

Minutes of the Court Place Farm Allotments Association Annual General Meeting for 1977 held in Mortimer Hall, Old Warsten on Thursday 3rd November. The meeting commenced at 7-45 PM.

Number of people in attendance 22.
Guest Mr Green of The City Estates

apologies for absence Mr Mr. Todd, Mr A. Smith, Mr Cherry who by letter thanked the committee for their efforts.

Chairman's Remarks

The chairman welcomed everyone to the A.G.M. and thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts and regular attendance. He also welcomed Mr Green from the City Estates. Mr Webb then explained to the A.G.M. the part that the Secretary and Treasurer would play in the proceedings. He then expressed disappointment at the poor attendance to the A.G.M. as it was a chance to thank the committee and ask questions on the years activities. Mr Webb went on to say that a new committee was now to be formed and he hoped nominations would be forthcoming also Site Wardens would be needed. During the year the following O.A.s. had died Mr Prince, Mr Macker, Mr Jangy, Mr Hickman, and Mr Stratton. Mr Webb then asked that it be minuted the

efforts of a Mr Prior who had done a wonderful job on the ditch and his plot and efforts towards the new shed. Mr Webb concluded that at the deaths he had mentioned, representatives of the Association had been present at the funerals.

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Read, and proposed as a true record by Mr King
Seconded by Mr G Smith.

Matters arising from the 1976 Minutes.

Mr King asked about the toilets as a year had gone by. The Secretary replied that the 1" main was still needed but the toilets were still in mind.

Mr Beesley proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Sheehan for his efforts as assistant Secretary seconded by Mr Sheat

Discussion with Mr Green.

Mr Green thanked the committee for its invitation to the A.G.M. He reported that he was sorry to say that the money situation had not improved in the last year. Our site improvements were very good and the council would help where it can but the coming year was going to be very grim. Mr Beesley asked how much was the council giving to the

Oxford city allotments answer £1,750 between all the sites. Mr. Beesly then asked about an garage bog which had cost us £120. Mr. Green explained that the decision had been taken in council to charge $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ on money spent on the site this to be added to the rent forever. Mr. Beesly then said with respect that promises from the council were not being kept. and would Mr. Green take the message back to the council that more help was needed. Mr. Pinfold commented that this $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ was very bad and it was not interest. Mr. Green then reported that the water would be connected in the near future and the cost would be £260 as a large hole had to be dug. Mr. Hall asked do you take improvements we make into account answer no. There was thanks to Mr. Green for coming.

Secretary's Report.

Mr. Straud Reported that it had been a good year financially but not a marvelous year for growing but most allottees were happy with their results. We were trying to make our site ~~one of~~ the best and it was now one of the best thanks to the efforts of the committee and others. We had made lots of

improvements but we had been accused of doing too much too quick which was quite true, but money we expected didn't come. We are hoping to get a % free loan from the bank of \$200-00 and \$200-00 from the general account for our new community building this was needed for our stock and mauer so we could not get these insured at the moment also the new Building would be frost free. Mr Strand thanked Mr Prior and Mr Cherry for their efforts on the site also to Mr J Smith for mowing the grass for which he would accept no payment. also thanks to Mr King and Mr Dibsedale for their efforts. Mr Strand further reported that shed sales for the year had been good approx \$3,000 Thanks must go to Mrs Hall for a very good job sorting out the money and rents. Potatoe sales were not very good as there was a lack of response from allatties even though we sold very good seed. This year there would not be so many varieties and the cost would be \$13-00 per cwt for earlys and \$12-00 for main crop approximately. New allatties Mr Strand reported that some were good but some were bad and abusive and didnt do their job properly. Mr Strand concluded by thanking committee men for donating raffle prizes.

Mr Webb explained why we were being hard on people who don't do their parts as this was because of the waiting list. Mr Webb further explained the need of money for purchases.

Treasurers Report

Mr Hall thanked all the committee men for their hard work. Mrs Hall then explained the two accounts the General Account and the Rent Account and explained that our ^{ground} rent was in arrears. Mrs Hall then went through the Balance sheet explaining the various items, profit was approx. 13% on sales. Mr Straub had only accepted half of his Generararium. Mr Beesely commented that Generarariums must not be refused and if they are given back they should be shown as a donation it was generally agreed that this was so. Mr Webb then offered Mrs Hall a token which she accepted. Proposal from Mr Beesely that Generarariums should be accepted and only received back as donations and this shown on the balance sheet. Seconded by Mr James Wate Unanimous.

Election of Officers:

Mr Short proposed that the Executive be re-elected Mr Straub, Mr Webb, Mrs Hall and Mr Sheehan all said they would and were so elected.

Ass Treasurer Mr Hall 13 votes Mr
Tandy 3 votes Mr Hall Elected.
Committee 10 members.

Mr A Smith, Mr J Smith, Mr
Dibsdale, Mr James, Mr Short, Mr Tandy
Mr Thompson, Mr Beesely Mr ~~W. Hall~~, ~~Mr~~
~~W. Hall~~, ~~Mr~~ Parker Mr Slaff.
Elected.

Workers Mr King Mr Haseby, Mr Green.
Mr Churney. Elected
Mr Simon

Auditors. Mrs E. S. de la Pina and
Mr Worthington.

Rents
Mr Shuban read from the minutes
of the outgoing committee advice to the
A.G.M. Re \$3-00 per plat and \$200 per
plat for O.A.P.s. Mr Straud explained the
rent position up to 1980 when we
must expect a very large increase in
our site rent. at the moment the average
rent for a plat country wide was
about \$4-00 a plat. Mr Faybent
suggest that we leave the O.A.P.s alone
and charge \$5-00 per plat for the rest
Mr Straud said this was too high and
above the aeford average.
Mr Linfold stated that the committee
pajias was that we cushion the blow
of 1980 and the money we take
we use on site improvements.
Mr Beesely said O.A.P.s. had low rents
and some ~~a~~ people were cherd up abo

Proposal from Mr Reese that from a time to be decided O.A.P.s. only get one 10 pole plot at low rate and their additional plots be charged at full rate. Seconded by Mr King. Vote 4 for and 13 against. Also the rent to be £3-00 per plot 17 for and 2 against and £2-00 " " O.A.P.s. 15 for 3 against. Mr Carvell requested that at the next A.G.M. could the facts on O.A.P.s. plots etc. be available.

Additions to Rules:

Mr Straud complained about people who wash tools and vegetables in the tanks and explained the spread of disease and would like to see the fine raised from 20p to 50p. Proposal from Mr Gurney that the washing of anything in the tanks is a prohibited act and will be fined £100 Sec by Mr G. Smith and carried.

Late payment of rent a proposal from Mr King that only two Sundays be for the payment of rent and then a 50p fine. Seconded by Mr Lambert. 21 for and 1 against.

Mr Webb. asked for advice from the float on getting rid of people who do not fully cultivate their plots it was agreed to leave them as they are and let committee decide on any action.

Deposit on plots

Mr. Strand stated some allottees are difficult in starting their plots and a deposit should be charged. Proposal from Mr. Linfold that as well as a 20p membership fee a deposit of £1.00 be charged. Seconded by Mr. Nicholls and Carried.

Any other Business

Mr. Lambert said check your loan from the bank will be interest free. Mr. Strand agreed he would.

Mr. Green stated that when we got toilets a key deposit be charged. Main gate Mr. Short stated it was never closed and there was trouble from motor bikes. Mr. Strand stated that we can only close it at night as it was difficult during the day. There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45 pm. The new committee to meet in Mortimer Hall the 1st Tuesday in December.

W. Sheehan.
Sec. Secretary

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1 Dec. 1978