

GLENOGLE COURT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 21 May 2018

at 7.30pm in Stockbridge Parish Church

Present: Jill Andrew (Chair), Colin Dempster, Carol Fraser, Patrick Honeybone, Irena Loughton, Michelle O'Toole, Sandra Smith, Graham Sutherland, Jackie Sutherland, Carole Shaw, Deborah Waterson.

Apologies: Sam Rennie

Minutes: The minutes of the committee meeting of 30 January 2018 were noted.

Matters arising

It was agreed that all matters arising could be dealt with within the agenda.

Chair's Report

Jill Andrew reported that since the AGM, the focus for the committee had been the garden maintenance contract and this would be dealt with in detail later in the agenda.

Treasurer's Report

It was noted that there had been good progress with subscriptions for the current year with 8 payments outstanding. The on-line payment facility had been a success and the owners who are still to pay are being pursued.

Garden Maintenance Contract

Patrick Honeybone expanded on the background paper. The key points that emerged from this and the discussion that followed were:

- The specification included with the papers is understood to be current but this needs to be checked.
- The priority for the Committee is to get on top of managing and monitoring the existing contract to ensure it is fully delivered.
- The committee walkabout had identified a number of areas where work is needed to meet the contract specification. A meeting and walkabout

with Greenscape is planned to address this and clarify responsibility for the replacement of dead plants and shrubs.

- Some of the work identified in the notes of the Committee walkabout is additional to the contract. Consultation with residents and costings will be needed prior to decisions being made. Shrubs etc planted by residents will not be moved or removed without consultation.
- The arrangements for the walkabout with Greenscape will be posted on the website so that residents who wish to participate in discussion about their block can do so.
- While grass and hedges within block boundaries are the responsibility of the owners, custom and practice is for these to be maintained by Greenscape. A map showing common areas and block boundaries can be found on the GCRA website.
- Arrangements for monitoring the contract including residents involvement in this will be reviewed.

There was also discussion on trees. Trees within block boundaries are the responsibility of the owners and some blocks have had trees removed and replaced. Where such work is needed, owners need to arrange block meetings to agree action and obtain costs. Planning permission is needed but this can be easily done on line. Where tree roots are damaging adopted paths, the Council will not repair the paths until the trees are dealt with.

A number of queries from residents have been received and the position is as follows:

Hedge at Ettrickdale car park: this is causing a hazard for drivers and action will be taken to lower it. The need for planning permission will be clarified.

Walls around car parks: a suggestion that some of these be removed to improve the amenity of the estate was felt to be impractical as the walls form part of the infra-structure of the estate, planning permission would be needed and the cost is likely to be expensive.

Home reports: there have been some instances of new owners getting inaccurate information from seller or home reports on individual and GCRA responsibilities. Where this is identified prior to sale, residents should advise the selling agent. It was agreed a “welcome” email to new owners detailing GCRA responsibilities and what the annual subscription covers would be useful.

Parking posts: planning permission is needed to install a parking post.

Summer Picnic

Following the successful event last year, a picnic will be held on the riverbank on the second Saturday in June at a time that allows residents with small children to participate.

Any Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting

This will provisionally be in September with the date to be advised.
The Annual General Meeting is planned for November.