

MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the ratepaying residents of Montpelier Square held at 27 Montpelier Square, London on 2nd March 1987.

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr Ibrahim El Tayeb
Mr N Thornhill

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Corrections

(i) Mrs Eckhardt suggested more gravel to the paths - not widening.

(ii) Item 6 - the precept increase should be 4.2%.

Proposed by Mr S Ainley and seconded by Mr B Deschamps.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Accounts as at the Year ending 31 December 1986

The Treasurer was asked to talk through the Accounts. Mr Stanford stated that income exceeded by approximately £40. Shed repairs and removal of the fallen Cherry tree were included. Mrs Eckhardt proposed accounts be approved. Mr S. Ainley seconded the proposal.

5. Reappointment of Garden Contractor

Mr A Stanford stated that he recommended the increase of 5.2% by Chittendens. General discussion regarding the Garden then took place.

Mrs O'Brien asked for a briefing regarding the responsibilities of Chittendens - she expressed concern that dead bushes were not removed - she suggested an annual review of the garden - she offered her services, but professed total ignorance.

Mr Eckhardt remarked that there had been some unsightly debris in the trees (following acute wind storms). He asked if Chittendens gave value for money and if more should be spent - and requested the contractors be asked to propose "different steps of care".

Mr Eckhardt requested that proxi votes for residents be accepted - this suggestion was not accepted by the meeting.

Mr S Ainley recommended that residents should donate plants to the garden, but thought residents would not support plans that increased costs.

Mr Stanford stated that Chittendens had carried out grass cutting and maintenance and care of beds - he recommended that the meeting adopt the increased price which was thought reasonable. The Chairman stated that the Tenants and the Committee had previously been satisfied with Chittendens and with their cost. A vote of confidence was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. Sir A Swann proposed Chittendens as the contractor and Mrs Deschamps seconded the proposal.

6. Approval of Garden Precept

The Chairman stated that the Treasurer had recommended a slight per cent increase. Proposed by Sir A Swann and seconded by Mr S Ainley.

7. Chairman's Report

The Chairman suggested that £275 be spent on hedging, £260 on bulbs - to include 500 daffodils and 300 polyanthus and some roses. He stated it had been an uneventful year - privet had been replaced where the fallen Cherry Tree had damaged the previous plants. A new swing had been attained - and the pump house had been repaired. The Chairman concluded by requesting the Residents be responsible for maintaining the garden as a thing of pleasure for all.

8. Election of Committee

The Chairman announced Mr A Stanford's retirement and announced Mr B Deschamps appointment as Treasurer. All the Committee Members stated that they were prepared to stand for re-election. Proposed by A R Willett and seconded by Lady Swann.

9. Any Other Business

Mr A R Willett asked about the new privet hedge. Sir A Swann proposed using funds from the deposit account. A lady Resident complained that children from the rented properties created havoc and broke chairs.

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The Chairman appealed to the Residents to be vigilant and maintain order and accepted chairs would be repaired. The Chairman stated a printed message would be sent to each house with a reminder of the Garden Rules plus a planting programme.

Sir Anthony Swann thanked the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for their work.

Lost Sundays - noise, ball games rubbish
No lock on gate on S. side
School using garden?

Ball games

Who has authority to enforce rules
Control of keys - Who is eligible

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2,600 per year

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about 1/2 of the
amount of production
to be made up of
the rest of the year