

Minutes of the 1996 A.G.M. of Court Place Farm allotments, held in Mortimer Hall, Old Marston on Wednesday 15th May. The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm. number of persons in attendance 27.

Apologies for absence none.

minutes of the 1995 AGM read and proposed as a true record by Mr Cann, seconded by Mr Carr.

Matters arising none.

Chairman's report. Mr Wheable reported that the year had seen cost escalating and less members. There was thankfully only a little vandalism over the year. The council had done some work i.e. hedge cut, path levelled and not much else. We had 198 plots and only 95 allottees, Mr Wheable then explained the need for trustees and committee.

Secretary's report.

Mr Cann reported council had rotated some plots to help with letting also the turning off of our water supply to conserve cost Mr Cann also emphasised there were no plans to give up any part of our site. Mr Cann presented meeting with printed sheet shown overleaf —.

SECRETARYS PRINTED SHEET.

There has been a few minor theft instances but on the whole a year with little vandalism.

Over the whole of Oxford city the uptake of allotments have been on the increase, with some associations even having waiting lists.

We have had another year of breaking even really with a number of new allottees, one or two which have come, looked and went away again while others have stayed and so far are making good progress on some plots.

The council, have tried to bring people on to allotments and vacant plots back into use, have been ploughing/rotivating areas which is thought to be lettable. They are not willing to ploughing up great areas just for it to quickly revert back to waste land.

However, as confirmed with other associations secretaries, this has not worked as originally planned.

The work was contracted out to the Parks department who fully admit that they do not have the agricultural equipment to tackle such jobs, afterall their everyday work is cutting parks and weeding flower beds. We have had five plots rotorvated, the land was too wet and too uneven for a plough!!!

There has been a trial period of turning off the water during the week, I turn it on on Saturday morning and then turn it off on Sunday evening. This is due to the spiralling water bills we are experiencing and must ask all allottees to bear in mind that the rents we pay not only cover the rent to the council for the land but also the water. In some areas that does not happen, allottees pay rent for their plot and then an amount towards the water bill.

We have advertised in the Parish Magazine which has brought some interest.

However, we seem to be continually asked about when we will be closing or on which part will the building start, us being confused with the parish allotment site down Mill Lane.

I would like to state that as far as this Association and the City Council is concerned there are no plans to close or give up any areas of the site.

It is true that with another rent increase from the city council coming next year we must ensure that we do not get into difficulties.

However, I believe that with the combined efforts of every allottee, whether in getting new allottees or helping in anyother way, why we can not see Court Place Farm Allottees Association being the same size landwise in 10 years time not just 5.

Treasurers Report.

a printed sheet was presented to meeting —: Shown below.

Rent A/c as at 30th September 1995

Rent Collected	1078.75
Shed Rent	114.00
Fair Water	25.00
Council Grant	200.00

Rent Paid	711.99
Thames Water	216.51
General Repairs	45.92
Machinery Repairs	72.85
Petrol	49.30
Parafin	6.00
Entertaining	8.56
Stationary	2.70

Total 1417.75

Total 1113.25

Bank Account Details

Closing Balance	1669.24
Petty Cash Held	275.08
Total	1944.32

Status of rent collected March 1996

13 left to pay

41 allottee's not had rules or AGM letter.

Mr Savin asked the Treasurer if he was happy with the financial position answer yes.

Water rents. Mr Sheehan read from the outgoing committees minutes that they recommended no increase in rents. Mr Conn stated the account was healthy. Mr Hawkins proposed an annual increase of £1.00 per annum. A Rose Crabtree, if an increase was needed to enable the water to be on all the time then put it up. Mr Sheehan stated an average of 1,000 gallons a plot had been used curtail this and no increase will be needed.

Proposal from Mr Cann. that no
hosepipes be allowed on site and no
increase in the rent, and water to
be on continuously. votes of need
to be considered by committee.
Seconded by Mr Wayman and
Vote unanimous.

Trustees these to be Mr Gurney,
Mr Cann, Mr Wheale

Committee Mr Savin, Mrs Allen,
Mr Wheale, Mr Carr, Mr Mossy.

~~Mr. [unclear]~~

Chairman Mr Gurney

Secretary

Treasurer } Mr Cann

Min Secretary Mr Shahan.

Site wardens. Mr Hawkins, Mr Ward,
Mr Gunning.

Auditors Mr Jandy. £100-00 per job.

Insurance. personal liability would cost
£160 per annum

Proposal from Mr Cann that the
general account pay insurance for
3rd party useage of machinery
Sec Mr Vaughan Vote unanimous

A.O.B. There was general thanks to Mr
Wheeler for his efforts as chairman
All agreed.

Mr Gurney stated that the general
account was being audited
1st committee meeting to be announced
The meeting closed at 9-30 PM.

K. Shaban
(Miss Secretary)