Minutes of the Court Place Farm Allotments Association Annual General Meeting for 1978 held in Mortimer Hall, Old Marston on Friday 1st December. The meeting commenced at 7-45 P.M.
Number of people in attendance 20.

Apologies for absense

Mr D. King, Mr Dibsdale. Mr G Smith

Chairmans opening remarks.

Mr Webb. welcomed members and explained the form of the meeting and the fact that a new committee is to be formed also that officers and wardens would be needed. he further explained that future rents would have to be discussed in view of the expected increase in our ground rent in the new lease expected in 1980. He then expressed disappointment with the attendance of the A.G.M. people say they are coming and then they dont, we had also had Radio Oxford inform that our A.G.M was on. A new committee was needed to run the site and the shop also the accounts. Mr Webb concluded by saying that we are now the best run site in Oxford but there is still need for improvements and suggestions would be welcome. thanks also to the members of the association who had helped on the site in the past year.

Minutes of the 1977 AGM

Read by Mr Sheehan minutes Secretary and Proposed as a true record by Mr Fundy Seconded by Mr Green and Voted on Unanimous

Matters arising from the 1977 minutes

Toilets.

Mr Webb stated this had been discussed in committee and Mr Straud would enlarge on this later in his report.

Secretarys Report

Mr Straud thanked the committee for a wonderful job, the Amenity Building had been erected, the water supply had been improved and there had been sales of $3,500 there had been a lot of work in handling. Thanks must go to Mrs Hall our Treasurer for the Balance sheet and the handling of the cash over the year. We also had a very good stock. Mr Straud then explained the purchase of goods and how we needed money for this purpose. Water Supply a 1" main was in to the first tank and with the water now off we are hoping to make some more progress so next year much better

Toilets

The one near the top gate was in very poor condition and would need a lot of money to make it usable but this would be looked at by the new committee.

<u>Water supply cont</u>.

We had had £60 of work done on our improved supply and there would be no 12½% added to our ground rent. Mr Strand fully explained the problems we had over our water supply i.e. the fact that the water board inspector had insisted that the trench be 2' deep for our new main and this had cost us £50-00

<u>Topsoil</u>

We had received topsoil from the council and this was worth approx £150. <u>Mr Strand</u> then asked that it be minuted what a great help ~~to~~ Cllr. W. Fagg had been to our association and would continue to be as we lead into negotiations on the new leases for 1980 onwards. also Cllr Staniford had been a great help.

<u>Mr Friar</u> has been very active in improving plots.

Mr Strand continued by saying that we have been going forward and more has been achieved in the last 3 years than in the previous 20 years. also we had made profits on potatatoes. sales. Mr Strand proposed ~~that~~ this coming year we wait and see what will happen to <u>potatoe</u> prices

<u>Rents</u> these must be at a reasonable level

in the northeast they were £10-00 per plot and country wise the average was £5-00 to £6-00 so in 1980 Alford city allotments could be in for a big rise.

Insurance

This would cost £30-00 a year and would cover Personnell Accident Liability, Theft, Fire.

Future site jobs.

Trees needed lopping and repairs where needed for our old shed the rent account would have to cover this. Mr Stroud concluded that we are providing a good service and hope to continue to do so.

Mr Pinfold

asked if the insurance cover insured our stock also answer yes.

Mrs Pinfold asked if insurance cover covered children on the site that belonged to non allottees answer yes.

Mr Sheehan asked if the insurance was going ahead answer yes as was stated at the last committee meeting Mr Webb commented that we were getting help on the site ~~two~~ from Mr Green of the city estates because we were helping ourselves.

Trees. Mr Stroud commented that the council had an order out to fell our dead elms and this could happen anytime. Mr Webb asked what we were repensable for Mr Stroud replied certain ditches, hedges which will soon need doing and willow trees in the hedges.

Toilets

Mr Webb stated that an Elsen type toilet would need a lot of cleaning ect. but the toilet in the top field could be repaired with a lot of effort, a new one near our amenity Building would cost a lot of money and be a lot of work. The new committee would look into this problem but it would be difficult.

