

MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN

Minutes of the Extraordinary Committee Meeting held at 27 Montpelier Square, London on 7 December 1988, to discuss Garden Contractors.

Present: Mr. J Mackay-Lewis (Chairman)  
Mr. B Deschamps (Treasurer)  
Mrs. M Willett (Secretary)  
Lord Barber  
Mrs O'Brian  
Mrs L Belton  
Mr D Eckhardt  
Mrs C Mackay-Lewis  
Lady J Marshall  
Mr N Thornhill

In attendance: Mrs V. Eckhardt.

1. Apologies for absence

Sir A Swänn

Minutes

Approved.

3. Financial Report.

The financial changes to take place at Westminster City Hall were discussed. Lord Barber suggested a letter be written asking about the situation. Seconded by Mrs Willett. Mr Deschamps talked through the accounts. Mr Eckhardt suggested that 2 alternatives were available to mitigate the tax liability.

- (1) The formation of a Friendly Society.
- (11) Transferring the Garden Square funds into a Building Society chequing account.

Lord Barber suggested that the Square funds be placed into a Building Society chequing account. Mrs Belton offered to look into the ownership of the square, and report.

4. Discussion on Garden Contractors

The Sub-Committee gave information regarding their investigations into Garden Contractors. Lord Barber suggested all tenders be submitted to the Committee. It was agreed that the Sub-Committee meet and report on maintenance and "one-off" recommendations. Lady Marshall suggested the precept be doubled - seconded by Mrs O'Brien - motion carried. The Chairman confirmed with the Treasurer that subject to advising Westminster City Council by early February we would have sufficient time to further increase the precept for this year in the event of the sub-committee's report indicating that this was necessary.

5. Garden Keys

New arrangement working well. The Chairman thanked Lady Marshall.

6. Garden Furniture

Residents requested to return to hard areas. Mrs MacKay Lewis reported a table missing and chairs damaged.

7. Fencing.

Slit by vandals. Mr N Thornhill suggested railings - offered to look into restoration with Mr Eckhardt's help.

8. Sprinkler System.

This is working. Lady Marshall suggested monitoring.

9. Tree Sugery

To be discussed by Sub-Committee.

10. Garden Rules.

To be strictly adhered to.

11. New Planting

New report to be made.

12. Rubbish in Garden.

Better.