

Minutes of meeting held at Whitehall Mansion on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 am

Present: Pete & Lynn (1), Don & Julia (3), Philip (5), Audrey (6), Simon & Trish (7), Julie (8)

Apologies: Alex (9)

1. Reason for meeting:	Annual general meeting
2. Minutes of last meeting:	All agreed.
3. Chair report	<p>Simon first made comment regarding the financial situation at present: there has been a 10% increase in the insurance premium, which now has a rebuild estimate of £12m. This cost can currently be absorbed, so no increase in service charges this year.</p> <p>Only costs this year have been three small outgoings, so have around £1,500 in reserves. Lloyds Bank is still paying the service charge for Apt 4 and DB Roberts are carrying out weekly vacant property inspections. Philip queried the service charge percentages, which Simon agreed he would review after the meeting.</p> <p>The communal electricity supply is now with Eon-Next.</p>
4. Matters arising from last meeting	<p>Simon thanked Pete for the hedge trimming and sweeping that he carries out intermittently, and Audrey for her gardening/ bedding plants; a sentiment agreed by all present.</p> <p>The group revisited the possibility of an electric car charging point in the car park. All agreed to put the project on hold for now, but to set aside £500 per year so that funds are available should the need arise in the future.</p> <p>The discussion moved on to the crack in the east wall. Gary (Gatehouse) has offered to repair. All agreed that we instruct Gary to carry out the work.</p>
5. Other matters	<p>Julie to source replacement light switches (the same as existing) for the two broken covers in the stairwell. Miles will fit once they arrive.</p> <p>Audrey suggested hiring a scarifier to improve the lawn. Audrey to look into costs and refer back to Simon. Don &amp; Julia will also discuss with their gardener, and Audrey to ask Denise how much she would charge for the additional work.</p>

	Group discussed the proposal from Gary & Tracey that they re-open the archway for access to their property across the lawn. It was agreed that they can apply to Shropshire council for consent. A query was raised regarding the positioning of a light, bell and postbox, but that can be clarified once it is known if they can carry out the works.
Any other business	All agreed to hold a working party again this year, and Simon suggested Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September.
	Election of officers: All present were happy with Simon to continue as Chair and Julie as Secretary.
Next meeting	TBA