

**Corner Green Residents Society****MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

2 July 2007

**Present:**

Rosie (Director & Chairman) & Dick Hewson (21)  
Biddy Macfarlane (Director & Treasurer) (16)  
Simon Tilford (Director - Works) (6)  
Nigel Brookes (Director - Works) (23)  
Mark Helm (Director - Neighbourhood Watch) (8)  
Khalid Khan (Director) (2)  
David Howes (Secretary) (7)  
Mac Cochrane (10)  
Juliet Cairns (11)  
Angharad Smith (22)  
Kate Healey and John Sabapathy (19)  
Arum Sivanayagam (1)  
Helen MacCormick (Gardening Committee) (20)

**Proxies:**

- Dan Radcliffe (4) held by Biddy MacFarlane (16)  
Nadine and Ray White (15) held by Rosie Hewson (21)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

a) Jonathan Burton (12) Claude Perera (18)

**2. Minutes of 2006 AGM**

Agreed

**3. Matters Arising from 2006 AGM**

- Ladder had been purchased.

**4. Chairman's report:**

- Rosie Hewson reported :-

- Electrician believed he had managed to resolve the lighting problem without the need to dig up the path and rewire the circuit.
- Thanks to Gardening Committee for their work
- Welcome to new arrivals - Alison (17), Angharad and Tom (22), Kate and John (19) and baby Jasmine (13).
- She was standing down as chairman and as a Director following the meeting and thanked Directors and Secretary for their support. David Howes on behalf of himself and Directors presented Rosie with a bouquet in appreciation of her contribution as Chairman

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**5. Appointment of, and Fixing of Remuneration of, Auditors**

Members agreed the appointment of Porter Garland as auditors for the current financial year and directors were authorised to fix the auditor's remuneration.

## **6. Election of directors:**

Members agreed the reappointment of the current Directors for the forthcoming year - noting that they could co-opt new members to the board prior to the next AGM if volunteers came forwards. Therefore elected were:

Nigel Brookes (23)  
Mark Helm (8)  
Khalid Khan (2)  
Biddy Macfarlane (16)  
Simon Tilford (7)

## **7. Treasurer's report and accounts**

a) Biddy Macfarlane commented on the report circulated to members prior to the meeting and responded to queries from members ;-

- estimated future costs could be met without an increase in service charges provided £600 was taken from the general reserve.
- next repainting in 2010 was assumed to cost £39,673 representing a 6% p.a. increase relative to the 2007 cost of £33,000.
- tree works were assumed to cost £5,613 in 2007-08 (made up of £2,736 for existing commitments, £2,127 for new work outstanding from survey, and £750 for cost of planting) and £750 p.a. in subsequent years
- general repairs assumed to be £1,000 p.a. of which electrical repairs approx £200 p.a. leaving a contribution of £800 p.a. for pathway repairs. Simon Tilford advised that relaying the path - if required - would cost at least £9,000 (Seasons estimate) and a proper job would probably cost more.

b) Some members suggested that - notwithstanding the apparent adequacy of the current service charge - an increase at this time would be prudent to guard against major one-off items. Figures of £5 per month or £10 per month were suggested. The options of no increase, a £5 per month increase, and a £10 per month increase were put to the vote in that order.

No increase	0 votes in favour
£5 per month increase	6 votes in favour
£10 per month increase	9 votes in favour

And on this basis an increase of £10 per month from 31 August was adopted.

c) Members approved the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2007.

## **8. Gardening Committee report:**

a) Helen MacCormick reported on behalf of the Gardening Committee ;-

- two dead silver birches adjoining number 1 had been felled that day
- some planting had been performed around number 1 in line with last year's priority
- focus and priority of the committee had been dealing with trees

b) members expressed concern regarding plans for tree planting, both in terms of type and location. It was agreed that the Gardening Committee should draw up a proposal with options for consideration by Directors and the membership at large. If no consensus was evident the matter would be determined at an EGM.

## **9. Appointment of the Gardening Committee**

Members agreed the re-appointment of the current members of the gardening committee for the forthcoming year (Helen McCormick, Claude Perera, Nadine White) and thanked the committee for their efforts in 2006-07.

### **10. Works Report:**

Simon Tilford reported that progress on the redecoration seemed good, and he had not had complaints about the quality of work to date. He had undertaken approximate valuation of work performed himself. Painting would take somewhat longer than expected, and completion date would depend on weather - at least another 5-6 weeks even with good weather. There was a sufficient stock of prepared houses for the painters to work on.

### **11. Neighbourhood Watch Report**

Mark Helm reported :-

- the number plates were stolen from a car
- van belonging to number 19 stolen
- attempted break-in to garage of house No 6

Two neighbourhood police officers appointed - Sergeant Dean Williamson and PC John Wise - they can be contacted on 0208 284 9305.

### **12. Drains and Sewers**

- a) Members considered the note from the secretary setting out the provisions on maintenance of drains and sewers within the Scheme of Management, and seeking guidance from members on interpretation of the rule on owners bearing a "fair proportion" of costs.
- b) Members concluded that the circumstances of each repair obligation were too different to allow of any general guidance and mandated Directors to resolve each case as they saw fit.

### **13. Waste Disposal Site**

- a) Mac Cochrane reported on installation of an anaerobic composter at the civic amenity site at Nathan Way. When he, Jill and Juliet had visited council officials at the site had been keen to maximise the throughput of green waste to the extent of offering free collection of appropriate material from Corner Green, provided it was stored in appropriate skips (provided free by the council).
- b) in view of the high cost of skip removal members endorsed Mac's suggestion of his investigating this option more formally with the council, and thanked he, Juliet and Jill for identifying the possibility.