

The 1973-1974 A.G.M. of The Court Farm Allotment Association.

The meeting was held at The Marston
British Legion Club on Tuesday the
3rd April 1974 at 7.45 pm.

Those present: = Messrs Vaulter. Wallis. Perkins.
Herns. Atwood. Morris. Stone. Dobson.
Bradbury. Spicer. Hickman. Halsey. Jones.
Giles.

Mr. Bowen took the chair and called for
a chairman to be elected in order
that the meeting could proceed.

Mr Vaulter was proposed by Mr Wallis
for the position, seconded by Mr. Webb.
Mr Vaulter was elected unopposed.

It was known that the last A.G.M. was
three years ago, and due to there
being no current minutes Secretary
some confusion was apparent at
first and the Chairman called
for the finance report which was
delivered by the Secretary Mr. Bowen.
Mr Harry Atwood stated forcefully
his concern that the financial report

Was not in print for circulation
to the meeting asking for details
of the Association Financial Status
at the time of the last A.G.M.
after a brief delay Mr Bowen
produced the information and
still protesting Mr Hroud reluctantly
agreed the report. The financial report
acceptance was proposed Mr Lee Hems
seconded Mr Spicer, carried unan.

Appointment of officials for 1974.

1. President:

It was at this point
that a member pointed out that
no minutes were being taken and
the election of a minutes secretary
took place. It was agreed that the
minutes secretary should be a full
committee member entitled to vote.
Mr. D.K. Perkins was proposed Mr Halsey
seconded Mr Bowen. There being no
other nominations for this post
Mr Perkins was elected.

Returning to the election of officers.
Mr Harry Jones was nominated for

President by Mr. Bowen seconded by
Mr. Reg Spicer: Mr. Jones. elected.

2. Chairman: It was agreed that
Mr. Vaulter should continue as
chairman.

3. Secretary: Mr. Bowen was proposed
by Mr. Halsey, seconded by Mr. Jones.
Mr. Bowen was elected.

4. Assistant Secretary & Treasurer.

Mr. Bowen proposed Mr. Spicer should
continue to hold this position saying
that Mr. Spicer was of great help
to him in the running of the
association hut and the other
work involved, this was seconded by
Mr. Hems, and Mr. Spicer was
re-elected unopposed.

5. Auditors: Two required.

Mr. Stone. proposed by Mr. Stroud
seconded by Mr. Hems, elected.

election of officers continued.

Mr. Stroud, Proposed by Mr Webb
seconded by Mr. Stone, elected.

Committee.

Mr. Bowen proposed that the committee should be formed from 5 of the top field members and 5 from the bottom field making a committee of 10; he further called for this committee to be a working one. It was observed that only one member from the bottom field was present at the A.G.M. which made it difficult to elect five.

Mr. Stone asked for the old committee members to stand but this was met with some scepticism and nomination were called from members present:

Nominated.	Proposer.	Secunder.	Vote.
1. Mr. Halsey.	Mr. Spicer	Mr. Morris.	Elected.
2. " Stroud.	" Webb	" Hems.	Elected.
3. " Giles.	" Wallis.	" Stone.	Elected.
4. " Morris.	" Spicer.	" Bowen.	Elected.
5. " Bobrow.	" Stroud.	" Webb.	Elected.
6. " Stone.	" Bowen.	" Halsey.	Elected.
7. " Hickman.	" Spicer.	" Bowen.	Elected.
8. " Webb.	" Stone.	" Stroud.	Elected.
Nomination Close	" Bowen.	" Hems.	Unanimous.

Mr Strand asked for a list of committee members. To be posted in the shed which was also the view put forward by others. Mr Strand agreeing to print same. This was agreed by the members.

The minutes Secretary called for the addresses of all committee members be made available to him before leaving the meeting to enable notification of meetings by post. The Secretary Mr Bowen said this was unnecessary as the addresses could be supplied by him from the allottees ledger and he promised to supply.

The Chairman stated he proposed to hold meetings once per month. Mr Bowen proposed the first one should be in a fortnights time, starting at 8.00 pm. 23rd April 1974. at the Marston Legion club, this was seconded by Mr Halsey and carried.

A vote of thanks to the Secretary

and Treasurers for their past work was proposed by Mr. Perkins. Seconded by Mr. Hems, extended to thank the retiring Committee: Vote of Thanks carried.

Correspondence:

The secretary reported that a site visit was due by the Estates Surveyor in connection with the ground lease saying that it had been agreed to renew the lease for another 7 (seven) years from the 29th September.

