

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2001

**Present::** Philip Astell (13), Mac Cochrane (10), Timothy Layton (22), Dan Radcliffe (4)

Arum Sivanayagam (1) , Nadine White (15)

**1. Minutes of Directors meeting of 15.10.01 - approved**

**2. Matters Arising:**

*Paving outside Nos 8/9* - repaired by Jeff Read. (crack still left in path outside 21 - no action now)

*Roles of Directors/Treasurer/Secretary/Works Director* - collated by Secretary - available to any resident on application

*Remit of Gardening Committee* - no major objections from GC to draft from Biddy Macfarlane - minor amendments to be made following discussion with GC members

*Garden Dump* - Residents from Corner Green are welcome to use this for garden refuse. However contractors working on Residents' houses should be advised not to abandon hardware there, and gardeners working on out-of-Corner Green work not to use it to tip their garden rubbish. *Seasons* report on the more frequent need for hiring a tip for clearance in recent months and evidently have a view on best use of the dump which could perhaps be obtained from them by the Gardening Committee (PA to enquire) - need it be fenced off, or could bins for different kinds of vegetation be put there or other measures taken ?

*Parking* - The Working party established at the AGM has reportedly yet to meet - any other residents interested in joining a group to discuss means of making better use of our parking spaces please give their names to the Secretary (No 4) who can link them together.

*New Play Equipment* - we are awaiting response from our Insurers as to whether one structure in which we are interested would be covered by our present Public liability Insurance

*Hole in the Road* - response from Thames Water still awaited - MC to chase them. Pending any possible major repair, we may have to put temporary infill.

**3. Treasurers Matters**

This role still being covered by PA but assistance likely forthcoming. One debt cleared. Where substantial debts have accrued, consideration could be given to having a charge put on the deeds of a house to ensure that when it is sold, the debt to the Society is met as a priority. TL to enquire into the mechanics and cost of this. Directors in agreement that managing the accounts is simplified if all residents pay their maintenance contributions monthly by standing Order. TL to devise letter to this effect to be sent to quarterly payers to see if they might be willing to change to monthly payment.

**4. Gardening Committee.** No new issues. Residents are reminded that the Gardening Committee consists of Valerie Symes (No 2), Juliet Cairns (No 10) and Chris Perera (No 18) - who would welcome interest from others on the Green with specialist knowledge

5. **Burglary of the garages.** Police ask that any break-ins of houses or garages or cars etc are reported to them even if apprehension of the offenders may seem futile. Where a resident comes across a garage break-in they may be ignorant of which householder is the owner and needs to be notified. To overcome this problem, the Secretary could circulate a *list of garage numbers and corresponding house numbers*. If any resident does *not* wish their garage to be identified in this way, please let the Secretary know by December 30th. (NB Patrice Astell - No 13 - is the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator)

6. **Knowing who your neighbours are.** Not infrequently letters are misdirected to the wrong house number on the Green. If one knows where the named person lives, mail can be forwarded. However we may be ignorant of where the named person lives. It would be possible for the Secretary to circulate a *list of the owners of the 23 houses on the Green*. If any resident prefers that their name and house number are *not* circulated in this way, please let the Secretary know by December 30<sup>th</sup>. (Re: rented houses, DR to check No 5, PA No 14)

7. **Lighting** - an electrician (Rick Adams) has been round to fix the time switch etc. TL suggested that over the next year we might consider whether the current fittings could be improved or ones more economic to run installed

#### 8. Any Other Business

*Nadine White* indicated an intention to stand down as a Director at the next AGM. (Her work has been much appreciated). Other residents willing to be involved in some way in the affairs of CGRS are very welcome to attend any Directors meeting.

*Parties* with or without fireworks - please warn neighbours in advance and try to keep noise down after midnight as it carries round the Green

*New Year's Eve Party* - nothing formal planned by CGRS

*Repainting* - MC ( Works Director) has noted some bubbling in paint on fascia boards. MC to check in Repainting file as to role of the Surveyor in Inspecting houses 6 months after work completed before payment of retention fee to painters is authorised

*Graffiti on garages* - The Council will remove graffiti given a signed disclaimer by garage owners. MC suggested it would be useful to have a small stock of paint for instant covering up of graffiti (which reportedly attract burglars). If any resident has got remnants of the grey paint left over from the Repainting, could they let the Secretary know ? Otherwise MC to identify colour and purchase.

12. **Next Meeting** - Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 pm at No 10

DR - 27.11.01