

MINUTES OF
MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING.

Date. 15th January 2001

Held at 28 Montpelier Square.

Committee Members Present

Mr Nicholas Davie-Thornhill
Lady Marshall
Mr Bernard Asher
Mrs Avril Cox
Mr Daniel Quirici
Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert

- 1) 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 2000 Garden Committee Meeting and 2000 AGM. The Committee unanimously accepted the Minutes.
- 2) Treasurers Report. Mr Quirici, (Treasurer) presented the 2000 Accounts. A copy is attached. Lady Marshall, (Garden's Chairman) confirmed that for the coming year there's no major expenditure planned. Mr Quirici recommended it be put to the AGM that the Precept should not be raised. It was unanimously agreed.
- 3) Storage of the Records. Mrs Cox regretted her office was unable to continue storing the records for the Committee. Mr Davie-Thornhill agreed to store them at 32 Montpelier Square on the condition that they would remain the Committee's responsibility.
- 4) Setting the AGM Agenda. The Committee discussed the schedule for the AGM Agenda. Copy attached.
- 5) London Square's 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.
- 6) Garden Report. Lady Marshall gave a report on the Garden. The Garden was basically in good order; there are two problems that have manifested themselves recently. A) The heavy rains have destroyed the recent turfing of the lawn. It was resolved to- re-turfed the affected lawn and to send a letter to all residents pointing out the lawn is still waterlogged and liable, if used at present, to damage. B) An unconfirmed report, that Honey Fungus has attacked two Silver Birch trees and part of the Privet hedge. Lady Marshall said she would be getting in touch with Mr Ackers of

Westminster Council to ask his advice. Other than general maintenance no major expenditure is planned for this year.

- 7) Lights. Lady Marshall and Mr Quirici each presented a lighting estimate, submitted from two companies, for lighting the Garden. A discussion followed. Mr Asher said he would put it to the AGM but as the cost was approaching £15,000 he indicated we needed a majority of residents to approve such expenditure. He suggested a letter might have to be sent out asking if we should proceed with such a scheme. Mr Davies-Gilbert reported that Westminster Council would be installing more street lighting around the perimeter of the Garden before next winter.
- 8) Any Other Business. Mr Asher felt that Members of the Committee should attend at least one Meeting every 18 months. It was resolved that the Chairman should write to the member if they failed to attend Meetings on a regular basis. The Carols with the Salvation Army had to be cancelled due to the waterlogged lawn but the Summer Drinks Party in June had been a great success. After a discussion it was resolved that a motion be put to the AGM to find out what residents would like in the way of a parties organised by the Committee.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7.45 PM