

Minutes of the Court Place Farm Allotments
association Annual General meeting for 1988
Held in Mortimer Hall, Old Marston on Tuesday
13th December 1988 the meeting commenced
at 7-30 pm.

Chairmans Remarks Mr Slay welcomed the
members present to the meeting. Number
of persons in attendance 12.

Apologies for absence Mr Savin (Latimers)

Minutes of the 1987 A.G.M. These were read
out by Mr Sheehan to the meeting
Proposed as a true record by Mr Hodge
Seconded by Mr McCarthy.

Matters arising

Mr McCarthy complained that
the cutting of grass on the paths was
not wide enough. It was pointed out
the dangers of obstructions at the path
edges and the few that were on the
committee were doing their best.

Mr Hodge commented that our prices
in the shop were high when compared
with other sites as he had stated at
the last a.g.m. Mr Gandy Treasurer stated
we were as cheap as anywhere and our
profit margin was 20%.

RESOLVES

Secretary Report Mr Gandy presented all
present with a printed sheet shown
overleaf.

MARSTON COURT PLACE FARM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.

Accounts for year ending November 1988.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Opening Stock.	£2517-51	Sales.	£5325-76
Purchases.	£4163-29	Closing Stock.	£2243-83
Trading Profit.	£ 888-79		
	<u>£7569-59</u>		<u>£7569-59</u>
<u>Expenditure.</u>			
Electricity.	£ 67-90	Opening Balance.	£ 581-96
Insurance.	£ 142-00	Add Profit.	£ 888-79
Stationery.	£ 1-75		
Replacement locks.	£ 11-73		<u>£1470-75</u>
Petrol & Oil.	£ 13-78	Less expenditure.	£ 384-90
Entertainment.	£ 4-00		
Shed Rent. Oxford. C C.	£ 100-00		<u>£1085-85</u>
Bank Charges.	£ 1-24	Plus decrease in stock.	£ 273-68
Secretary's Honorarium.	£ 15-00		
Treasurer's Honorarium			
& Expenses.	£ 27-50		
	<u>£ 384-90</u>	<u>BANK BALANCE</u>	<u>£1359-53</u>

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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

Deposits at November 1987.	£3035-34
Interest for Year.	£ 127-04
	<u>£3162-38</u>
Balance November 1988.	

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RENT ACCOUNT.

Rent for land.	£ 497-09	<u>Income.</u>	
Water Rate.	£ 152-91	Balance brought forward.	£ 140-81
Allotment Federation Fee.	£ 10-00		
Hire of Hall.	£ 1-00	Rents received.	£ 848-50
Insurance.	£ 40-00		
Fees re. New Lease.	£ 12-00		
Secretary's Honorarium.	£ 15-00		
Treasurer's Honorarium			
& Expenses.	£ 27-50		
	<u>£ 755-50</u>		
Balance at Bank.	£ 233-81		<u>£989-31</u>
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Mr Tandy explained points about his report and that a lot of stock was on order. Future rents: no increase was necessary at this time.

Secretary's report Mr Stroud gave all present printed sheet

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.

Questions to Secretary Mr Harris asked about vacant plots answer demand was still decreasing, and the situation was the same on all Oxford City sites and was getting worse. Mr McCarthy asked what could be

done to attract allatties. Suggestions Requests,
Narrowing of Plots, perhaps.

Rabbits were also a problem this year.

Mr Siret stated it was down to individuals
to take precautions.

Use of mower and other power tools

Mr Hodge complained that allatties could
not help on grass cutting etc because
the equipment was not available to
them Mr Gandy commented that all could

not use mower this statement was
reinforced by Mr Strand who reported
that non-committee members would
not be insured against accident. New
committee would look into the situation

Election of officers for the coming 12 months.

Treasurer. Mr Gandy, proposed by Mr Siret
Seconded by Mr Sheehan. Vote unanimous

Secretary. Mr Strand, proposed by Mr Harris
Seconded by Mr Wheable unanimous

Chairman. Mr Slay, Proposed by Mr Sheehan
Seconded by Mr Wheable unanimous

Min Secretary. Mr Sheehan. Proposed Mr Gandy
Seconded by Mr Slay unanimous

Committee. Mr Javin, Mr Siret, Mr Robinson.

Site wardens. Mr Harris, Mr McCarthy.

Any other business Mr Sandy asked the meeting what we could spend our profit on. Suggestions where reduce prices in shop. Flame gun. Flat path cutting equipment. considering Insurance of such.
Mr Wheale suggested that non allatiers be charged more in the shop.

Mr Morris stated that he would like to improve the work Mr Jawn had put into site work this was agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-00 pm. The first committee meeting to be arranged.

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(Min Secretary)
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