

Minutes of the East Place Farm Allotments Association Annual General Meeting for 1987.
Held in Mortimer Hall, Old Marston on Tuesday 8th December 1987. The meeting commenced at 7-30 p.m.

number of persons in attendance — 12.

apologies for absence — none.

The chairman Mr K. Slay welcomed the members.

Minutes of the 1986 A.G.M. read and proposed as a true record by Mr Harris Seconded by Mr Hodge.

Matters arising
Ditches in Lower field had been cleaned out and a good job done.
Profits on Sales.

Mr Hodge enquired about the 20% profit on sales. Mr Slay reported lots of things were cheaper this year Mr Hodge still thought prices were high.

Secretary's report.
Mr Strand reported that the ditches in the top field were soon to be cleaned out by the council. Mr Strand also presented each member present with a printed sheet giving details of the year's highlights.

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MARSTON COURT PLACE FARM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

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Hon. Treasurer

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Secretary's Report for the Year Ending Nov. 1987.

Hon. Secretary

Mr. H. J. Stroud
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Again this was not a good year regarding the weather. A very cold & wet spring which delayed the preparation of the ground for early sowings. This was followed by drought conditions which did not give early sowings the chance to catch up. Early potatoes and Runner Beans were also difficult and everything and everyone suffered badly from the high level of slug infestation.

The Council did plough up several of the vacant plots, but none of these were let as a result, and at the end of the year we have a large number of plots to let. Other work arranged by the council after pressure from the Committee was the ditch clearance on the Northern Boundary and this has made a big difference to the drainage on the adjacent plots. In fact one of our allottees in that area won the award for best allotment.

The extension of the Sales shop having been completed we were able to take deliveries in higher quantities of bulk items, this enabled us to get better terms which we were able to pass on to our allottees. It was decided that a new powered mower be bought from the profits. In addition we had the old mower repaired and put further monies towards the cost of cutting the main paths and un-cultivated plots.

We have been troubled many times with break ins of both the Goods sheds and also those of nearly all of the allottees. In the first instance tools etc were stolen, but of late it appears to be sheer vandalism. This has been reported to the police. Some of the culprits have been caught and are in prison.

Several committee members have resigned during the year and anyone interested in becoming a committee member and helping in the running of the association would be most welcome. Now is possibly the time to point out that many of the existing committee are now reaching an age when we would like to retire so the above remarks regarding the recruitment of new members is becoming increasingly urgent.

Harry Stroud.

Treasurers report.

Mr Sandy presented the meeting with a printed sheet and went through it highlighting points regarding mowers, plots, paths. also draft in shed was subsidising rent account. Mr Sandy further explained our new ground rent and annuity Building rent - Building rent up from £10-00 per annum to £100-00, ground rent up from £355-00 per annum to £497-00 an increase of together of £232-00. As a consequence of these increases plus the burden of vacant plots, etc an increase in rent was necessary.

Mr Karpis thought an increase in rent would cause more people to give up, after further discussion the proposal from the outgoing committee on the future rent was put to the meeting
£7-00 per annum per plot Pensioners
£6-00 per annum per plot. Proposed by Mr Sandy Seconded by Mr Faulkner and vote unanimous.

Printed sheet from Treasurer shown over leaf.

MARSTON COURT PLACE FARM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.

Accounts for year ending November 1987.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Opening Stock.	£2213-42	Sales.	£5177-14
Purchases.	£4718-83	Closing Stock.	£2517-51
Trading Profit.	£ 762-40		
	<u>£7694-65</u>		<u>£7694-65</u>
<u>Expenditure.</u>			
Electricity.	£ 110-24	Opening Balnce.	£1449-39
Insurance.	£ 142-00	Add Profit.	£ 762-40
Stationery.	£ 16-46		<u>£2211-79</u>
Replacement Lock.	£ 4-55	Less expenditure.	£1325-74
Secretary's Honorarium & Expenses.	£ 50-00		<u>£ 886-05</u>
Treasurer's Honorarium & Expenses.	£ 26-50	Less increase in Stock.	£ 304-09
Transferred to Deposit Account.	<u>£ 975-99</u>	Bank Balance.	<u>£ 581-96</u>
	<u>£1325-74</u>		

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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

Deposits at November 1986.	£2854-91	Paid out for New Mower & repairs to Old.	£ 829-97
Interest for year.	£ 180-43	Paid out for attention to unlet plots and cutting of paths.	£ 146-02
Transferred from General Account.	<u>£ 975-99</u>		<u>£ 975-99</u>
	<u>£4011-33</u>		
less expenditure.	£ 975-99		
Balance at Nov. 1987.	<u>£3035-34</u>		

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RENT ACCOUNT.

<u>Expenditure.</u>		<u>Income.</u>	
Rent for land & shed.	£ 365-07	Balance brought forward.	£ 118-81
Water Rate.	£ 152-43	Rents received.	£ 712-45
Allotment Federation Fee	£ 10-00		
Hire of Hall.	£ 3-00		
Insurance.	£ 30-00		
Grass cutting etc.,	£ 53-45		
Secretary's Honorarium & Expenses.	£ 50-00		
Treasurer's Honorarium & Expenses.	£ 26-50		
	<u>£ 690-45</u>		
Balance at Bank.	<u>£ 140-81</u>		
	<u>£831-26</u>		<u>£ 831-26</u>

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Election of officers

It was decided to re elect the outgoing committee.

Chairman Mr K Hay Secretary Mr H Stroud

Treasurer Mr J Gandy. Miss Secretary

Mr J Sheehan.

Committee Mr Robinson, Mr Lawin, Mr Sirt, Mr Cading, Mr & Mrs Faulkes, Mr G Smith, Mr Elliot,

Site Wardens Mr Harris, Mr King.

Any other Business

First committee meeting to be on the first Tuesday in February 1988

Dividing Paths. Mr Harris enquired who should cut paths between plots as he had a problem. Mr Stroud stated he would investigate when an offending allatree name is reported to him.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-45 pm

J Sheehan.
(Miss. Secretary).

