

MINUTES OF
MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING.

Date. 17th January 2000

Held at 28 Montpelier Square.

Committee Members Present

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

- 1) Appointment of a Chairman. Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert, (Secretary) had earlier circulated Mr Jeremy Mackay-Lewis's resignation letter as Chairman of the Garden Committee. Mr Bernard Asher indicated he was willing to stand as Chairman and after a short discussion it was unanimously decided to appoint him Chairman.
- 2) To Consider the Minutes and Matters Arising. Mr Bernard Asher, (Chairman) invited members of the Committee to read and approve the Minutes of both the 1999 Garden Committee Meeting and 1999 AGM. Mr Davies-Gilbert reported on the difficulty of getting the rules ratified by the County Court. The Committee discussed how to proceed and it was resolved to implement the revised Rules without recourse to the County Court. The Committee felt they were only updating the existing Rules and did not require going to the County Court. It was also unanimously agreed to go ahead with replacing the existing signs. The Committee unanimously accepted the Minutes.
- 3) Treasurers Report. Mr Quirici, (Treasurer) presented the 1999 Accounts. A copy is attached. He explained that the substantial rise in expenditure was due to the tree pruning, renovating the garden paths and the replacement key fobs. He noted that the daily maintenance had been kept to budget and Lady Marshall, (Garden's Chairman) confirmed there's no major expenditure planned for the coming year. Mr Quirici felt that the reserve fund ought to be built up. He recommended it be put to the AGM that the Precept should be raised by £50.00. It was unanimously agreed to put it to the AGM.
- 4) Security. Mr David Eckhardt reported to the Meeting his Committee's findings on Security. They had carried out extensive research looking into the benefits, costs, monitoring and setting up of CCTV in the Square. They had come to the conclusion that there were few advantages to be had for the capital and running costs involved. He recommended the cheaper but effective alternative of improving the lighting in the Square. It was therefore put to the Meeting that the Committee

recommends to the AGM that the lighting be improved on the Garden side of the Square. After a discussion it was unanimously decided to put it to the AGM.

- 5) Setting the AGM Agenda. The Committee discussed the schedule for the AGM Agenda. Copy attached.
- 6) London Squares Day. Mr Davies-Gilbert reported he had received a letter from Mrs Paterson asking if Montpelier Square Garden could be open next June on London Square's Day. The Committee discussed the issue and decided not to go ahead with joining the scheme.
- 7) Any Other Business. It was regretted that the annual Christmas Carols didn't take place last December due to the Salvation Army having no spare time in their busy pre Christmas diary. It was resolved to ask them to make a provisional date for next December. As it is the Millennium year it was proposed by Mr Asher to put to the AGM we have a Summer Party. Seconded by Mr Quirici and was unanimously agreed. Mr Asher felt the perimeter hedge was thinning in places and would benefit if sections were replanted. Lady Marshall said she would consult with Mr Spike Jackson as to the best way to proceed.
- 8) Mr Mackay-Lewis. Mr Asher proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Jeremy Mackay-Lewis for all his work, over a number of years, as Chairman of the Committee. He was delighted that Mr Mackay-Lewis was continuing as a Committee member. It was unanimously approved.