr Wilson would discuss with the ground staff, the Town Clerk and the contractor what would be the best course of action.
- iii. Request by the Baptist Church to take over the maintenance of the football pitch – **request denied**
- iv. Request to hold a charity event on the Recreation Ground on 23 August – **request denied**
- v. Paper from Cllr Furness on the design for the roundabout – **proposal approved**
- vi. Letter from Beautiful Battle re the cost of watering – information indicated that owing to the dry weather slightly more time has been spent on watering in 2014 than in 2013. It was **agreed** to request the Town Clerk to pass on this information.

## 10. Budget Report 2014/15

The Clerk had circulated the attached budget report but there was no explanation as to why the expenditure in some areas was over budget and no end year forecast. It was **agreed** to ask the Town Clerk to provide this information for the next meeting.

## 11. Matters for Information/Future Agenda Items

Cllr Favell had had discussions regarding the Health Pathway but there were as yet no firm proposals. The committee agreed that the Pathway should be considered in the context of requests for use of the Recreation Ground and asked Cllr Favell to continue to act in a liaison capacity in this respect.

A single-issue meeting would be required to discuss the plans for the Recreation Ground and another meeting should be devoted to discussion of the 2015/16 budget. Cllr Fisher was asked to schedule these meetings.

**12. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 7 October 2014.** Other special meetings may be scheduled before this date.

**CLLR P FISHER  
CHAIRMAN**

