



# Battle Town Council



**DRAFT MINUTES of SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
held on Tuesday, 9 December 2014  
at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs J Eldridge, J Gyngell, M Howell, M Kiloh  
and J Ormonde-Butler, D Wilson

**Member of the public was present? - None**

1. **Apologies for Absence – Cllrs J Boryer , Richard Bye, M Palmer**
2. **Disclosure of Interest – None**
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 30 September 2014. **D Wilson** proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by **J Gyngell**. This was agreed and they were duly signed.
4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meetings – all covered by agenda items**
5. **Correspondence & Communications**
  - Ms Lightfoot – 12 Cherry Gardens request for a reduction in next year's rent. Councillors felt that it would set a precedent. Councillor's workforce will visit Cherry Gardens. The Councillors stated that are possible major changes in the future to the allotment arrangements. The Councillors requested that the Town Clerk/Assistant write to Ms Lightfoot and asking whether she would mind waiting until the New Year for a decision due to possible major changes to allotment arrangements & also would she like a different allotment when one comes available.
6. **Street Lighting**
  - Energy contract renewal - reported at Full Council – price increase – Noted
7. **Allotments**
  - Members were advised that there are currently 11 vacant plots although there are several that appear not to be under cultivation. Councillor reported that there are plots on Cherry Gardens that cannot be worked and explore alternative uses.
  - Trees to bottom boundary of Watch Oak allotments – Gary reported that the branch which fell off has been cleared. Trees are ok – noted
  - Update from Cllr Wilson – Senlac Allotment Association – Cherry Gardens have a drop between allotments 4 & 5, paths have got narrower. Councillors said this had been an ongoing problem. Proposal to SAA to ask if they would like the opportunity to manage the allotment budget. If agreeable in principle, Town Clerk/Assistant to write to all allotment holders to see if they would like an Association to manage the allotments or BTC. If majority in favour of an Association running the allotments a special meeting with SAA & Council to discuss best way forward, to be arranged before the Environment Committee meeting 3 February 2015. Councillors requested that Town Clerk/Assistant speak to John Boryer about this
8. **Cemetery**
  - Update on Cemetery extension project – Councillors reported at the full Council meeting, that the loan had been sent to Salc, next step sent to Home Office – final step when reply received apply to Public Works Loan Board
  - CDSL have commissioned the first Tree and Cemetery survey, a major archaeological survey is not required – highways to be consulted
  - Chapel heating – quote for heating put on hold until refurbishment - will be part of the Cemetery work. Councillors requested that Dimplex are contacted to arrange a free

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survey for heating for the Chapel

- Town Clerk/Assistant to research possibilities for funding for the Chapel refurbishment: i.e. Beaverbrook Foundation, Veolia Environment Trust, Biffa Award, Heritage Fund etc
- Request for additional access off Cemetery approach road, Councillors felt that additional access was not required.
- Poor condition of cemetery approach road – noted – wait until Cemetery extension project is nearing the end – due to works vehicles having access
- Chestnut Tree at cemetery – Gary reported that the Tree is dead and wants taking down. Branches could fall & damage head stones – Acting town clerk to investigate

## **9. Budget Report 2014-15 - noted**

## **10. Budget Report 2015-2016 & Forward Plan – noted until future Committee formed**

- Cemetery work
- Street Furniture – Town Clerk/Assistant to organise what type of style finger posts are required
- Town Clerk/Assistant to locate wall Mural which was situated in the Market Square & reinstate

## **11. Matters for Information and Future Agenda Items**

Tony Kennedy had kindly volunteered to clear paths of snow from Battle Club to Battle Memorial Hall- the Councillors accepted his offer. Town Clerk/Assistant to arrange for salt to be left at the Battle Club

## **11. Date of Next Meeting: TBA**

**Meeting closed at 8.45pm**

J Ormonde-Butler  
Acting Chairman

