

CORNER GREEN RESIDENTS SOCIETY LIMITED

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - 31 JULY 2000

Present - John Harland , Biddy Macfarlane , Dan Radcliffe
Apologies: Nadine White, Philip Astell, Chris Perera

1. Finding New Gardeners

Dave Chandler's last day is 31st August. He has been invited to the Corner Green Party and he and his colleagues will be presented with a cheque equivalent to their Christmas bonus as a token of our appreciation. The Gardening Committee have drawn up a detailed job specification for his replacement which was sent to 8 firms who were invited to contact a member of the Gardening Committee to come to discuss the work. To date only one - *LDT Garden Services* of Woolwich - had responded, had attended to be taken round the Green by Valerie Symes who had written a report on them, and they have submitted a tender. David Hollick of "*Seasons*" had indicated some interest but not taken the matter further. It was agreed that a final decision be postponed for at least a week to see if there are any more responses, and for enquiry to be made of "*Seasons*" (by Biddy). (Mr Hollick did subsequently visit the Green to meet with Juliet Cairns & Chris Perera on August 5th and his tender is still awaited.) It was suggested that whoever was appointed should be asked to go round the Green with Dave in advance of his departure, and that the length of the initial contract should be 12 months to see the quality of work in different seasons.

2. Subsidence in the Road

Replies are awaited from Seasons and Beach for cost of repair.

3. New Light outside Nos 21 & 22

Fitment installed by Jeff Read. Other channels need in-filling - Biddy to chase.

4. Hole in Pavement opposite new bungalow

The site foreman has told Biddy that they hope to complete at the end of the second week in August after which the LEB & Gas Board will be asked to come to make good the pavement and road.

5. Tri-annual repainting - 2000

Nadine had sent in a short report in relation to four firms of surveyors who might be able to supervise the painting. Agreed to invite *Kennedy & Partners* and *Gilbert & Caswell* to visit the Green to discuss what they can offer. Nadine, on return from leave, to take them around (with any other interested residents - Biddy & John amongst those willing). Surveyor might suggest a particular carpentry firm to undertake repairs but ultimately this is the responsibility of each resident.

6. 59 Blackheath Park

No more traffic movements over our property reported.

7. Items on which Maintenance contribution spent

A request by Vicky Hobbs for a document detailing this revealed we do not have one although the annual accounts detail all items of expenditure. Agreed Dan to draw this up.

8. Security Lights

Mr Illis has asked when these will work again. Top parking area needs a unit with a wider range. John is to see to this .

9. Play area matting

Note received from one resident drawing attention to instability of frame - this is evidently a consequence of not having pegged it down securely after frame had to be moved forward away from bushes (to allow a clear critical fall area), pending possible installation of matting. This can easily be done when that work complete. Query also has been raised as to advantage of spending funds on having more aesthetically attractive and solid frame than the present one supplied by TP rather than spend money on matting. However investigation of price of solid wooden play frame shows it would be well beyond our means (more than three times projected cost of matting), it was felt that the matting issue had been debated over more than two years, and a majority of residents were in agreement, the suggested matting meets the EEC safety requirements and is supplied by a reputable play equipment firm, and is of a design that allows grass to grow through to conceal it. John is to go ahead with Order for installation within 6 to 8 weeks. Replacement parts for the TP frame can be obtained cheaply there-after where necessary.

10. Corner Green Party - 5.8.00

Arrangements discussed. Mr Lee, new resident at No 3, to be made aware of party.

11. Next Meeting - Monday 18th September at 8.30 p.m.

DFR/13.8.00

(Regret delay in circulation - had been hoping to have decision about new gardeners)