

Minutes of
Montpelier Square Garden Committee Meeting.

Date 18th January 1999

Held at 28 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

- 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 19th January 1998. After a general discussion they were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.
- 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 Treasurer, Mr Daniel Quirici, was unable to be present. A first draft of the accounts was handed to members of the Committee. The full accounts are being prepared by Mr Roger Hayward FCA, the accountant, and will be ready for the AGM.
- 4) 1999 Precept. A discussion took place regarding projected expenditure for 1999-2000. Despite an earlier indication from the Treasurer that the Precept should remain the same, a few members of the Committee felt it should be raised due to proposed extra expenditure in the garden. They agreed to await clarification from the Treasurer.
- 5) Renewal of the Gardener's Contract. Lady Marshall presented the Gardener's Maintenance Contract which would run from 1st April to 31st March 2002. The charge for the basic work will rise from £7080 ex VAT to £7740.00 ex VAT. (£660.00 ex VAT.) There followed a discussion and it was agreed to recommend to the AGM that Mr Spike Jackson be awarded the contract.
- 6) Key Deposits & Rules. Mrs Avril Cox set out the problems regarding the return of the garden keys after

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tenants have left the Square. The keys and tags, which are costly and time consuming to replace, are in an ever increasing number of cases, never returned. Mr J Mackay-Lewis agreed as he had just organised the replacement key tags at a cost of £1327.75. After discussing the matter it was resolved to put a motion to the AGM-

a) In Future, Tenants Must Leave a Returnable Deposit Of The Annual Precept Charge In Exchange For A Garden Key.

Lady Marshall felt the Garden Rules were inadequately set out and required revision. Furthermore, they needed to be displayed more prominently in the garden. After discussion it was resolved to put to the AGM-

b) The rules governing the garden. (See attached copy.)

c) To place a full rule sign by the benches & a small notice on each gate stating - No dogs. No Ball Games. No Cycling.

7) Security. After an exchange of views it was agreed by the Committee to include, at the AGM, the motion - The Role of the Committee Regarding Security and the Garden in the Square.

8) Agenda for the AGM. The Committee discussed the schedule for the AGM to be held on 25th February and were in agreement with the proposed agenda.

9) Any Other Business.

a) London Garden Square Day. The Committee has been ask to open the Square Garden in June. After a discussion it was unanimously decided not to join the scheme.

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