

**MINUTES OF**  
**MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Date. 21st January 2004

Held at 28 Montpelier Square.

Committee Members Present

Mr Bernard Asher

Lady Marshall

Mrs Avril Cox

Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert

Mr Daniel Quirici.

Apologies for absence -

Mr Jeremy Mackay-Lewis, Mr Nicholas Davie-Thornhill and Mr David Eckhardt

- 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 2003 Garden Committee Meeting and 2003 AGM. Mr Asher proposed they be accepted and the Committee unanimously accepted them, the Chairman signed the Committee Minutes.
- 2) Treasurer's Report. Mr Daniel Quirici, (Treasurer) presented the 2003 Accounts. A copy is attached.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Precept. To ensure that the reserve fund is maintained, it was agreed, Mr Quirici would put it to the AGM that the Precept be raised to £20,000.00, an increase of approximately £50.00 per house.
- 5) Report Garden. Lady Marshall gave a report on the Garden. The Garden was generally in good order. 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.

- 6) The AGM Agenda. The Committee discussed the schedule for the AGM agenda. Copy attached.
- 7) Electing Committee Member. Mr Asher proposed that Mrs Jean Fletcher be elected to the committee and it was accepted unanimously.
- 8) London Squares Day. It was decided not to recommend participating in the London Squares Day.
- 9) Any Other Business.
  - a) Lady Marshall said the swing needed attention. It was intended for young children and she suggested that a bucket seat replace the existing flat seat.
  - b) The Committee's thanks to Mrs Bradbury for organizing the Christmas Carol Party and raising £764.00

The Meeting was adjourned at 7.40 PM

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