

MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the ratepaying residents of Montpelier Square held at 27 Montpelier Square, London on Wednesday 22nd June 1988.

1. Apologies for Absence

Lord Barber
Mr D Ramsay
Mr Ibrahim El Tayeb
Mr S Waterhouse
Mrs A Poletti

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd March 1987 were read with two corrections (Mrs O'Brien page 1 and Mr Eckhardt's statement regarding proxy votes for residents. This matter was agreed to be postponed for the time being).

Proposed by Mr A R Willett, seconded by Mrs C Mackay-Lewis.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Accounts as at the year ending 31st December 1987

The Treasurer was asked to talk through the Accounts. He stated the Precept had increased from 5.3 - 5.6. He remarked that the appeal on the taxation on the reserve of £2,000 on deposit had been lost. The Chairman stated that the pump on the automatic watering system was being repaired and that later changes were considerable. The letter from H.M. Inspector of Taxes was read by the Chairman. Mr Eckhardt offered to try and negotiate non payment of taxes - he would talk to Mr B Deschamps. Sir Anthony Swann proposed the accounts be approved. Mr A R Willett seconded the proposal.

5. Re-appointment of Garden Contractor

The Chairman stated that the AGM had been delayed owing to the absences of the Committee Members. Mr Deschamps had negotiated with Chittendens on the basis of back payment. The Chairman requested that the residents approve Chittenden's increase and go to competitive tender in 1989. General discussion regarding the garden followed. Mr and Mrs Eckhardt expressed dissatisfaction with the general state of the garden. Lady Marshall pointed out that non residents were using the garden. Mrs Mackay-Lewis said recent deterioration had been considerable. It was suggested new locks be put on the gates and the broken fencing mended. Investigations into an alternative gardener would go ahead. The re-appointment proposed by Mr A R Willett, seconded by Lady Marshall.

6. Approval of Garden Precept

The Chairman stated that the Treasurer had recommended a slight increase from 5.3 to 5.6. Proposed by Mr A R Willett and seconded by Sir Anthony Swann. He stated that because of the lateness of the AGM, this was a "fait accompli". Mr Eckhardt suggested an AGM in the Autumn and this was agreed.

7. Chairman's Report

The Chairman commented that minimal damage had been done in the Autumn 1987 storm - the one tree destroyed had been replanted. The water pump had ceased to work, the fencing had been repaired also the garden furniture. The Chairman requested residents be responsible and conscientious in maintaining the garden.

8. Election of Committee

All the Committee Members stated that they were prepared to stand for re-election. New members proposed:- Lady Marshall proposed by Mr A R Willett, seconded by Mr D Eckhardt. Mrs J O'Brien proposed by Mr D Eckhardt, seconded by Mr J O'Brien. Mr D Eckhardt proposed by Mrs D Eckhardt, seconded by Mr J O'Brien.

9. Any Other Business

None.

Mr A R Willett thanked the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for their work.

MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON ITEM 3

The Chairman spoke to Mr. David Bouldger, tel. 798 2349, at the City of Westminster, who confirmed that under the Town & Gardens Act and the Metropolitan Management Act 1895 the garden precept can be levied to meet the needs of properly maintaining the garden by the precept being determined by the Committee and passed by an Annual General Meeting of which all members of the Square have been properly notified. The amount of the precept does not matter provided it is used for the garden maintenance. It is not intended that there should be a big surplus on deposit which would attract tax. The precept would cover the period April 1989 to March 1990.

The special community charge comes into force in 1990 and is applicable to residents only. There are apparently one or two commercially rated premises in the square from which we will get no income. The Committee will have to look into this situation carefully. In Hanover Square for instance the residents are having to pay £4,000 each to the gardens. Our case should be put in writing to the Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3ED, in order to regularize our position under the Local Government Act 1988. Mr. Bouldger said it is likely that the law will be framed to give W.C.C. the power to continue to add the residents desired precept to the rates as before.

30th January 1989

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the rate-paying residents of Montpelier Square will take place on WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE 1988.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 2nd March, 1987
3. Approval of accounts for the 12 months ended 31st December, 1987
4. Approval of re-appointment of garden contractor
5. Approval of the garden precept
6. Chairman's report
7. Election of members of the Committee
8. Any other business

MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Re- elected at the AGM

Chairman MR JEREMY MACKAY-LEWIS	584 0118	No. 27
Secretary MRS MARY WILLETT	584 4111	No. 28
Treasurer MR BRUNO DESCHAMPS (Office)	589 5063 491 0201	No. 20
SIR ANTHONY SWANN	589 5546	No. 23
LORD BARBER	584 5262	No. 15
MR NICHOLAS DAVIE-THORNHILL	584 6250	No. 32
MRS CAROLINE MACKAY-LEWIS	584 0118	No. 27

Co-opted on to the Committee at the AGM - 22/6/88

Mrs Lesley Belton	581 5384	No. 2
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Voted on to the Committee at the AGM - 22/6/88

LADY MARSHALL		No. 21
MRS J O'BRIEN		No. 38
MR D ECKHARDT	581 1544	No. 29