

Members attending Committee Meeting
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M Bower

H. J. Stone

A Smith

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G Hickman

P Day.

R. Tunley

D. Pinfold

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C Hall

L. J. O'Connell

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Key Webb.

Don PERKINS,

Meeting of the Court Farm Allotment
Committee on Tuesday the 4th of March
1975. Held at the British Legion
Club rooms Mansdon. Commencing at
8.05 pm.

Apologies: Messrs. Smith. Bowen. Vauter.

In the absence of our chairman
due to shift work. Deputy chairman
Webb took the chair.

Minutes read and proposed above
record by Mr Webb. Seconded by
Mr Pinfold and carried.

Matters arising.

Roadways. Mr Stoud spoke generally
and had written a letter to Mr Town
ref the deplorable state of the site
entrance road, he asked committee
to accept it and request Mr Bowen
to sign the letter as Secretary.

Mr Gurney concluded the discussion
saying that the chairman of the

Master Parish Council Mr Alec Gammon had categorically state at the January Council meeting that the entrance roadway is not the parish councils nor has it ever been theirs or their responsibility:

Mr Stroud reported that good road making flamed stone is being dumped onto Port Meadows dump by the city council.

Mr Gurney said that due to an already heavy commitment the Noke woodman was unable to supply the pea + bean sticks.

Mr Adams agreed to ask Dennis Harvey for then a woodman at Horton - cum - Studley:

Flower Show.

Mr Stone addressed the comm. He suggested that we again have the Flower Show, and that success would depend wholly on the a more active response from the Committee: Mr Webb questioned Mr Stroud ~~but~~ who replied that primarily this

is a Flower Show, although there
is a good showing of Vegetables.

Mr Giles responded and proposed that
we go ahead with the Flower Show
Seconded Mr Hall

Mr Stone asked for an amendment
along the lines of subject to sufficient
committee members volunteering to
organise the show but did not
push his amendment.

Primary motion carried.

Mr Gurney asked for the show
date to be announced there & the
being concerned re sowing times for
produce to be ready for the show
just right, his question was met,
possibly unjustly, with guffs of
laughter from most members

Mr Pudwell's shed.

He has built
his shed but not moved his
cold frame. It was decided to

asked Mr Vaulter to see him about moving it: (the cold frame.)

Mr Webb. criticised committee members for making bullets having only half the story: He mentioning no names. relating that a path that was being cut up was not a violation of the associating rules but an allottee entering into the spirit of things and laying an improved path of regulation width.

Mr Banton asked about the hedge in the top field alongside his plot.

Mr Stone replying said this hedge belonged to the farm as does the ditch, but he felt the farmer would not bother to cut the hedge. Mr Stone went on to say that 12' to 10" ought to be cut off and offered to help Mr Banton do just that, agreeing to see the farmer and obtain permission.

Mr Perkins voiced a complaint from allottee 196 who said that the main pathway / Roadway (grass) alongside

The playing field is The bottom field. It is too narrow for manure delivery, this being a point of concern during early autumn 1974, when committee spoke to the offending allottees instructing they return the roadway to full width. Committee will inspect and instruct allottees again.

Reports.

Mr Howard said that at a recent Federation meeting. (which as secretary he had failed to notify our two delegates Perkins and Vauter) it was stated that of the £6000 allotment Budget allocated by the City Council they used £5000 in administering spending the remaining £1000.

Mr Perkins felt this ought to be brought to the attention of the local newspapers as gross inefficiency or at least giving council a chance to explain why, Mr Howard

alarmed by this asked for no action to be taken by individuals or other means. Committee respected his wish for the time being. Mr ~~Green~~ Rowell

Of The City Estates Surveyors Office said that to reduce general costs we must be prepared to do our own small works.

Mr Strod continued saying that many plots on other association sites had been ploughed up to provide broken ground for new allottees exemplifying:-
24 plots in South Oxford, some at Cowmead, 12 on Trap Ground, and 24 at ~~Pippel~~ Crippley Meadow.
Suggesting we do the same in the bottom field.

Mr Stone our Treasurer somewhat alarmed at envisaged expenditure suggest back that "Mr Stone is kidding himself if he wants to spend £50.00 on ploughing up the lower field plots."

Mr Strod disagreed saying we are now in a position to do this due to the increased rents etc and that

We have our priorities wrong, adding that the city supervisor has 90 cubic yards of top soil which he is just dumping because we have nowhere prepared and level to accept it (the pond site is mid) and our roadways are so poor that they can't accept the heavy lowries, the council therefore will not play ball with us.

