



The Committee of Management of
Hanover Crescent Enclosure

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Committee of Management of Hanover Crescent Enclosure

Wednesday 24 May 2023

Opening

The Annual General Meeting of the Committee of Management of Hanover Crescent Enclosure was called to order at 19:40. Leanne Allan, as a nonresident, was the independent Chair and opened the meeting.

Present

There were 20 attendees. Apologies were received from 3 residents and the Mayor.

Nominations for Membership of the Committee

Two members of the outgoing committee, John Hird and Ruth Dixon did not put themselves forward for re-election. Other members of the outgoing Committee volunteered to be re-elected. Sue Gollifer noted that she would stand for one more year. Jasbir Walter and Martha Turland also put their names forward. John Hird was thanked for his many years of valuable contributions to the work of the Committee.

Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were approved

Secretary's Report and Review.

John Hinchliffe presented the report, part of the published AGM pack, and summarised the Committee's activities over the previous year.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Farmer introduced the financial statement, part of the published AGM pack, explaining the year-end financial statement that were in good order with the establishment of a reserve fund approaching the £30k target.

Election of the Committee

Fifteen minutes having elapsed, the new Committee was appointed. The remaining outgoing Committee members, plus the two new nominees were appointed without a vote being necessary. Committee members for 2023/24 are: Paul Farmer, Sue Gollifer, John Hinchliffe, Neil Smith, Amanda Papadopoulos, Chris Carter-Pegg, Jasbir Walter and Martha Turland

GENERAL MEETING

General Business

1. Garden and Tree Maintenance

There have been some urgent and unavoidable tree maintenance works over the year such that we have had to spend most of the 5-year budget of £5000 that was agreed last year for tree maintenance. Whilst we hope to do minimal maintenance work over the next year or two, we may have to request a further budget at a future AGM.

The new wild flower beds were generally welcomed as a success and two further beds are being established. We plan to organise further planting of trees in autumn to replace the lost sycamore at the north end. Resident's suggestions as to the which trees we should plant, or for other planting ideas are always welcome.

2. Parking

Neil Smith introduced the proposed amendments to the Parking Regulations as previously circulated. The amendments are intended to maintain and improve fairness in the use of parking permits. The proposals were:

- Increase the number of available Residents Permits for House 23/24 from 4 to 6.
- In multi-dwelling properties no individual dwelling will be issued with more than one Resident Permit.
- Visitor permits may not be used for purposes of commercial gain including short term holiday lets such as AirBnB.

These proposals were agreed on a show of hands.

3. Major Infrastructure Projects

New bike stands

After considerable effort investigating options for replacement bike stands and seeking quotes for our favoured option no suitable contractor at a reasonable price could be found.

The demand for spaces remains difficult to establish with the demand being linked to the type of structure that is installed. There was a suggestion that using one of the smaller parking bays at the south end would be a cheaper option and not impact the garden as much. This would use up a parking space or two and may be seen as a security problem close to the end of the Crescent. The new Committee will re-consider options in the forth-coming year.

Installation of railings across pedestrian entrance

The proposal was explained in detail with the proposed new railings located at both ends at the inside entrance between the wall and a pillar. The design consists of traditional materials and built by a local iron worker. There was a brief discussion and it was noted that one resident had written a note opposing the project. The proposal was generally welcomed as being an aesthetic improvement as well as a potential help in reducing unwelcome entrance to the Crescent. By a show of hands it was agreed to go ahead with this and submit the necessary planning consent applications.

4. Crescent Levy for 2022/23

The recommendation from the Committee was to raise £6000 for 2023/24 split in proportion to Council Tax bands. This covers the cost of the proposed railings and will bring the infrastructure/contingency fund towards £30k target.

This proposal was approved on a show of hands.

7. Any Other Business.

There was a brief discussion about links between the Crescent and the Council. Contacts with local Councillors has been helpful in the past. Neil offered to get in touch with the new local Labour Councillors.

The Chair thanked everyone and Neil Smith thanked Karl Simpson of Mojo's Cafe for his hospitality and Leanne Allan for chairing. The Chair closed the meeting.

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