



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BEAUTIFUL BATTLE COMMITTEE
held at The Almonry on 21st November 2018**

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

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** John Cherrington, Barbara Brooks and John Boryer.
- 2) **Minutes of meeting held 17th October 2018:** Minutes agreed by Committee.
- 3) **Matters arising:** No matters arising.
- 4) **Correspondence:**
 - a) Alan G received an email from Caroline Little, steward at Battle Abbey. She heads a volunteer group that is now looking after the abbey roses. She thanked BB for their assistance and asked advice on pruning which has been given.
 - b) Alan G received a letter from Carol Harris, Town Clerk, advising that the BB Risk Assessment has been accepted by BTC. Alan G suggested an amendment to para 14 of the new BB/BTC agreement which would allow both BB and BTC to review/amend the agreement. Glenna F advised that, at the previous evening's council meeting, the amendment was approved.
 - c) Sheila L received a thank you from Anne Buxton for the BB Newsletter and the work that BB does in the town.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** The Bank balance stands at £4,776.79 as at 5th November 2018 and the Reserve account balance is £2820.83. The income from sponsors in October amounted to £335 altogether with Battle Abbey School - £100; Mighall - £35 and Ridge West Garage - £100. BB also received another £100 from Keith Winton which was an error but he very generously said that BB could keep it. There was a payment made to Marilyn for £36 for new tools. Since BB have now written off the BTC balance brought forward as agreed, BB had 683.57 left of the budget for the current year at the end of September. This has now been spent and BB owes BTC £70.57 as at the end of October. There were 4 invoices including two deliveries of compost £239.44 and 262.80, Plants £209.15 and heathers £42.75. BB now need to hold on spending until April as far as possible so that BB can use next year's money without any trouble.
- 6) **Chairman's Report:**
 - a) Planting out and bulbs have mainly been done. Planting out at the Almonry has been held off till Margaret Emeleus is back.
 - b) Joanna Perkins and Maggie Doncaster are stopping planting at the station. The committee agreed to keep planting there.
 - c) Geoff L stated that some of the wooden containers in Market Square may need attention. He had looked at replacement containers from B&Q at around £40 each. Barbara C suggested that BB look at Littlewoods for better quality. Geoff L and Alan G to check condition of containers.
 - d) Peter M advised that a group (Peter M, Marilyn W, Rob M and Gary Dunk) were looking to make good the area behind Memorial Hall. This would be done under auspices of BB.
- 7) **Battle Town Council:** As stated above, Glenna F advised that BTC had agreed the BB/BTC agreement amendments.
- 8) **AOB:**
 - a) Marilyn W discussed the BB Christmas Party. Alan G offered Barrack Farm but the committee voted to hold it at the Almonry. Alan G to buy wine.
 - b) Sheila L asked about the Horseshoe Bed at Crowhurst Park. Alan G suggested that BB clear the plants Spring 2019 and cover with a weed suppressor and pebbles.
- 9) The meeting closed at 10am. Next meeting at 9.30am, Wednesday 19th December 2018.