

Minutes of the Caunt Place Farm Allotments Annual General Meeting for 1981 held in Mortimer Hall, 21st Marston, on Wednesday 2nd December. The meeting commenced at 7-40 PM.

Number of members in attendance - 14.

Apologies for absence

Mr Braugh, Mr Shont.

Mr Slay chairman thanked the members for their attendance.

Minutes of the 1980 A.G.M. These were read by Mr Shahan and proposed as a true record by Mrs Faulkes and seconded by Mr Faulkes.

Secretary's Report

Mr Straud presented a typewritten sheet to the members with his review of the year, this is shown overleaf. Mr Straud further reported two breakins during the year which resulted in a broken door, and the loss of a small amount of cash. Thanks were given to Mr G Smith for his efforts on Committee also to Messrs. Bartlett + Harris for work on new buildings. We also had some money from council for roadways, Hedge & Ditch on East Borsnday, and Willow Tree cutting this would all be done before March.

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1981

I could well have been reporting our most successful year after four years of great activity and success, our efforts were almost reduced to nothing in one disastrous night. Our sales had just reached £200 per week and we had unfortunately just stocked up for a record season, the fire which ruined our main storage building and damaged our sales building in March could not have come at a worse time, or a worse day, a day later we would have sold another £200 of stock and almost cleared the potatoes. As the contents of this wooden building were only insured for £500, after stock-taking a rough estimate showed quite a loss. To make matters worse there was quite a delay before the insurance assessor came and a lot of saleable stock deteriorated due to the rain. We must thank Mr. Garner, who phoned and directed the fire brigade, a delay of another ten minutes and we would have lost both buildings.

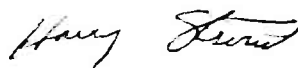
Also thanks to some committee members we were able to clear up the mess and space for a temporary building. This building was purchased rather cheaply and erected quickly to enable us to carry on, fortunately the City Council re-embursed us later for this.

I would also like to thank George Smith for repairing the Banbury Building and for painting it inside and out. The hardest problem was re-stocking in mid-spring, especially potatoes. Profits suffered rather in consequence. At the time of reporting the base of the new building has just been laid and the new Marley-type Building, 24' x 16', is expected on the 7th, so it will be a rather busy Xmas holiday re-lining and fitting up. This building will be fireproof, so there wouldn't be any insurance problems. We have arranged a seasonal policy to allow for heavy stocks during spring and summer.

Due to the bad weather, the worst spring on records, cultivation was very difficult early in the year. Then came eight weeks of drought, which made the soil very lumpy.

The autumn has been very good and a lot of allottees have almost completed their winter digging to avoid a repeat of this year. The Council are about to repair our roadways and toilet, also cut the hedge on the Marsh Lane boundary and clear out the ditch.

Wishing you all a better New Year than this one. Things can only improve!



Hon. Secretary

Mr Cavell enquired how many vacant plots were on site. Mr Strand replied 5 plots and 3 1/2 plots. Mr Cavell thought this fact ought to be put in the Parish Magazine, The Secretary thought not as this was bad publicity.

Mr Padwell complained that he was suffering from an injustice regarding his rent for the size of plot in comparison with others. After explaining his complaint in detail it was decided that the letting committee would examine the situation in detail next Sunday.

Mr Bartlett enquired about the position regarding its bad state of the entrance road. This was explained as a problem of the Monston Parish Council.

Mr Strand reported that it would cost £160 to repair our toilet and the Council were looking into it.

Ballot a delivery of this was coming for our main roads and the help of allatters was needed in doing this work. Mr Harris stated a lot of people were at work when this needed to be done. After discussion it was felt that that the problem of spreading ballast was a problem but Mr Strand thought we ought to go ahead.

Treasurers Report.

Mr Jandy read through printed sheet shown overleaf explaining General, Deposit, & Rent Accounts.

Court Place Farm Allotment Association.

Accounts Year Ending Nov. 1981

General Account.

Expenditure

Opening Stock.	£2386-61	Sales.	£4474-94
Purchases.	£4284-36	Closing	
Secretary's Honorarium		Stock.	£2013-85
and expenses.	£ 54-25	Received from	
Treasurers Honorarium		Insurance.	£ 836-26
and expenses.	£ 28-75	Sale of scales	
Electricity.	£ 19-94		£ 20-00
Repairs to building.	£ 90-00	Donation.	£ 20-00
Fork Lift.	£ 80-00		
Surplus for the year.	£ 421-14		
	<u>£7365-05</u>		<u>£7365-05</u>

Stock 1980	£2386-61	Bank balance plus cash in hand	£404-20	Decrease Stock	£372-76
Stock 1981	£2013-85	Bank balance plus cash in hand	£698-10	Inc. in bank	£293-90
	<u>£ 372-76</u>		£293-90	- £ 78-86	
				To Dep a/c	£500-00
					<u>£421-14</u>

Deposit Account.

Deposit Nov. 1980	£ 522-40
From general acc.	£ 500-00
Interest for year.	£ 63-46
	<u>£1085-86</u>

Rent Account.

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income.</u>	
Rent for land & shed.	£234-24	Balance B/Frwd.	£185-45
Water rate.	£ 87-06	Rents received	
Allotment federation fee.	£ 8-00	including Fines &	
Hire of Mortimer Hall.	£ 10-00	deposits.	£791-20
Grass cutting.	£ 60-00		
Petrol.	£ 7-97		
Stakes & staples.	£ 3-57		
Ladder.	£ 43-00		
Plumbing.	£ 5-00		
Insurance.	£ 52-80		
Secretary's Honorarium			
and expenses.	£ 54-25		
Treasurer's Honorarium			
and expenses.	<u>£ 28-75</u>		
	£594-64		<u>£976-65</u>
Balance at bank Nov. 1981	<u>£382-01</u>		
	<u>£976-65</u>		

Assets.
Motor Mower - Wheel barrow
Banbury Building.
Wooden shed. - Scales
Fork lift - Ladder - Steps.

Note. We are 6 months in arrears of rent but there is no increase next year.

Election of officers

Mr Soames proposed that old committee be re-elected or - Bloc
Seconded by Mr A Smith with the addition
of a committee man Mr H Bartlett
and wardens Mr Harris, Mr Dorely,
Mr Prior, Mr Green. Vote unanimous
also as committee man Mr D Turner.

Future rents

Mr Sheehan read from outgoing
committees last meeting recommending that
there be no increase in rents this year
Mr Harris proposed that this be accepted
£4-50 per flat per annum + £3-50
O.A.P.s. Seconded by Mr Soames and vote
unanimous.

Any other Business

Mr Stroud reported that
new rent cards would be issued in the
new year. Mrs Faulkner thought a notice
board would be useful.
There being no further business the meeting
closed at 8-45 p.m. the new committee's
first meeting to be on Jan 5th 1982
in Mortimer Hall at 7-30 p.m.

K Sheehan
(Miss Secretary.)