



GROSVENOR

Notes of a Meeting

Belgrave Square Garden Committee
5 May 2011 – 5:00pm
Seaford House, 37 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X

Present:

Committee: Lawton Fage (LF)
Mary Regnier Leigh (MRL)
Andrew Gordon Lennox (AGL)
Amanda Bond Elliot (ABE)
Lady Jeannie Cleaver (JC)
Caroline Lister (CL)
Stacy Kivel (SK)

Visitor: Dimitris Paraskevas (DP)

Grosvenor: Nigel Hughes (NAH)
Stephen Smith (SS)
Martin Hutchinson (MH)

Apologies: Yan Lebihan (YL)

Notes copied to: All attendees and apologies
Grosvenor Gardens website
Belgrave Square Garden noticeboard

Action

1.0 Notes of the previous meeting

1.1 The notes of the previous meeting were agreed

2.0 Chairman's report

2.1 The chairman circulated a letter received commenting adversely on the implementation of the garden rules by the wardens and also his reply. The committee were approving of the reply, and it was felt that polite and fair enforcement of the rules by the wardens remained necessary. All

3.0 Landscape Manager's report

3.1 Martin Hutchinson reported that the rail had been erected on edge of the south lawn and subsequently painted, also that the inside walls of the gazebos had been re-painted after attempts to clean off graffiti had failed. MH

3.2 Planting in various parts of the garden had continued during the spring and the new machinery was expected shortly. Debris for the plane trees had been particularly heavy in the weeks since Easter, but it had been dealt with as quickly as possible. SS

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| 3.3 | The garden warden's role had been welcomed by some, but by no means all key-holders were happy. As a round figure, approximately £1,000 had been spent from the garden budget during April. Terry Partridge (Head Mews Warden) and Sonny Gambin (Mews Warden) for North Belgravia, both patrol the garden at busy times during the week and Abdel Berkoum (SIA Licensed Warden), covers the weekend duty. | SS |
| 3.4 | Open day resources/activities had been put in place by Kathryn Samuels prior to her maternity leave. The brass band, catering and furniture had been booked and the tickets etc would be picked up next week. | SS |
| 3.5 | A volunteers list was circulated and completed by committee members. | SS |
| 4.0 | 2012 Olympics | |
| 4.1 | NAH explained to the committee that Grosvenor was being approached by companies/organisations wanting to hire the gardens during August 2012. He felt that embassies/those with a working relationship with Grosvenor should be given first refusal. Portman Square has decided to section off a quarter of the garden and leave the remainder for its key-holders. He asked the committee for their thoughts on hiring the garden out over the 17 day period. | NAH |
| 4.2 | AGL asked who the profit would go to and stated that the amount would have to be significant to make it worth while. NAH replied 50% of the income would be re-invested in the garden. AGL asked what figures were being discussed and was told up to six figure sums, depending on the space made available and whether it was for the whole period or not. | NAH |
| 4.3 | ABE stated that it would be possible to let out the garden if residents were informed at next year's renewal and the period of closure reflected in the price. JC felt that events should be confined to the centre of the garden, but that there were fewer people using the garden in August. | NAH |
| 4.4 | After discussion it was decided for NAH to test the market, asking about a variety of different approaches – whole garden, inner/ outer areas only. | NAH |
| 5.0 | Summer Barbeque Update | |
| 5.1 | ABE provided the meeting with the party budget (attached) and reported the uptake of tickets to be showing an improvement on figures at the same time the previous year. | ABE |
| 5.2 | AGL suggested it would be wise to avoid sending out too many free tickets which would be a drain on income. He made a suggestion that tables be offered to various people e.g. the Lord Mayor could be offered a table at £75/head, the tickets then being offered at a greater price for this years mayoral charity. | ABE |
| 5.3 | ABE had been working on logistics with Nadia Christie of Shining Wit. | ABE |
| 5.4 | SS to provide the details of John Bloomfield who may be able to provide lighting. SS to also find out what lanterns would be available for lighting the paths. | SS |

6.0 Incidents

6.1 A complaint of bad behaviour in the garden on the 15th April had been received from a key-holder and forwarded to the committee. An adjustment in the times of the weekend warden had been made to take account of the busy afternoon period.

7.0 AOB

No further business was discussed.

Appendix A

Distribution of Belgrave Square Garden membership across the Belgravia Estate

Roads with 5 or more households with membership to Belgrave Square Garden are listed below:
The map shows roads with 10 or more households with membership.

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| Eaton Place | 53 |
| Chester Street | 24 |
| Ebury Street | 23 |
| Chester Row | 20 |
| Chester Square | 19 |
| Wilton Crescent | 19 |
| Eaton Square | 17 |
| Chapel Street | 17 |
| Eaton Terrace | 16 |
| Kinnerton Street | 13 |
| Wilton Street | 13 |
| Groom Place | 12 |
| Belgrave Place | 10 |
| Halkin Place | 10 |
| South Eaton Place | 10 |
| Upper Belgrave Street | 10 |
| Lower Belgrave Street | 9 |
| West Halkin Street | 9 |
| Bloomfield Terrace | 8 |
| Elizabeth Street | 8 |
| Little Chester Street | 8 |
| Wilton Place | 8 |
| Halkin Street (access to Halkin St Garden) | 8 |
| Eaton Mews South | 7 |
| Gerald Road | 7 |
| Wilton Row | 7 |
| Belgrave Mews West | 6 |
| Caroline Terrace | 6 |
| Motcomb Street | 6 |
| Belgrave Mews North | 6 |
| Bourne Street | 5 |
| Lowndes Place | 5 |
| Lyll Mews | 5 |
| Lyll Street | 5 |
| Montrose Place | 5 |
| West Eaton Place | 5 |
| Wilton Mews | 5 |
| Victoria Square | 5 |

Appendix B

Constitution of the Belgrave Square Garden Committee

Chairman

The Chairman will normally be either a Leaseholder or Freeholder of a house in Belgrave Square and will have been a current member of the Garden Committee before taking up office. Grosvenor will identify a suitable nominee for endorsement by the Garden Committee. The nomination will then be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for ratification. The Chairman will be re-elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. The maximum term of office for the Chairman will be 5 years.

Election of Committee Member

Grosvenor will circulate a notice of election with papers for the Annual General Meeting stating if there are any vacancies and seeking nominations. Nominations must be proposed and seconded and should be submitted to Grosvenor a week before the Annual General Meeting. If there are more nominations than vacancies, the result will be determined by a show of hands at the Annual General Meeting.

Size of Committee

The maximum size of the Committee will be as follows:

- Chairman
- 9 elected members
- 3 representatives from the Garden Department
- 1 representative from Grosvenor
- other co-opted members as necessary

If the Chairman is not a leaseholder or freeholder of a house in Belgrave Square, then there should be two committee members who are either resident or working in Belgrave Square.

Current Committee

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| Chairman | Mrs. Jan Moore |
| Committee | Mrs. Margaret Legg |
| | Mrs. Carol Chetwynd-Lepard |
| | Mrs. Helen Oratore |
| | Dr. Thomas Bewley |
| | Mrs. Caroline Lister |
| | Mrs. Susan Simpson |
| | Commander Andrew Gordon-Lennox |
| | Mrs. M. Matussek |
| | Mr John Ritchie |
| | Lady Jenny Cleaver |
| | Mrs Francesca Tiffin |

The maximum term of office for Committee members will be five years. The Chairman and the Committee members are eligible to stand again after an interval of one year.

Approved by the Belgrave Square Garden Committee, February 2004