

## SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION ON WORK OF GROUND MAINTENANCE TEAM

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A meeting was held at Elayne Hoskin's house Monday 9th January at 9.30am, between Jim Abraham, Trudi Bell & Elayne Hoskin.

Elayne confirmed that (as at the meeting held in the summer) Jim's Ground Maintenance Company are fulfilling all terms and conditions of their current contract.

Jim reminded us that at times through the grass cutting season, it had been difficult to keep on schedule, because of Jim's inability to get around, due to his painful leg condition. Jim however fulfilled his contract by paying for Adrian Rogers to come in to do most of the ride on grass cutting; leaving Andy & Dave extra hand lawn mowing to fit into their schedule. Grass cutting continued into December 2011, due to the extended growing season.

Trudi pointed out that the small triangle of new turf next to the boules area is now looking established, after a slow start in the dry early summer.

During November & December the grounds team cleared and cut most of the Main Drive banks: some brambled areas near the top will have to be completed in drier conditions when it is safe to be working on such a steep and high area. Daffodil and Crocosmia leaves are already showing green. Trudi and Jim said they will look at the bank together next Autumn before the clear and cut, in case any suitable biennials & perennials can be identified for less severe cut back, so providing us with more colour during the summer months.

All hedges have now been cut (as is correct in their dormant & non bird-nesting season). Trees in your gardens' that have grown too large (obstructing light, views or are in a dangerous condition) should be cut back now. The cedar tree on Moorpark green has dropped another branch this year, and will need further management in due course as it is rotting on the inside. A separate Tree and Garden Area report will be posted on the Website & bus shelter. Trudi said she would be responsible for grass management around the Woodland Trust trees at Moorpark and Moorfields; Ground Maintenance not to cut grass closer than one metre to trees.

The tennis courts and some paths and steps have been scraped and sprayed, to discourage slippery moss conditions. Jim reported that the tennis court fencing is being vandalised again, despite the gate being left unlocked: anyone seeing any vandalism to report to the Management Company & Police 101.

Temporary filling of potholes down the main drive was carried out before Christmas, to help keep the surface safe until road contractors can be employed for permanent resurfacing and marking of prioritised areas.

Jim reported that there was a tremendous increase of DOG FOULING over the last few months: - people may not be aware that apart from children and adults treading in DOG POO, strimming of fouled grass throws the poo into the strimmers face or body. Trudi thought that the best way of "policing" of illegal dog fouling would be the dog owners themselves: - if a responsible dog owner saw DOG POO NOT BEING PICKED UP, to offer the irresponsible dog owner a POO BAG to be carried home or put in one of the POO BINS PROVIDED around Moorhaven. A short discussion would be held at the next Management Company meeting as to how to tackle this re-occurring problem.

Our meeting finished on a more pleasant note, thanking all those people who have taken it upon themselves to weed and plant areas of garden around Moorhaven for the enjoyment of everyone. Also encouragement to any other residents who wish to adopt and manage an area to contact Trudi, Elayne or Jim for suitability and Company agreement.

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