

CORNER GREEN RESIDENTS SOCIETY LIMITED

MINUTES OF EGM - Monday 28th April 2003

Present: Representatives from Houses No 2,4,6,10,13,16,19,21,22

Note from: No 9

Business: To discuss felling of *Rubinia* tree behind No 9

Reluctance was voiced generally about the felling of any tree. No 9 advocated obtaining of another opinion and drew attention to the presence of new foliage as signs of health.

The meeting was reminded that an independent arboriculturalist of high repute had advocated this particular tree being felled as a matter of urgency. Of the three firms asked to quote for felling, two had been asked about the need for felling and both were in agreement. The resident who had voiced reservations had been offered sight of the report and opportunity for discussion with its author. Signs of new growth on the tree did not imply overall health. The Council had been provided with a copy of the report and had issued permission for felling. Were the Directors not to act on this report and a member of the public or resident suffer personal or material injury from limbs falling from the tree, they could be sued.

Biddy Macfarlane made a proposal, seconded by Dan Radcliffe, that

Having noted the concern voiced by No 9, the Society should arrange felling of Rubinia tree at the rear of No 9 expeditiously.

This was agreed nem. con. Tim Layton to organise. (Tree surgeons asked to retain segment of base of tree to demonstrate extent of internal decay)

The three quotes were

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| a) £750 to remove tree + £150 to remove stump | |
| b) £760 | + £230 + VAT |
| c) £830 | + £140 + VAT |

It was agreed that the lowest quote would be accepted

The point was made that any tree removed should, as far as possible, be replaced with a similar one to maintain the spirit of the original planting plan.

It was also recommended that at the AGM, the Gardening Committee should give details of a long term planting plan for the Green.