

MINUTES OF
MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING.

Date. 30th November, 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) 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 2006 Garden Committee Meeting and 2006 AGM. Mr Asher proposed they be accepted and the Committee unanimously accepted them.
- 2) Apologies. All members of the Committee were present.
- 3) Appointment of Hon: Secretary. Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert is leaving Montpelier Square and resigns as Secretary at the end of the year. The Chairman proposed Mrs Jean Fletcher as the next Secretary and it was unanimously accepted. The Chairman thanked Mr Davies-Gilbert for all his help over the years and he welcomed Mrs Fletcher as the new Secretary. Once the bank mandates have been received Mrs Fletcher will take over from Mr Davies-Gilbert as a signatory.
- 4) To consider Committee Members. The Chairman proposed to the Committee that it should consider some changes in members to bring in fresh blood. In discussion the Committee was mindful of the commitment of time and responsibility membership required. It also agreed that the Committee should continue to be a strong and committed team. The Chairman was charged to explore the scope for change. It was agreed he would report back to the next Committee meeting.
- 5) Garden Report. Lady Marshall (Garden's Chairman) gave the Garden report. It has been a difficult year due to the extreme drought and the sprinkler ban. Extra cost of watering added to the garden costs. The drought affected the old shrubs and weaker plants, which have been replaced during the autumn. The north border has been particularly badly affected by the spread of honey fungus and we have systematically removed all the affected plants. The main work this year included, removing dead & weak wood from the east side and S E corner and replanting. Pruning the trees on the east and south east side of the square. The privet hedge on the east side is suffering from

the lack of light and the drought. Next spring we will feed to regenerate and also plant new hedge where needed. Replacement planting in the north border has been completed. The trees in the east and south east sides are in good shape and next year the trees will require the minimum of work. The Gardeners are excellent and had an added boost to their moral by winning 3rd place in the London Garden Scheme Competition.

6) Treasurer’s Report. Mr Daniel Quirici, (Treasurer) told the meeting that we had spent more than the precept revenue. This is due to four exceptional items: painting the railings, pruning the trees, replanting and watering by hand. The railing cost £4191.22 and was taken from the reserve fund. The tree pruning, which is a one off, came to £3743.55 and was for more work than anticipated at the beginning of the year. Watering by the gardeners during the drought came to £766.69. We are awaiting the gardener’s bill for replanting – it’s expected to be approximately £1500.00.

7) Any Other Business.

a) The Chairman thanked Mr Nicholas Davy-Thornhill for continuing to store the Garden archive papers for the Committee.

b) It was agreed that the next Committee meeting will be held on 27th January, 2007 and the AGM will be held on 5th February, 2007.

c) It was agreed that we would subscribe to Garden Square News for 2007.

d) The Chairman was delighted that Jane Bradbury was organizing the Christmas Carols in the Square. Over the past years she has made it a very successful event and raised a substantial sum for the Salvation Army.

e) The Chairman gave his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7.00 PM.

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