

Minutes of the Mount Place Farm Allotments Association Annual-General meeting for 1986. Held in Mortimer Hall, Old Marston on 9th of December 1986. The meeting commenced at 7-35 pm.

Number of people in attendance 13.

Apologies for absence Mr K. Short and Mr Gavin Latimer.

Minutes of the 1985 AGM. Read and proposed as a true record by Mr Grindler Seconded by Mr Sandy.

Matters arising

Our Amenity Building was now complete. Our temporary building was still in position and at some time would have to come down.

Secretary's report.

A new lease for the site was due in a year and our ground rent would rise by £10-00 per acre.

Two ditches were due to be cleared in the lower field. Mr Harris expressed concern that the last time this was done it was dumped on plots and this time the situation would have to be watched. It appears to be a big job.

Signs on Tanks.

Notices were still required regarding the rule that the washing of vegetables etc. is forbidden in water tanks committee would continue to be

vigilant
Mr Strand presented to members a printed
sheet shown below.

SECRETARIES REPORT

Once more I have to report a very disappointing year from the weather angle. We had a very wet winter and early spring with some very sharp frosts making it very difficult to store potato seed. When spring eventually came we had lots of floods, causing a lot of damage at the north end of the allotments. Then came a drought for three months, the potatoes suffered from first the drought and rain.

The autumn was quite good and the winter crops have grown well.

The Council are about to re-drain the northern end when the weather permits, they have completed the extension to the store at a cost of £5000.

The City in Bloom was very successful at the Town Hall all the Allotment Associations supported the event well.

The sales in the store are again over £5000, making a lot of work for the few, and we would be pleased to have some more committee members.

We had another visit from thieves in the stores but there was very little money taken.

We hope for a better spring this coming year to give encouragement to allotment holders.

H. S. S.

Questions to Secretary

A Mr McCarthy complained that the plot next to him was not being cultivated and seeding weeds were a nuisance. It was pointed out that this can be dealt with through committee as can any other individual complaint. Spraying plots with weedkiller ~~that~~ was expensive and sometimes other allottees complained. The next committee would give urgent attention to the problem of rough plots.

Treasurers report

Mr Sandy explained the accounts with a printed sheet presented to allottees (shown overleaf) we hoped to hold prices of goods in the shop now that it is bigger we can buy more stock. Mr Sandy report that our ground rent would increase this year from £25 to £35.00 per acre (note: our site is 16 1/4 acres approx.) also we have to pay our building rent.

Questions to ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer

A Mr Hodges thought our prices in the shop were too high and that other associations were cheaper. The Secretary explained that we are reducing costs wherever we can.

Elections of officers for committee

Mr H. Strand, Chairman Mr K. Slay Secretary
Treasurer, Mr G. Sandy, minutes Secretary
Mr L. Shahan.

Committee Mr J Smith, Mr Zinder, Mr Javin
Mr and Mrs Faulkes, Mr Dret, Mr Chapman
Mr Cading.

Site Wardens

Mr Harris, Mr McCarthy,
Mr King.

Inter Rents

The meeting accepted the guidance
of the outgoing committee that there
be no increase for the coming rent
period.

Any other Business

Complaint from a Mr
Hodges about Creosote spraying adjacent to
his plot, The Secretary would check this
complaint.

The first committee meeting to be on the
first Tuesday of February.

There being no further Business the
meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

J Sheehan.

(Miss Secretary)
Shay

Note:

~~1986~~ Treasurers Balance Sheet for 1986 →

MARSTON COURT PLACE FARM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.

Accounts for year ending November 1986.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Opening Stock.	£2300-18	Sales.	£5115-54
Purchases.	£3949-93	Closing Stock.	£2213-42
Trading Profit.	£1078-85		
	£7328-96		£7328-96
<u>Expenditure.</u>			
Electricity.	£ 118-40)	Opening Balance.	£ 604-31
Insurance.	£ 125-20)	Add Profit.	£1078-85
Stationery.	£ 4-38)		
New Padlocks.	£ 4-80)		£1683-16
Keys for Toilet.	£ 5-50)		
Repairs to Trolley.	£ 5-75)		
Secretary's Honorary & Expenses.	£ 50-00)	-----Less expenditure.	£ 320-53
Treasurer's Honorary & Expenses.	£ 26-50)		£1362-63
	£ 340-53)	Add decrease in stock.	£ 86-76
less Sale of Scales.	£ 20-00)		
	£ 320-53)	Bank balance & Cash in hand.	£1449-39

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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

Deposits at November 1985.	£2639-59
Interest for year.	£ 215-32
Balance at November 1986.	£2854-91

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RENT ACCOUNT.

Expenditure.

Rent for land & shed.	£ 365-07
Water Rate.	£ 187-01
Allotment Federation Fee.	£ 10-00
Hire of Mortimer Hall.	£ 4-00
Insurance.	£ 37-50
Grass cutting & Plot clearing.	£ 123-00
Repairs to Mower.	£ 4-81
Advertisement.	£ 21-85
Secretary's Honorary & Expenses.	£ 50-00
Treasurer's Honorary & Expenses.	£ 26-50
	£ 829-74
Balance at Bank.	£ 118-81

Income.

Balance brought forward.	£ 203-44
Rents received.	£ 745-11

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