Mr Day said if Mr Strand would investigate the cost of a tractor & plough, on hire, he would provide the skilled labour free. (a generous offer of his time.) The site of course would have to be cleared of obstacles and metal. This provided a talking point on the provision of a waste skip which it is understood will be delivered next week.

Measures Report: £60.00 is the rent account over and above what is immediately needed which we can either say is
1. Some money is hard.

2. This money could be used to pay the land rents to the council. Paying currently in arrears as we do, if we all packed up tomorrow we would still owe the council half a years grand rent.

Ray Gurney fervently spoke out against the committee spending money which should be retained to keep the association solvent.

J.K.P. Reminded committee, supporting Mr Gurney, that we are obligated to the membership on our reasons for raising rent at the A.M. Solventary being one of those reasons.

Mr Adams proposed Mr Stroud investigate the cost of a tractor etc hire and that should the cost not exceed £25=00 Mr Stroud discuss this with the Treasurer with a view to spending this amount over Easter.75. Seconded Mr Giles. Carried.

Mr Store continued his report saying £91=00 collected in rents so far 112 out

8 175 having paid: so 63 are in arrears.
5 plots have been released and relet.

Cruckey Manure not yet arrived but
is at Banbury awaiting delivery.

£62.00 return on shed sales so
far.

We sought agreement to his
recommendation that the Dobbies
Cash with Order / discount system
be repeated next year: this year
being a big success.

Lime is available from the shed
in half cwt bags at 70p: some
are left and committee should
advertise this word allottees.

D.K.P. questioned the price of 70p last
year they were only 35p. he was
advised that everything had gone up
and that profits from lime sales
were minimal.

Potatoes - he has had been requested
by allottees to supply but committee are giving
stocking.

Mower. Mr Stroud saying that Mr Walters mechanic had not continued repairs of the old scythe. so he had asked Mr ~~Green~~ Adams to look it over. Mr Giles volunteered to check over the engine. D.K.P. mentioned that we still owe the mechanic £5.00 for his previous work although recognising that we have not yet been invoiced for it.

It was agreed at Mr Adams request ~~to~~ minute for discussion at the next meeting the letting of plots general.

Site Shed Keys.

Mr Webb has had two keys cut one of which he has given to Mr Stone. He will keep the other one and issue it as instructed by committee.

Mr Halsey also has a key as site warden. D.K.P. asked for a list of key holder to be prepared by Mr Webb for listing at the next meeting. Seconded by Mr Furley and carried.

Mr Webb. from the Chair had a go
at committee ref Volunteers. Sunday morning.
This was met with total rejection.
The main outcome being that committee
being recognisable as responsible and
active allottees had a responsibility
to themselves and their prime purpose
which was to get a crop from their
own plots. To be a member of
committee should not be a fail safe
every Sunday morning.

Sunday 23RD. Next shed meeting ref
outstanding rents 10-00 AM. Mr Perkins
tendered his apologies saying he could
not be present.

There being no other business the
meeting closed at 10-10 PM.

Next meeting 1ST. April 1975. 8.00 PM

Members present:

Webb. Perkins. Strand.
Gurney. Giles. Hall. Sheehan.
Pinfold. Adams. Twiley. Day.
Hickman. Stower.



Minutes Secretary
Ray Webb
9/11/1975

Minutes of Committee Meeting
Chairman:- Mr Roy Webb.

April 1st 75

10 members present.

Apologies:- Mr Smith. + Mr Stone.

Mr Bowen read letter from Mr Vaulter informing the committee that owing to working nights he was unable to attend meeting + wished to be relieved of the position of Chairman.

It was suggested that a letter should be sent thanking him for past services.

A letter from Marton Parish Council was also read in which they wished to know what kind of road we required + what help we were prepared to give.

This was discussed at length + it was moved by Mr Gurney + seconded by Mr Pinfold that a survey similar to Boreto Lane should be asked for. Mr Howard said he would be meeting the surveyors at a council meeting + he would pass the request to them.

RENTS

It was reported that 18 rents had not been paid but due to the wet weather a little more time would be given before action was taken.

CULTIVATION OF ROUGH GROUND

This matter was discussed again + Mr Day had a contract at work who did that work, but due to the heavy rainfall no progress