

FORTESCUE PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

You are reminded of the restrictive covenants which attach to all houses on the estate. No extensions, conservatories or other external alterations are permitted without the prior written consent of the Residents Association.

MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FORTESCUE PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (FPRA) HELD BY ZOOM ON MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2020

Joined by: 24 residents including 8 Committee Members

The chairman, Giles Norman, formally welcomed everyone to the online meeting and introduced the members of the committee.

1. Treasurer's Report – Mike Dennis

Our Treasurer provided us with cash flow charts covering 2018 and 2019. He explained that we purchased the shed on the top lawn in 2019 and there were some increased gardening expenses which did not allow us to add to our sinking fund in any substantial amount.

2020 year to date expenses included the reparation of several wooden gates around the estate and the installation of a new iron gate at the Loch Fyne exit. The rest is explained in the attachment.

One resident asked how much we would expect the sinking fund to reach. Giles explained that we would expect to be able to cover two years gardening expenses but we should always have a fund to assist with any wall issues or substantial tree maintenance.

2. The minutes and accounts for 2019 were approved by those attending the meeting

3. Gardens Report – Christine Ryan

Christine reports that the weather took its toll on plants this summer once again. Also as nurseries were closed during the first lockdown there was little to choose from for summer colour. However, it was a good opportunity to put in perennials/bulbs and shrubs. Some of the trees have suffered quite badly and we have had to remove one tree already. This coming year will require a lot of the garden fund to be spent on the maintenance of the trees which is always a very costly business.

Christine thanked Paul, Vanessa and Chris for their tremendous work in planting bulbs this year.

4. Fees 2021 – we are pleased to report that the fees will remain the same for 2021 – that is £330 per annum with a £30 discount for early payment or setting up direct debit prior to 31 March 2021.

5. Strawberry Hill Residents' Association affiliation

We are affiliated to this organisation and make a contribution of £500 per annum which also means no resident needs to make an individual contribution. We do not need to address this until August 2021 but the SHRA now do not print their newsletters so we will ask the organisation in due course if this will require a smaller contribution going forward.

6. Community Events :

For obvious reasons we have not been able to organise events this year and we are unsure at present if the Annual Xmas carol singing around the estate can go ahead. We are proposing the following:

- A mince pie trail – pictures of mince pies to be put in windows for the children to see
- To spend the monies we normally used at the bar at the AGM to fund a large Xmas tree on the estate with solar/battery operated lights. We would also ask the children to make or donate a decoration and leave in a box (to be advised) so that we can decorate safely. It was suggested to request a local celebrity to switch on the lights so any ideas on this please send to our email address.
- Light up your steps earlier this year – from December 1st (or earlier if you wish) to make the end of lockdown (hopefully) seem brighter.
- It was also suggested we could continue with carol singing but in family groups or from doorsteps

7. Re- appointments

Election of Committee: All the current members agreed to continue and were formally re-elected.

AOB :

Several residents complimented the wonderful job that the Thorburn gardeners have been doing and suggested a bonus for the two regular and much loved workers , Lia and Flavio, Christine confirmed that this is in hand.

Charles, our very own Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, wishes to step down and we are looking for a volunteer.

Anyone who may be interested can talk to Charles to understand what is involved in this. We thank Charles for his work. He also confirms that we are still in one of London's lowest crime areas.

Duncan Chapman would like to have a conversation with any interested party regarding how we could raise our level of sustainability on the estate and in our homes in a group way. Anyone interested in an initial conversation (by Zoom?) should in the first instance send an email to our FP address and this will be forwarded to Duncan.

If anyone would like to consider joining the Committee we have a space since Jason moved from the Estate – please email us.

Committee members

Giles Norman no 62/ Vanessa Cozens no 6/ Christine Ryan no 49/Charles Owens no 74/ / Lloyd Reynolds no 6b Wellesley/ Clare Marsden no 91/ Paul Butler no 21/ Mike Dennis no 85

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