

MAISEMORE GARDENS LIMITED

Registered in England, No.714547

Newsletter - March 2020 AGM and Coronavirus

Dear Member

Worrying times

We hope that you are managing adequately at this worrying and unusual time. It is very awkward for everyone and let's hope that it continues just 'very awkward' and no worse. Time to do gardening, decorating and hobbies.

AGM There is now instruction/guidance from the government to not gather in large groups which takes the decision making away from us - the AGM will be postponed until further notice. The lease doesn't make any provision for the current circumstances, but on this occasion we will have to bend the rules. We will give plenty of notice when the new AGM date is fixed.

AGM Pack We will not distribute the AGM pack now, but will do so before the postponed AGM. The full pack of information – agenda, previous minutes, reports, accounts and forecast – is available on our website if you wish to see it, or your hard copy can be collected from Barry Kingsmith at no.30 if you wish. The full accounts for 2019 are also attached with this Newsletter.

If there are questions you have, arising from the AGM pack of information, that you wish to raise now, please contact James Leeming (no.63) so that we can deal with them.

Directors As we need to continue running MGL we will make some changes now which will have to be endorsed at the next AGM.

1. Mike Boys, our Secretary, will retire on 16th April. We thank him wholeheartedly for his hard work over 8 years of being a director. It is a shame that he cannot be thanked properly at a meeting. Mike's health is not good now and we wish him a restful retirement from MGL directorship.
2. James Leeming has been helping as a co-opted member of the Council of Management (CoM) for some months as you know. He will be appointed as a full director forthwith. This is allowed under the Articles of Association, but must be ratified at the next GM.
3. The **accounts** will be considered as being passed by members and registered at Companies House. Again, these will need to be ratified at the next GM
4. Next year's **levy** will be set at £220 unless it is changed at the postponed AGM.

New Directors If any members would like to join the CoM to see what is involved, with a view to being co-opted and later voted in as a Director, we would really welcome this. Some of the present directors have been doing the job for some time and we need to have change to keep the organisation fresh. There are a number of people who often help out with activities; now is the time to take the plunge!

House Changes Guidance Document As you may be aware, we have been working on a document to assist and guide members who wish to make changes to their houses. There are certain requirements set down in the Lease and Bylaws and we want to help members work with

these rules and improve their houses in a way that benefits us all. This document is now on our website for you to refer to when the time comes.

Support Group We thank Carol Lovesey (no. 41) for organising a support group for these unique times. We are no experts on the Coronavirus (is anyone), but are aware that it can affect the elderly and frail particularly and there are a lot of them in Maisemore Gardens.

You will shortly receive information about further help that is being organised for all residents of Maisemore Gardens

Maisemore Gardens is a friendly and neighbourly estate, so please keep an eye on your neighbours and help them where you can – we know that we are ‘preaching to the converted’.

Good health to all from your Council of Management.

Chairman: Martin Gebbett (51), Secretary James Leeming (63), Suzy Daniels (8), Gill Edwards (22), Sarah Harrington (65), Barry King Smith (30) & David Salmon (71) and Mike Boys (64)