

CGRS LtdMinutes of the Directors meeting 3rd March 2010

Present – Mark Helm (Acting Chair / Gardening), Mac Cochrane (Works), Biddy Macfarlane (Treasurer)
Apologies: David Howes (Secretary)

Railway work – The Directors would like the secretary to write a strong letter of protest to Network rail about the unexpected and noisy work carried out on the line behind Corner Green at 2am on 3rd March and again at 1.45am on the 4th March.

Chairman's report – It was noted that Khalid Khan had resigned as a Director and the Secretary should be asked to write to him thanking him for his service. Tom Smith had expressed willingness to become a Director in due course.

Works – Mac reported that the depressions in the lane and the road had been mended that day at a cost of £600 plus VAT. The road markings would be done the following day at a cost of £480 plus VAT. The Council would be clearing the blocked drain at the junction with Pond Road at their cost.

Handrail – It was agreed that the suggestion by Khalid of the replacement of the steps between 18 and 20 by a slope was a non-starter, for safety and aesthetic reasons. A new plan of the proposed handrail had been prepared, siting it on the left going down. The posts would be outside the steps, which might mean drilling into the tree or its roots, any fixing would have to be acceptable to the installer. The Directors would prefer if possible a wooden handrail on steel supports. Mac will explore the problem further with Neil MacCormick.

Skips Policy – BCER have an agreed policy on skips and the CGRS Directors would draft a similar policy and circulate it before the next AGM with a view to its adoption.

Sleepers – These need replacing. Any help from residents in remembering who supplied the previous sleepers would be appreciated.

Gardening – The small Plane tree had been removed by Seasons, as agreed.

Nick Cremer had started work where possible and was seeking authority from the Council for removal of the birch behind number 1 and the horse chestnut at the dump, although it could be 6 weeks before they go. The EGM had approved the planting of seven new trees and the Gardening Committee had authorised the purchase of three of them already. Three more will be purchased to replace the three birches when the last birch has been felled. The remaining tree is the one to screen the dump. Mark will walk around with Jill and Derek Ellis to peg out the exact proposed positions of the three trees to go on the Green for the information of residents.

The horse chestnut behind no 18 is supposed to be being checked by the Council.

The bare areas on the Green will be re-seeded shortly, and this will be done by Seasons.

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59 Blackheath Park – Mark has had further correspondence but there is nothing to put to residents.

Repainting – It was agreed that re-painting this year would be needed, and that the work should be put to tender, with Glews being among those asked to tender.

A.O.B. – There should be a Directors meeting within a month to discuss re-painting, the dates of the AGM and the Summer party and the form of a letter to go to residents reminding them of their responsibility to keep their properties in good order and also to prepare them to be re-painted.

The agreed letter about parking should now be sent. Mark would continue to try and make contact with Corner Keep Association for future liaison.

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