



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BEAUTIFUL BATTLE COMMITTEE
held at The Almonry on 15th May 2019**

Present: Alan Gavin (in chair), Geoff Lawrence, Sheila Lawrence, Tony Perkins, Rob Madge, Barbara Brooks, and Peter Mills.

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Marilyn Waughman and John Cherrington.
- 2) **Minutes of meeting held 17th April 2019:** Minutes agreed by Committee.
- 3) **Matters arising:**
 - a) Item 3b: Alan G has not contacted Pat Fowler's sister yet and will do so.
 - b) Item 3c: Alan G researched small wheeled bowsers online. They are either too small (about three watering cans full) or too large, 110 litres and upwards (110 litres is around 240lbs weight). The first would be too small and the second maybe dangerous to move between the Almonry and Market Square. It was considered that it would be simpler to try to use a hose over the Almonry wall to fill watering cans on the Market Square side. Alan G to ask the office to increase the water pressure for the outside tap.
- 4) **Correspondence:** Alan G received an email from John Boryer thanking the committee for their kind words in the April minutes.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Rob M advised that the Bank balance stands at £5844. Expenses for the month £20 and income £320 (names of sponsors and friends tba). A copy of the annual accounts was circulated. Geoff L commented that BB should discuss and decide what they intended to spend the £8000 in the bank account on before the AGM. Possible ideas were clearing behind the bandstand and new planters in front of Memorial Hall.
- 6) **Chairman's Report:**
 - a) New councillors were inaugurated last Tuesday so BB will have a new representative. The office advise that this will Hazel Sharman with Jill Gyngell as sub.
 - b) The parking problem has now hopefully been sorted – John and Sylvia will park at friends, Geoff and Sheila will park in Market Square and everyone else will park at the rear of Jempsons/Co-op Funeral Services.
 - c) New barrier baskets for Abbey Court have arrived and BTC will put them in place when they come to empty the old ones for 30th May replanting.
 - d) Carol has been emailed about the long grass on the Diamond Garden and also the yellow collecting container on the Fire Station area.
 - e) The AGM will be on 4th May 2019.
- 7) **Battle Town Council:** No report this month as new rep not appointed yet.
- 8) **AOB:**
 - a) Geoff L asked about the plans for the Horseshoe bed. This has been discussed and the committee decided to cover with weed suppressor and pebbles. Alan G will join Geoff and Sheila next week at the Horseshoe Bed to implement plan, Alan G suggested 30th May 2019 for the BB AGM. Marilyn W will check availability in Memorial Hall.
 - b) Tony P considered that BB should look to assist BTC prior to the S&SEiB judging to ensure the town is presentable.
 - c) Peter M advised that the broken planter in front of Memorial Hall be replaced with one nearby. Alan G suggested that in may be better to replace with ones to match Abbey Green.
- 9) The meeting closed at 10.25am. Next meeting is planned for 9.30am, Wednesday 19th June 2019 but this will need to change as it coincides with BFHS garden visit.