

Corner Green Residents Society – EGM

Thursday 21st April 2016 8pm at 19 Corner Green

Apologies: - Tom Smith (number 22), Janet Parrott (number 23) and Biddy Macfarlane (number 16)

Present at the meeting

Holding proxies for

Dan Radcliffe (number 4 – a Director)

David Howes (number 7 – Treasurer)

No 8

Mac and Jill Cochrane (number 10)

No 9, No 17

Juliet Cairns (number 11)

Graeme Smith (number 12 – a Director)

No 15, No 23

Heather Macfarlane (number 14)

Claude Perera (number 18)

No 20

Kate Sabapathy (number 19 – a Director)

No 16

Dick and Rosie Hewson (number 21 – Rosie is a Director)

Angharad Smith (number 22)

1. Plane Tree

Residents discussed a proposal to remove the plane tree at the entrance to the Green because of concerns that it would become too large and that its shade would have an adverse affect on other planting on the Green. Graeme circulated some information about the tree and possible alternatives compiled by Liza on the Gardening Committee. Points made in favour of keeping the tree included the fact that the roots did not spread in the same way as other trees and that it should therefore not cause damage to the neighbouring houses. Plane trees were deliberately included as part of Span developments (there are several on the Plantation) because they are mature trees that can grow close to buildings and the shade they provide is dappled shade which still enables other plants to grow. They are also very good at absorbing pollutants and particularly suited to urban environments and could provide valuable shade and protection against skin cancer. The large plane tree outside number 19 was already big when the Estate was built but did not cause any problems for neighbouring properties. The tree at

the entrance to the Green was planted on the advice of the landscape architect who lived at number 19 at that time. After some discussion, **11 votes were cast in favour of keeping the tree and 5 in favour of removing it. The tree will therefore remain in its current location.** The Gardening Committee was thanked for the presentation. Proxy votes were cast for numbers 8, 9, 16, 17, 20 and 23.

2. Timing of external painting

The quote for painting obtained by David Howes from Glews was discussed briefly. It was noted that the quote received was a 13% increase from the last time (with the fascia work deducted to compare like with like) but that Glews had probably under-priced last time so some increase seemed inevitable. David expressed the view that he would like Glews to take on the CDM role, which is necessary to be performed by someone for a job of this size but some clarity was needed about whether the price included that. It was generally observed that practically speaking it was probably too late to get the painting done in 2016 and some concern was expressed about this and the fact that the job over-ran last time but there was a problem with repairs and carpenters pulling out at the last minute. The view from Glews was that the paint would last another year. **9 votes were cast in favour of painting in 2017 and 2 in favour of 2016. Therefore it was agreed that the painting should be booked in for Spring 2017 and anyone who can recommend a carpenter should circulate details to residents.** Dick had to leave the meeting early but Rosie volunteered him (in his absence) to co-ordinate the painting with assistance from Kate. There were no volunteers to obtain other quotes (other than Glews) but it was felt that a separate EGM should be held before the AGM to accept the quote from Glews (assuming no alternative quotes had been obtained in the mean time) so that the work could be booked in with plenty of notice. A vote was taken on whether residents were minded to accept Glews quote to facilitate on-going negotiations with them. 10 votes given were 'minded to accept'. It was noted that as Graeme will be stepping down as Works Director at the AGM a new Works Director will need to be appointed in due course.