The association Trustees were named as Mr. Mayer. Mr. Pudwell. Mr. Bowen.

Before reading the next letter Mr. Bowen complained bitterly that Maintenance by the Council from 1948 - 1973 on the Court Farm ground & side had not exceeded £3,000. Then reading a letter of intended expenditure on all the association sites in the area he extracted that £5,000 had be allowed for general expenditure during 1974 saying

That Mr Stroud & Mr Green had come onto site, and informed Mr Bowen that "repairs" would be done during 1974. Mr Stroud replied assuring the Secretary and the meeting that the willows & hedges will be done during 1974, Mr Bowen, not satisfied with the reply complained of openings in hedges, and ditches being choked up, his complaint was endorsed by other members present.

Continuing Mr Bowen read out the list of general expenditure scheduled for 1974 and showing that this association was very low on the list of priorities.

Mr. Stroud answered this by saying that Mr Bowen should get in his list of wants earlier for consideration not leave it to the last minute. Mr Perkins asked Mr Stroud for guidance to the Secretary as to the time budget lists should be prepared and forwarded. Mr Stroud replied earlier than at present. It was raised that children from the playing field were becoming a problem, also their playing on the edge of the approach road to the allotment site around and in the large drainage pipes could involve

There is an accident with vehicular traffic.

In a continuing general conversation between Mr Bowen and Mr Stroud re-hedging and ditching it was said that Marston Parish Council had agreed to cleanse the ditches but this had not been done.

Mr Stroud proposed, seconded Mr Webb that Mr Bowen should write to the Marston Parish Council asking for the areas to be properly fenced especially alongside the recreation ground.

Any other Business.

Mr Stroud asked Mr Bowen "how many plots are there on the Court Farm site?" and how many are let? and how many free"? Mr Bowen replied that all cultivatable plots are taken but he would furnish a complete answer at the next Committee meeting.

The question of footpaths, (rights of way,) was raised, "how many are there across the site"? Mr Bowen produced a map showing these (basically two) which was passed around. Members complained that the public were not keeping to these rights

of Nays and dogs were not kept on leashes being allowed to walk over allottees plots. It was suggested this problem be pursued in Committee.

Insurance

It was asked if the site shed and contents were insured. Mr Shields and Mr Bowen replied that the shed was insured but not the contents due to the shed being made of totally combustible material, the insurance companies stating it as a bad risk.

Should the shed be lost by fire, the association would have to stand the loss. It was agreed to pursue this further at the next committee meeting.

Mr Stroud suggested he put forward at the next allotment sub Committee Council meeting, to be held next week, when the Federation Secretary would be present, that the shed facilities be improved to allow insurance of stock. Mr Perkins spoke to the meeting calling for Mr Strouds offer to be taken up. Proposed Mr Webb, seconded Mr Stone, carried, that Mr Stroud is to approach the

~~A~~ Sub committee with regard to the provision of a suitable building on the Court Farm site in which the stock can be insured against loss by what ever means the loss occurs.

Mr Stroud replied that he would do this but it may take two years to improve the structure to the required level. Calling for a letter to the committee from Mr Bowen the Secretary: Mr Bowen had anticipated this, finished writing the letter, passing it then to Mr Stroud. The letter covered the above proposal.

Rents.

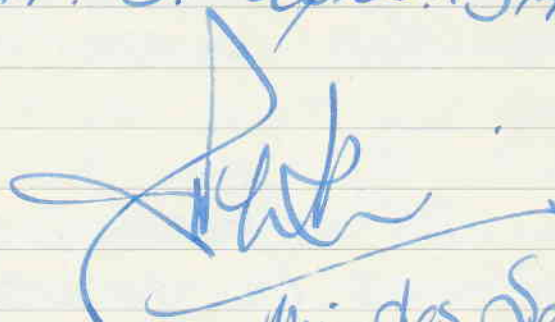
Mr Stroud proposed that the rents to allottees be raised to £1.50 per annum per 10 pole plot with a charge to old age pensioners of £1.00 per 10 pole. saying that this association did not charge enough and was out of step with other associations. There being no seconder to his proposal the Chairman disallowed discussion on the point of order being raised by a member.

Mr Bowen Proposed, seconded Mr Halsey, that the rates are reviewed in September 1974 in committee for recommendations to the next

A.G.M.

An amendment to the proposal was put forward by Mr Webb seconded by Mr Horns, that the original proposal should have added "with a set of figures from other associations. Mr Bowen had no objection to this so the amendment was taken as the substantive motion, which was carried.

There being no other business this meeting closed at 9-35 pm. 9th April 1974:


Minutes Secretary: