

Minutes of
Montpelier Square Garden Committee Meeting.

Date 27th January 1997

Held at 27 Montpelier Square.

Committee members present.

Mr Jeremy Mackay-Lewis Chairman
Lady Marshall
Mr Nicholas Davey-Thornhill
Mr David Eckhardt
Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert

1) Mr J Mackay-Lewis opened the meeting by inviting the members of the committee to read and approve the Minutes of the last Garden Committee meeting, held on 29th November 1995. He proposed they be accepted. Mr D Eckhardt seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

2) The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting and the accounts were presented by the Chairman, Mr Mackay-Lewis, in draft form only. The budget for next year has been provisionally set at £12,000.00 for the garden maintenance and steps must be taken to restore the Sinking Fund back to £10,000.00. A general discussion followed, it was resolved to:-

Put a motion to the AGM to increase the Garden Precept, pending confirmation from the Treasurer, from £250.00 to £300.00.

3) Prior to the meeting Lady Marshall had circulated, to every house, a copy of her written report. She expressed her disappointment that the small table & 3 teak benches had been stolen during the summer. She noted that the new bench, which had Montpelier Square carved on it, was not stolen. She recommended they be replaced. After a discussion it was resolved to:-

a) Put a motion to the AGM to replace the stolen garden furniture with 2 benches and 1 small table.

b) And that all items of furniture be carved with the "Montpelier Square" on it.

4) Any Other Business.

Following a request by the new owner of Nos:22 (a Company) to have a key to the gardens it was proposed that a motion

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should be put to the AGM to restrict the issuing of keys to a named individual only.

5) A number of keys and brass key tags have been lost and to replace them is expensive. This generally occurs when a house is sold and the former owners don't hand the keys back to the Key holders Secretary, Mrs Cox. A general discussion followed and it was proposed to put a motion to the AGM that:-

a) Any house that does not have a key & key tag should pay a one off levy for the replacement.

b) The levy should be set at £50.00.

6) Lady Marshall felt that when a house is being refurbished, and therefore paying neither Council Tax nor the Garden Precept, the Garden Committee should ask the owners for a donation towards the upkeep of the gardens. She noted that the owners of nos: 20 were happy to give a donation when asked. It was resolved to put a motion to the AGM to that effect.

7) Lord Barber, a joint signatory, having left the Square has resigned from the Committee, Lady Marshall proposed that Mr E Davies-Gilbert become a joint signatory. Mr J Mackay-Lewis seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

8) Members of the Committee, by private subscription, are presenting Lord Barber with a book, "Hillier's Shrubs & Flowers". It was unanimously agreed that he had always been an invaluable member of the Committee and they were grateful to him for all his past help & support.

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J. Mackay-Lewis.
Chairman

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