

MINUTES OF
MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING.

Date. 16th January 2006

Held at 28 Montpelier Square.

Committee Members.

Mr Bernard Asher (Chairman)

Lady Marshall

Mrs Avril Cox

Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert

Mr Daniel Quirici.

Mrs Jean Fletcher

Mr Nicholas Davy-Thornhill

Mr David Eckhardt

- 1) Apologies. Bernard Asher sent his apologies.
- 2) To Consider the Minutes and Matters Arising. Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert, (acting Chairman) invited members of the Committee to read and approve the Minutes of both the 2005 Garden Committee Meeting and 2005 AGM. Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert proposed they be accepted and the Committee unanimously accepted them.
- 3) Garden Report. Lady Marshall (Garden's Chairman) gave the Garden report. The Garden was generally in good order. The trees on the east side were trimmed in the summer. Honey Fungus has spread in the north border and the affected plants have been removed. The new lavender bed (north side) hasn't fared well, possibly due to over watering from the sprinkler system. The sprinklers have now been turned off in this area. The border will be reviewed at the end of the summer. Fallen leaves are still lying around the Garden and the gardeners have been asked to have a blitz on leaf clearing. The Garden was entered in the 'Westminster in Bloom' competition and we came in 4th place. We will enter for it again this year. In the coming year the south east corner trees will be trimmed and the south east border will be replanted where necessary. Estimate for the tree work is approximately £2000.00 and £1000.00 for planting the border. Auto-rain was awarded the irrigation contract last summer and has proved very satisfactory. During last summer there were instances of nocturnal intruders leaving litter and moving benches around the Garden. The police were called, they patrolled the area and since then there has been no more trouble.
- 4) Railings. An estimate from Decorative Specialists Ltd was circulated (copy attached). The railings were last painted with Hammerite in 1995. The committee discussed the possibility of having the railings treated so they have a permanent paint finish. This would involve removing and sand

blasting the railings prior to treatment; it was deemed too impractical and expensive. After a discussion it was agreed to get some competitive tenders to carry out the work.

- 5) Treasurer’s Report. Mr Daniel Quirici, (Treasurer) presented the 2005 Accounts (copy attached). Expenditure has been kept lower than last year, in part due to less being spent on the irrigation system. We have a surplus of £3728.00, which will be added to the sinking fund. The bank mandates with Barclays Bank have been changed to have, Lady Marshall, Mr Bernard Asher and Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert as the 3 signatories.
- 6) Precept. Mr Quirici would put it to the AGM that the Precept remains at £20,000.00, the same as last year.
- 7) The AGM Agenda. The Committee discussed the schedule for the AGM agenda. Copy attached.
- 8) London Squares’ Day. It was decided not to participate in the London Squares Day.
- 9) Any Other Business.
 - a) The Committee would like to thank Mrs Bradbury for organizing the Christmas Carol Party and raising £740.00 for the Salvation Army.
 - b) Mr Daniel Quirici confirmed that the American diplomats recently arrived in the Square have kindly contributed to the Garden Precept.
 - c) The Chairman thanked Mr Nicholas Davy-Thornhill for continuing to store the Garden archive papers for the Committee.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7.40 PM

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