

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
COUNCIL TAX PAYING MEMBERS
OF
MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN ASSOCIATION**

**Held on 27th January, 2003 at 6.30 PM
At 28 Montpelier Square.**

There were 15 members of the Association present. Mr Bernard Asher (Chairman) opened the meeting. Mr J Mackay-Lewis, Mrs A Cox (Committee Members), Mrs Tosato, Mr and Mrs Davis, Mr & Mrs Halim and Mr Theoharous, sent their regrets that they were unable to attend.

- 1) The Minutes of the AGM held on 28th January, 2002 were distributed and were unanimously approved.
Matters arising -
 - a) Christmas Carols. The Chairman thanked Mrs Jane Bradbury for organizing the Party and for helping raise funds for the Salvation Army. Everyone was very grateful to her for all the work she put in to make it such a success.
 - b) Lighting around the Square. Mr Davies-Gilbert told the meeting that the Council have now had permission from English Heritage to install new lighting around the perimeter of the garden. The funding for new lighting is only available until the end of this financial year. A discussion followed and it was resolved to see if the money could be ring fenced if the work isn't carried out shortly.
- 2) Treasurer's Report. The Accounts for 2002 were distributed. (Copy attached.) Mr Daniel Quirici (Treasurer) reported the expenditure for the year had been kept within budget. The reserve fund was now in a healthy position. Lord Marshall raised the possibility of transferring part of the reserve fund to a bank offering a higher bearing interest account. Mr Quirici said he would investigate. With no major expenditure planned for the coming year, Mr Quirici proposed the Accounts be accepted and the Precept remained unchanged. They were unanimously approved. Mr Asher warned that with the congestion charge we could well be charged more for work carried out in the garden and in consequence the precept might have to rise next year.
- 3) The Garden Chairman's Report. Lady Marshall (Garden's Chairman) she said the Garden was in good shape with general maintenance accounting for most of the expenditure. The garden is still suffering outbreaks of honey fungus around the seating area. She told the meeting that the infected plants are replaced and gave as an example holly, which is honey fungus resistant, being planted in place of privet. The plane tree in the SW corner has a large cavity in its trunk. Mr Akers of Westminster City Council has inspected it and has given his consent to prune the head. At the same time the trees on the south side will have the overhanging branches attended to. It's intended that both jobs will be carried out

by the spring and it's expected to cost about £1000.00. The shed needs repainting and the roof needs new roofing felt. The NE corner has soil spilling out onto the path. A new low retaining wall will be built to overcome this problem. The lawn needs to be aerate and it will be spiked during the spring. It's hope that it will help improve the drainage over the whole lawn area. Some of the rope edging tiles by the side of the footpath need to be reset.

- 4) Provisional Date for the Next AGM. It was agreed that the AGM should be held on the last Monday of January.

- 5) Any Other Business.

Mr Asher proposed a vote of thanks to - Lady Marshall for all her work as Garden's Chairman, Mr Daniel Quirici for his work as Treasurer and Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert as Secretary.

The meeting was closed at 7.15 PM.

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