

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

**Held on 26th January, 2004 at 6.30 PM
At 3 Montpelier Square.**

There were 8 members of the Association present. Mr Bernard Asher (Chairman) opened the meeting. Lady Marshall, Mr Eckhardt (Committee Members), Mrs Tosato, Lord Marshall and Mrs Landau sent their regrets that they were unable to attend.

1) The Minutes of the AGM held on 27th January, 2003 were distributed and were unanimously approved.

2) Treasurer's Report. The Accounts for 2003 were distributed. (Copy attached.) Mr Daniel Quirici (Treasurer) reported that the expenditure for the year had exceeded the budget. During 2003 some major works were carried out in the Garden; wall repairs in the NE corner, £1645.00; repairs to the garden shed, £1811.00; and tree surgery, £4155.00. They contributed to the total expenditure of £21,072.00, an overrun of £3005.00 on income. The overpayment to London Electricity has been refunded. Mr Quirici proposed the Accounts be accepted. They were unanimously approved.

3) Precept. To ensure that the reserve fund is maintained Mr Quirici put it to the AGM that the Precept be raised to £20,000.00, an increase of approximately £50.00 per house. It was accepted unanimously.

4) The Garden Chairman's Report. Lady Marshall (Garden's Chairman) was unable to be present and her report was given by Mr Davies-Gilbert. In January the plane tree in the SW corner was inspected by Mr Ackers of Westminster City Council and permission for pruning work was granted. Treecare carried out the work in April. A further inspection of the two Plane trees on the west side, the Plane tree on the north side, the Horse Chestnut & Plane trees on the south side all required thinning and the Plane tree on the east side needed the lower section lifting by 2 meters. This work was approved by Westminster City Council and was carried out by Treecare in October. The garden shed has been renovated. Some of the footpath rope edging on the south side has been reset. The water tank for the irrigation system is leaking and will have to be replaced. Next March Waterwell Ltd will be taking over the water irrigation contract, they charge £300.00 inc. VAT for 2 site visits per annum. Two of the half barrels need to be replaced. A discussion took place and it was decided that they should possibly be replaced by reconstituted stone urns. The rhododendron in the SW Corner has not been thriving. It could be suffering from Honey Fungus. The intention is to remove it and replace it with a shrub that is Honey Fungus resistant. A replacement set of Christmas tree lights will be bought before next Christmas.

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

6) Any Other Business.

Mr Asher confirmed that Mrs Jean Fletcher has joined the Committee.

Mr Asher proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Marshall for all her work as Garden's Chairman, Mr Daniel Quirici as Treasurer and Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert as Secretary and to Mrs Bradbury for organizing the Christmas Carol Party. The amount raised for the Salvation Army was £764.00

The meeting was closed at 7.15 PM.

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