

CORNER GREEN RESIDENTS SOCIETY LTD**MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – Monday 16 February 2009**

Directors present: Mac Cochrane (10)
 Biddy Macfarlane (16) Treasurer
 Khalid Khan (2)
 Mark Helm (8)
 Kate Sabapathy (19)

Also present: David Howes (7) Secretary

Action**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the Directors' meeting of 2 December 2008 were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Appointment of Chairman

David Howes circulated a letter from Simon Tilford advising of his resignation as Chairman and as a Director.

Directors appointed Mark Helm to act as chairman for the meeting.

3. Neighbourhood Watch

Mark Helm advised Directors of actual and attempted break-ins to garages which had occurred on the night of Thursday 12 February.

Residents are advised to be alert to the possibility of repeat attempts over the half term break in particular (Saturday Feb 14 - Sunday Feb 22).

All residents

4. Corner Green 50th Birthday Party

Mark Helm advised that addresses for most prospective invitees had been identified and invitations would be sent shortly. Mark advised that, though the organising group no longer needed the funds previously authorised by the AGM for preparation of a publication, they would need funds for printing of invitations. Directors advised they were happy for the funds agreed at the AGM to be utilised for that purpose. [Secretary's note: on referral to the AGM minutes the amount agreed at the AGM was up to £100].

Residents who had offered to provide addresses and who had not yet done so are asked to provide them to Mark (No 8), Harry (No 22) or Rosie (No 21) as soon as possible.

All residents

5. Gardening

Mark Helm circulated a note from the Gardening Committee. It advised that since the 2008 AGM in September:

- the tree outside 22 has been removed
- all shrubs have been pruned
- the soil has been improved in places
- dead shrubs have been removed from outside No 1 and ground cover planted
- the ivy has been removed from outside No 11 ready for planting of shrubs
- the shrubs have been removed from outside No 8
- an old forsythia has been removed from outside No 19

It also advised that the next jobs to be done were:

- to get a price for the removal of stumps - two beside No 1 and one in front of No 22
- to chase up Dave Hollick for quotes for new trees and shrubs
- arrange a new tree survey
- the removal of the plane tree will be undertaken by Seasons in the spring and the cost of the tree reimbursed to CGRS

The note also advised that Nadine had resigned as a committee member and a replacement was wanted.

David Howes asked whether his query - through Mark - about the committee's plans for replacement of the felled tree outside No 22 had been answered. Whilst it had not been answered directly it was assumed that the plans would become evident once quotes from Seasons were obtained.

Mac expressed concern that the Viburnums below the top entrance to the Green were dying and their loss would leave a large hole in the visual perimeter by the top car park.

Mac also suggested that some kind of working parties to assist in gardening work including planting could help contain spending pressures. Mark Helm undertook to suggest this possibility to the gardening committee.

Mark Helm

Kate Sabapathy asked about progress on the outstanding items reported to the 2008 AGM by the Gardening Committee. Mark Helm undertook to ask the committee about this.

Mark Helm

6. Works

Mac advised that - notwithstanding the authority to spend granted by the recent EGM - he was reluctant to commission repairs to the rear access lane until better weather arrived, probably April. He indicated he would prefer to go with the (slightly) more expensive of the two quotations received since it offered a more extensive repair.

7. Request for Skip

Directors considered a request from Jonathan Burton (No 12) to locate a skip in the lower car park for a few days in late February or early March for material arising from work on his garden.

Directors agreed to authorise a skip for this purpose in the lower car park during a period of up to two weeks in late February/early March provided:

- *it is located next to the compost heap (while allowing room for access by refuse collection vehicles),*
- *it is present for the minimum time necessary to load material for removal during the two week period*

8. Treasurer's Report

Biddy Macfarlane advised that one resident was in arrears for maintenance charges.

Directors authorised Biddy to send a formal demand to the resident concerned as a first step in recovery action.

Biddy
Macfarlane

Biddy advised that the balance in the Society's accounts exceeded £50,000 and should therefore be split between savings institutions. Directors suggested the Nationwide since it had a branch in Blackheath.

Biddy undertook to investigate opening an account with the Nationwide.

Biddy
Macfarlane