Battle Town Council

MINUTES of the ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING
held on TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2026 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 6.15pm

Present: Cllrs Jenny Exley (Chairman), Sue Burton, Vikki Cook, Pete Morley and David Silk.
In attendance: Cllr Marie-Louise Neill, Carol Harris (Town Clerk)

Public question time – None.

It was noted that the meeting commenced later than Agenda due to delayed arrival of some Members.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Andrew Barton.

2. **Disclosure of interest** – None.

Cllr Cook joined the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 October 2026** were agreed and duly signed by Cllr Barton.

4. **Budget for 2027-28 for recommendation to Finance & General Purposes Committee**
   Members considered the annual budget line by line and approved a total annual income of £51,975 and expenditure of £97,414, as attached.
   It was noted that it had been agreed that the repairs to the Churchyard wall will be taken from General Reserves.
   Project items were agreed as:
   - Dark Skies membership $250 – *approximately £190 and therefore below the agreed budget for project items.*
   - Tree audit and strategy (raised by Climate & Ecology Sub Committee) £3,000
   - Shrub replacement at the Cemetery rose garden £550
   - Street light LED replacement scheme £15,000 – amount to be confirmed with contractor
   - Churchyard ground works for William 1000th Tree £600
   - Play equipment at Coronation Gardens and Darvel Down £20,000 (£10k each)

5. **Matters for information / future agenda items**

- Scheduled matters relating to Allotments, Recreation Grounds and Street Furniture & Lighting
- To note RoSPA play inspection reports and consider any action
- To consider sound boards for Pavilion
- To receive an update on Cherry Garden shed and agree any action
- To receive suggestion on bin styles and frequency of emptying and agree any action
- Items postponed from previous meeting:
  - To note damage to entrance gate at Telham Playing Field and consider any action
  - To consider request to accept responsibility for benches at Netherfield, not on Council land
  - To receive a report regarding Battle for Change / Coronation Gardens

6. **Matters for information / future agenda items**

7. **Date of next meeting**: **1 December 2026**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.08.

Cllr J Exley
Chairman

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