

Minutes of the East Slope Farm Allotments
A.G.M. held in Mortimer Hall old Marston
on 17th May 1995 the meeting commenced
at 7-35 P.M. Number of persons present
10

Apologies for absence none

Chairmans remarks Mr Wheable welcomed
members and read his report from printed
sheet. Shown below.

Since the last A.G.M. we have not had any increase in allottees but have held our own by new members taking the place of those either giving up due to age or other reasons.

As far as damage and vandalism goes we have been very fortunate, a few sheds have been broken into and a very few tools gone missing. We did have a spate of produce theft, but thanks to members and a new tenant in a house adjacent to the land we were able to provide the police enough evidence to ensure the culprits were stopped.

We have had several spates of vandalism on the water tanks and ball valves plus taps being turned on and left running, these normally occur late on Friday evenings after the pubs close.

The short spell of cold weather caused a few bursts in some of the water pipes, but this has to be expected as each time they freeze has a weakening effect on them.

The damaged manholes and covers reported during the last A.G.M. have been repaired and the covers renewed.

At a meeting with a senior official of Oxford City Estates our landlords I was informed we the trustees could expect no financial or practical help with the great number of maintenance works required on site and must produce our own budget. The only help we may get lays in applying for grants through the National Federation of Allotments and these seem few and far between.

The estimated figure required for these works are in the region of £800.00

The grass cutting and road maintenance still rests upon a few, namely Messrs Massey, Hawkins, Ray and Mr. P. Savins. also Mr. B. Conway.

During the year the shed/shop not only wrote off all debts from the rent account but also purchased a new mower and donated it free of cost to assist in the maintenance of the site.

In order to cover the estimated costs of land rental, water charges, and possible maintenance works required during the financial year 1995-1996 working on the basis that the number of plots let will stay roughly the same, to, slightly increase the plot rental to provide a sensible budget to cover the annual inflation figure plus anticipated works and higher water charges in the next period. This is essential as we still have over 40% of plots still vacant which still have to be paid for.

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Mr Shukon (minutes Secretary) read the minutes of the 1994 A.G.M. and these were proposed as a true record by Mr Wietz and Seconded by Mr Cann and vote unanimous. There were no questions about these minutes.

Treasurers report. Mr Cann presented a printed sheet of our accounts.

COURT PLACE FARM ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION
INTERUM ACCOUNTS FROM 1ST NOVEMBER 1994
TO THE 17TH MAY 1995.

Rent A/c.			

Rent Paid Out	597.09	Balance C/f	858.65
Thames Water	87.82	Rent Received	298.00
Petrol/Oil	13.67	Cash Held	3.25
		Shed Rent	50.00
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	698.58		1209.90
		Opening Balance	77.00
		Money Paid In	421.75
		Money Paid Out	348.00

		Closing Balance	3.25
		Barclays Bank A/c.	
		Opening Balance	781.65
		Money Paid In	1432.58
		Money paid Out	684.91

		Closing Balance	1529.32
		Rent Account	

Cash Held	3.25		
Bank Balance	1529.32		

Total	1532.57		

Mr Cann Enquired if the £50.00 Shed rent had come from the Shop answer yes. The Shop account would be shown later.

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Mr Savin complained that it had always been the practice to present the Shop account at the A.G.M.

Rents for the next period Mr Sheehan read from the minutes of the last committee meeting regarding the maintenance work on site and the reason for a small rent increase. It was proposed by Mr Weitz and seconded by Mr Mossey that an increase of \$1-00 per plot per annum take place. Vote was 6 for and 4 against. Carried.

Election of committee It was proposed by Mr Wakeman and seconded by Mr Cripps that the outgoing committee be voted in enBloc. Vote unanimous.

Auditor Mr Varney or Mr Lundy.

Site work gifts It was proposed by Mr Wakeman seconded by Mr Weitz. That small gifts, for site work be given at discretion of committee. Vote 5 for 3 against carried. Mr Savin thought this proposal was bad practice and would encourage know-nothings.

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Nosepipes Mr Wheable commented that the
filling of water Butts with a Nosepipe
should be allowed this suggestion was
Proposed by Mr Winty and Seconded by
Mr Clipp vote 6 for 1 against
and 2 abstentions Carried

There being no further business the
meeting closed at 8-35 PM the first Committee
meeting to be announced later.

J. Shackam (K. SHEETAN)

Miss Secretary