

Chairman's report : 2021

17th June 2022

Since my last report just over a year ago much has changed and much also has stayed the same. The pandemic, hopefully , is slowly waning but the Mansion House seems to look better and better over time.

Yet again the sun shone on our work/social day last September and thanks to all who took part and again to Don and Julia who hosted the day , and Gary and Tracey who hosted the evening.

Over the year we managed to complete the 3 outstanding maintenance items..

1. The fence was repaired by the bin store and in the car park.
2. We had a new and stronger lock fitted to the front door.
3. The 2 large lime trees were pollarded.

Thanks again are due to Audrey for all her hard work in the garden and for the decorations in the hallway. Also thanks to Pete for his work with the hedges. Both much appreciated.

As you are aware, the bailiffs re-possessed the apartment in December of last year , but to date it is not on the market as I believe the conservation officer has been involved. Lloyds

Bank, however , have continued to pay our management fees on a quarterly basis after being sent regular invoices.

Another ‘event “ happened on March 30th this year, witnessed by the cleaner and her partner. Several youths broke into apartment 4 by forcing open a ground floor window.They removed some items of clothing but nothing else. I immediately contacted the police and an officer came round the next day and we spoke for quite a time. As one of the youths had said he was getting items for his father ( ie the previous owner of the apartment), the police offer said he would follow that up.

I also contacted the key holder ( DB Roberts , Estate agents ) and the next day we went in and secured the windows firmly from the inside. It was pleasing to note that they send in a representative every week to check the apartment.

I also notified our insurers , but did not make any sort of claim.

We had a minor success with the communal electricity supply. I eventually managed to get Royal Mail to add “ Whitehall Mansion” as a specific and individual address. This facilitated changing our supply from “business “ to “ residential “ so I was able to negotiate a reduction in monthly charges from £71 month with British gas to £31 per

month with Eon next. Unfortunately we do anticipate a big increase later this year. We have a smart meter installed now though which hopefully lead to more accurate billing.

Simon , Chairman WMMC