

Corner Green Residents' Society Limited AGM – 17th July 2017

Members Present

Dan Radcliffe	4	
Jenny McMillan	6	
David Howes	7	(Secretary and Treasurer)
Mac Cochrane	10	
Nadine White	15	(Gardening Committee)
Claude Perera	18	(Gardening Committee)
Kate Sabapathy	19	(Director)
Dick and Rosie Hewson	21	(Director)
Tom Smith	22	(Director)
Janet Parrott	23	(Gardening Committee)

Apologies and Proxies

Biddy Macfarlane	16	(Proxy held by David Howes)
Mark Helm	8	(Proxy held by David Howes)

1) **Directors Report**

Kate Sabapathy (19) advised that the main work of the year had been the painting which was now largely complete. The long notice and the availability of John Tew the carpenter had meant that most houses had been brought up to a good standard of woodwork repair before being painted.

Members thanked Kate for all her hard work on the painting.

2) **Appointment and Fixing Remuneration of Auditors**

Members authorized Directors to appoint and set the remuneration of auditors for the 2017-18 accounts.

3) **Election of Directors**

Graeme Smith (12), Rosie Hewson (21) and Tom Smith (22) were re-elected and Jenny McMillan (6) elected as Directors.

Kate Sabapathy (19) did not stand for re-election as a Director and members thanked her for her work during her term of office.

4) **Treasurers Report and Accounts**

David Howes (7) advised that he had circulated his written report, 2016-17 out-turn and 2017-18 budget with the meeting notice, along with the accounts. On the basis of his financial projections he recommended no change in the service charge this year.

The Society had reserves of around £125,000 at 31 March 2017, which included provision for resurfacing the main access road within the next few years. Members noted that the costs of

this, and the exact scope of the work, were uncertain. Members indicated they would support directors commissioning an interim repair of the depression at the top of the back lane.

5) Gardening Committee Report

Nadine White (15) reported on behalf of the Gardening Committee which currently comprised herself, Claude Perera (18), Angharad Smith (22) and Janet Parrott (23). Liza Smith (12) had resigned during the year.

Nadine noted that the damaged grass where football was played seemed to have recovered reasonably following treatment by Seasons early in the year.

The committee's proposals for planting of the middle bed which had been adopted by the Society in general meeting in November had now been implemented. Seasons were looking into some form of weed suppression since weeding the bed was proving time consuming. Nadine thanked other members for helping water the bed during the summer and members expressed their appreciation of the new planting and the committee's work on it.

Nadine noted that the Malus tree outside No 9 had been reduced and the hawthorns in the back lane replaced. Directors had not approved the reduction of the crown of the plane tree on the centre of the green (retention of which had been agreed in general meeting) or the cutting back of the sycamores in the lower car park. The committee would continue to monitor the health of the green's trees calling on specialist advice as necessary, in particular as regards the silver birch outside No 6 which appeared to have died and the horse chestnut behind No 18 which had lost branches recently.

The committee had also sought various quotes for new planting from Seasons, and had secured a quote for laurels to screen the upper car park from the green which had been approved by directors.

Members thanked Nadine and the committee for their work and the results in terms of the attractive appearance of the green and its planting.

6) Works Report

Members noted that there was currently no Works Director although Graeme Smith (No 12) was replacing light bulbs on the green as they failed. Members had discussed the painting and road works under items 1) and 4).

Footnote

David Howes (7) took informal soundings on a couple of issues which concerned him after conclusion of the formal AGM.

Parking: David was concerned that parking on the access road often partially obstructed the pavement. While some members agreed there were some instances of parking too far on the pavement there was no support for any parking enforcement.

Uniformity of Frontages: David was concerned that alterations to frontages could detract from the original design and uniformity of the Corner Green houses. Members felt some form of guidance might be useful, especially for new owners, since most owners tried to replace like with like.