

Minutes of

Montpelier Square Garden Committee Meeting.

Date 19th January 1998

Held at 27 Montpelier Square.

Committee members present.

Mr Jeremy Mackay-Lewis Chairman
Lady Marshall
Mr David Eckhardt
Mr Bernard Asher
Mrs Avril Cox
Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert
Mr Daniel Quirici

1) Mr J Mackay-Lewis, Chairman, opened the meeting by inviting the members of the committee to read and approve the Minutes of the last Garden Committee meeting, held on 27th January 1997. After a general discussion Lady Marshall proposed they be accepted. Mrs Avril Cox seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

2) The minutes of the AGM were circulated and Mr Mackay-Lewis invited any comments. After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed to present them at the AGM.

3) The 1997 Accounts were presented to the meeting by Mr Daniel Quirici, Treasurer. He pointed out that Westminster Council were late in sending the precept money, which was due at the end of December, and it's causing cash flow problems. A discussion followed and it was resolved to:

Ask Westminster City Council to release the funds in two tranches; half in June and the balance in December.

4) 1998 Precept. The budget forecast for 1998 will be £14,500.00. After discussion it was resolved to raise the precept. It was decided to put the sum of £400.00 per house to the AGM.

5) London Garden Square Day. The Committee has been ask to open the Square Garden in June. After a discussion it was unanimously decided to recommend, to the AGM, the Square Garden does not join the scheme this year.

6) Lady Marshall gave a report on the garden during the

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past year. The Sycamore on the North side, which is beginning to show-signs-of-old-age, has on recommendation, been pruned. Two trees were lost during the year one of the Cherries & the Hawthorn. The sapling Norwegian Maple in the North West corner is a poor specimen and should be removed and replaced with another variety. All the other plants appear healthy leading to vigorous growth and the large trees around the square will need a light pruning within the next two years. The stone wall around the North border has been repaired. The stolen table and two benches have been replaced. The railings in the South East corner, that had been badly damaged by a Swedish lorry, have been repaired.

7) Insurance. Mr D Quirici reported he has been looking into a policy that would include the railings. The recent damage to the railings proved the inadequacy of the present policy. The subsequent claim, from the Swedish lorry firm's insurance company, for the repair of the South East corner was successful. However, in future we might not be so lucky. He proposed that we should change insurance company for a policy that includes the railings. There would be an increase in the premium for the extra cover. The motion was seconded by Mr B Asher and was carried unanimously.

8) Mrs Cox pointed out that the replacement keys and tags were in excess of £80.00 and should a house require a new key and tag they should bear the entire cost. The committee agreed.

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