

Minutes of the Count Place Farm Allotments
Annual General Meeting held in Montimer
Hall Old Marston on Tuesday 12th December
1989. The meeting commenced at 7-30 PM.

The chairman, Mr K Slag welcomed the
members and thanked them for attending.

Number of members present 14.

Apologies for absence Mr Savin (Lateness)

Minutes of the 1988 A.G.M. Read by Mr
Sheehan and proposed as a true record
by Mr Savin. Seconded by Mr Morris

Matters arising from 1988 Minutes

Flame Gun
this had been purchased and was available
to use, also a chain saw which was
proving useful.

Insurance it was further confirmed that
non-committee members were not insured
to use association machinery.

Secretary's report

Mr Straud had verbally
announced his retirement from the position
of secretary so the association needed a
replacement. Vacant plots there had
increased but not greatly. Machinery The
Council had demonstrated various machines
to committee representatives, a strimmer on

wheels had proved a very good machine
the other machines were no good to us
The council had loaned us a Strimmer.
Our representatives were Mr Javin Mr Robinson
and Mr Wheable and the trials were
continuing.

Ballast

We had received quantities of Ballast
from the council
North Hedge and Ditch

These were going to
be grimed and cleared. Also a tree by
a Mr Dorsey (East Boundary) was to be
felled.

Ploughed areas. These were to be leveled
and rotavated

Mr Harris enquired about Triangles of
the earth and their plans for trees and
fruit bushes on site. We would allow
fruit trees to be planted on our distinct
corners but fruit bushes would be
impractical as they would soon become
choked with weeds.

Mr Strauch written report is shown
on opposite page.

MARSTON COURT PLACE FARM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.

Secretary's Report for the Year ending November 1988.

Not a year with a great deal to report. The weather some people thought was terrible but in fact made it a very good year for vegetable growing, providing the weeds were kept in check.

The number of vacant plots has increased, and it has become increasingly difficult to control the weeds on these plots, sadly because no one appears prepared to help the few remaining people who are prepared to give some of their time.

The council did have some work done on the east boundary ditch, and repaired the stile through which the odd horse has strayed. They also arranged for some of the vacant plots to be ploughed in.

The main paths have been kept cut by the valiant few, this year at no cost to the association but this will, no doubt, have to be revised in the coming year. Also we are very grateful to Peter Savin ^{& Mr Harris} for the work he has done in clearing the open ditch that runs through the allotments of its annual growth of weeds.

Rents had to be increased this year due to the large increase in rent that we have to pay to Oxford City Council, and the new lease has now been signed and sealed.

H. Stroud.

Treasurer's report.

Mr Sandy presented the meeting with the printed sheet of our accounts (see overleaf). Mr Sandy announced that there was no need for any increase in the rent charged to allottees for the next period. Water Bill a leak had been found on our side of the meter which accounted for some of the increase in our water Bill, we had appealed to Thames Water for a rebate and had been granted £50.00. Thames water stated that the leak did not explain all our extra bill and it seemed there had been some excessive use of Noxpipes. Mr Sheehan supported by Mr Harris thought Mr Sandy had done an

excellent job in the presentation of the
Association accounts this was echoed by
all in attendance.

MARSTON COURT PLACE FARM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 1989

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Opening Stock.	£2243-83	Sales.	£5397-81
Purchases.	£4616-53	Closing Stock.	£2608-54
Trading Profit.	£1145-99		
	<u>£8006-35</u>		<u>£8006-35</u>

Expenditure.

Electricity.	£ 50-37	Opening Balance.	£1359-53
Insurance.	£ 142-00	Add Profit.	£1145-99
Stationery & Bags.	£ 28-40		<u>£2505-52</u>
Replacement Locks.	£ 4-69	Less Expenditure.	£ 808-12
Petrol & Oil.	£ 28-19		<u>£1697-40</u>
Entertainment.	£ 6-00	Less Increase in	
Shed Rent.	£ 100-00	stock.	£ 364-71
Chain Saw & Flame Thrower.	£ 244-97	Closing Balance.	£1332-69
Repairs to equipment.	£ 88-48		
Sundry Tools.	£ 90-02		
Treasurer's Honorarium.	£ 25-00		
	<u>£ 808-12</u>		

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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

Deposits at November '88	£3162-38
Interest for year.	<u>£ 178-53</u>
Balance at November '89	<u>£3340-91</u>

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RENT ACCOUNT.

Rent for land.	£ 497-08	Income.	
Insurance.	£ 50-00	Balance brought	
Water Rates.	£ 223-57	forward.	£ 233-81
Allotment Federation Fee.	£ 10-00	Rents received.	£ 822-10
Hire of Hall.	£ 3-00		
Treasurer's Honorarium &			
Expenses.	£ 27-00		
	<u>£ 810-65</u>		
Balance at end of year.	£ 245-26		
	<u>£1055-91</u>		<u>£1055-91</u>

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Election of Officers.

Chairman Mr Shay Treasurer Mr Gandy.

Minutes Secretary Mr Sheehan.

Mr Wheable proposed Mr Gavin and Mr Gandy as joint Secretary/Treasurer seconded by Mr Durham and vote unanimous

Committee men. Mr Siret Mr Robinson, Mr Cann.

Site wardens Mr Chapman, Mr Wheable.

Any other Business.

Mr Harris enquired if we should send a letter of appreciation to Mr Strand for all his work over the years as our Secretary. Mr Sheehan further suggested ~~to~~ a presented gift as did the whole A.G.M. Suggested items were a carriage clock, watch, or crystal to the value of between £50-£100. Committee to find out what Mr Strand would like.

Hosepipes

Mr Chapman enquired if he ~~paid~~ paid £10-00 to association fund could he use a hosepipe directly on to his plot Mr Sheehan read from the rules (Rule K) that hosepipes are not to be used direct onto plots as this can lead to the

member losing his plot.

Mr Savin reminded the meeting that the committee were undecided on allowing the use of hoses.

Mr Lusham thought we should change rule K.

Mr Savin suggested 25p per hour and we would put people on trust to pay.

Mr Hodge stated register a hosepipe holder and charge £10-00 per annum. Proposal from Mr Sandy that permits be issued at the cost of £7-50 per annum on a years trial. Seconded by Mr Harris and vote unanimous.

First Meeting of new committee to be announced

There being no further business the meeting closed.

H Lusham.
(Mins Secretary)