Treasurers Report.

The General account stood at £233 in bank from the Balance sheet it could be seen that we have stock of £1,204 and our sales had been £3,500 Mrs Hall then explained the items on the Balance sheet.

Rent account stood at £214 in bank our assets were £1,080 including Amenity Building which was ours. Mrs Hall then thanked Mr Stroud and the committee for their help. Our auditor had been bought a present as would not take a fee.

Mr Jandy

enquired about interest on our overdraft of £88 - Mrs Hall explained as money goes in our overdraft disappears. Mr Sheehan enquired about our profit margin this was approx

10% on tools 5% on Time 20% on General goods.
Mr Nicholls
asked about $200 from General account for the Amenity Building This was explained as a committee decision so we wanted to buy it.
Mr Soames thought that the $10-00 to Mr Prior was not much for the ammount of work he had put in on the site. it seems that Mr Prior was very happy with $10-00 and didnt really want that. Mrs Hall commented that a lot of Senior Citizens had helped on site Mr Webb stated that it was difficult to get volunteers and we were having to hire people to get jobs done. Mr Webb then thanked Mrs Hall for her balance sheet.
Mr Rinfold thanked committee for having high stocks and low Bank balance and thought that a good job was being done.
Elections
The following proposals were made and voted on.
Chairman. Mr Tandy proposed by Mr Green Seconded by Mr Hall
Mr Webb proposed by Mr Sheehan Seconded by Mr Renfold. The vote was 2 for Mr Tandy 13 for Mr Webb.
Mr Webb is Therefore Chairman.

Secretary.
Mr Strand was proposed by Mr Pinfold Seconded by Mr Short and duly Elected

Treasurer.
Mr Tandy was proposed by Mr Hall Seconded by Mr Green
Mrs Hall was proposed by Mr Webb. Seconded by Mr Short but Mrs Hall declined to stand so Mr Tandy was duly Elected.

Minutes Secretary.
Mr Sheehan was proposed by Mr Webb Seconded by Mr Loames. and duly Elected.

Assistant Treasurer.
Mrs Hall was proposed by Mr Webb and Seconded by Mr Hay and duly Elected.

Wardens.
The following people were proposed as site wardens. Mr Green, Mr King, Mr Hodge, Mr Hosely, Mr Prior

Committee men.
Mr Short, Mr Hay Mr G Smith, Mr Loames, Mr Grender. Mr Pinfold Mr A Smith, Mr Maclennan Mr Hodge Mr Dinsdale, were duly Elected.

Auditor

Mr Hall proposed a Mr Clifford.

Mr Pinfold then proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee for all their efforts on site and in the Amenity Building.
Mr Webb proposed that a Xmas present be given to Mrs Hall this would be decided on when the new committee meet.

Future Rents.

Mr Sheehan read from the minutes of the outgoing committee advice on what future rents should be
Mr Grinder proposed that the recommendation of the outgoing committee be accepted i.e. ₤3-50 per plot ₤1-75 per ½ plot per annum O.A.P^s ₤2-50 per plot and ₤1-25 per half plot per annum seconded Mr Soame
Mr Green commented that we should leave the O.A.P^s alone Mr Pinfold stated it was a larger increase for O.A.P^s.
Mr Carvell enquired how many O.A.P^s. there were on site answer out of 200 plots 41 were rented by O.A.P^s
Mr Sheehan proposed ₤4-00 per plot ₤2 half plot and O.A.P. ₤2-00 per plot and ₤1-00 per half plot per annum. this was seconded by Mr Green.
The voting on the two proposals. was thus 1ST proposal 13 votes

second proposal 2 votes so proposal 1 carried.

Any Other Buisness

Mr Webb thanked the members for comming there being no further buisness the meeting closed at 10-05 PM the 1st committee meeting to be on the 2nd janeuary at 7-30 pm in Mortimer Hall Old Marston.

K. Sheehan.
(Minutes Secretary)

G. J. Sandy