

Minutes of the Court Place Farm Allotments
Association Annual General meeting for
1979 held in Montimer Hall, Old Norton
on Thursday 29th November the meeting
commenced at 7.45 p.m.
Number of people in attendance 20

Apologies for absence Mr R. Webb.

Opening remarks.

Mr Jandy apologised for
the late start of the A.G.M. due to
the very informative slide show shown
by Mr Stroud. These slides and talk
had been very informative and Mr Jandy
thanked Mr Stroud on behalf of the
meeting.

Minutes of the 1978 A.G.M. These were
read by Mr Sheehan and proposed as
a true record by Mrs. Hall, and
seconded by Mr G. Smith and vote
unanimous

Matters arising

Toilets These had been
examined by committee and was found
to be in a very bad condition and
needed repairs of a major nature.
Mr Harris asked if toilets were
messy on the site. Mr Jandy
explained the position regarding the
toilets i.e. our increasing lady allottees
also the high cost of cleaning and
maintaining. Mr A. Smith quoted Mr
Stroud as saying there was only one

*successfully run toilet in Oxford so
the problem seemed insoluble.*

MARSTON COURT PLACE FARM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT

27th November 1979

Despite the very cold weather at the start of the year when nearly all the winter greens were lost, the very cold and wet spring and the long summer drought, the allotments have recovered quite well and crops are now plentiful again, especially the brussels.

This A.G.M. is rather an important one regarding the present Committee. In 1975 the position of the allotment site, when most of the present members became active, was very depressing. The site was badly neglected and a lot of work needed to be done. With little more than £100 in the bank and very little stock (£26). With a little help from the Council an attempt was started to improve matters and in just over three years the following has been achieved:-

New water main and extra points in the two fields.

A new fire-proof amenity building with an electricity supply, and a small implement shed.

A large derelict area recultivated.

Diseased trees removed.

The site generally tidied up.

New equipment bought: grass cutter, scales, tools etc.

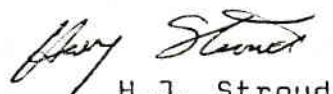
Sales have risen to £4000 per year, on one Sunday a record £200 of goods were sold. Profits on sales this year were nearly £800 and we have a stock of over £1500.

Our aim was to provide the allottee with disease-free seed and the best fertilizer etc. at lower prices. Now almost everything required for gardening is stocked. We now have over 300 members who buy from us. All this has meant a lot of work and although we try to keep a rota of people for each week, I am afraid the work has very often fallen on the few.

To be able to carry on, at the present level, we must have new blood on the Committee as all these efforts are for the benefit of all allottees. Volunteers are always welcome.

Marston allotments are no longer a joke in higher places, but are now the best in Oxford. Several associations are attempting to get up to our standard.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee and allottees who have done so much work during this period. "Never has so much been done by so few with so little".


H.J. Stroud
Hon. Sec.

Mr Harris asked how many were on the waiting list answer 12. Mr Harris then asked if this was the case why had a plot next to him not been cultivated for 8 years. Mr Straud explained that this was a difficult problem and this plot was rented by a bad allottee who presented various excuses for not clearing his plot. Mr Straud then promised that we would be firm over this issue at the next rent period. Mr Harris next complained about rats. Mr Straud replied that this was caused by allottees rubbish and a notice would be put up.

Mr Joones enquired if we could again have a skip for rubbish on site. Mr Straud replied we could but they tended to get filled with household rubbish.

Treasurers report.

Mr Jandry presented a printed sheet of the accounts to all present and explained the various items. Mr Pinfold asked if it was a typing error on two payments to the treasurer answer yes Electric supply. The treasurer explained this to a G.M. the low cost and how useful. Our Auditor Mrs S Cox would accept no fee so we had given her a bottle of Sherry to show our appreciation.

COURT PLACE FARM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATIONGENERAL ACCOUNTFOR THE YEAR ENDEN NOV. 12 1979

<u>Expenditure</u>			<u>Income</u>
Opening Stock	1264.27	Sales	4012.01
Purchases	3488.60	Closing Stock	1553.44
Secretary's Honorarium and Expenses	57.50		
Treasurer's Honorarium and Expenses	11.00		
Paper Bags	.50		
Stamps & Stationery	3.30		
Retirement Present	15.00		
Surplus for the Year	725.28		
	<u>£5565.45</u>		<u>£5565.45</u>

Stock 1979	1553.44	Bank Balance 1979	669.87	Increase in stock	289.17
		plus cash in hand			
Stock 1978	1264.27	Bank Balance 1978	233.76	Increase in Bank Bal.	436.11
	<u>289.17</u>		<u>436.11</u>		<u>725.28</u>

RENT ACCOUNT

<u>Expenditure</u>			<u>Income</u>
Rent for Land & Shed	114.67	Balance Brought Forward	
Water Rate	48.62	1978	214.24
Allotment Federation Fee	4.00	Rents March & September	627.60
Donation to Federation for Prize money	3.00	Fines for Late Rents	7.45
Purchase of 8'x6' Shed	30.00	Membership & Plot Alloc.	5.95
Hire of Mortimer Hall	7.00	Deposits	18.00
Scouts Wooden Shed Preservation	17.50		<u>873.24</u>
Paving Slabs	12.50		
Grass Cutting	10.00		
Petrol for Mower	1.00		
M.G. Priest Insurance to 23.9.79.	34.50		
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Two Sets of Scales	35.00		
Southern Electricity Installation	82.50		
Brian Malin Water Pipe Trench, New			
Cement Forecourt & Base for small Shed	253.80		
Secretary's Honorarium & Expenses	57.50		
Treasurer's Honorarium & Expenses	11.00		
	<u>762.09</u>		
Balance at Bank 12 Nov '79			
Plus Cash In Hand	111.15		
	<u>873.24</u>		

Note: We are 6 months Rent in Arrears

Assets:	Motor Mower	£ 36.00
	Wheel Barrow	£ 10.00
	Barbury Building	£ 1000.00
	Wooden Shed 8' x 6'	£ 30.00
	Scales	£ 35.00

Elections of Officers.

Chairman

Mr Webb was proposed by
Mr Sheehan seconded by Mr Soames
elected.

Secretary.

Mr Hodge proposed Mr Stravel
seconded by Mr Soames. Elected.

Treasurer.

Mrs Hall proposed Mr Jander
seconded by Mr Day Elected

Minutes Secretary

Mr Soames proposed Mr
Sheehan seconded by Mrs Hall
Elected.

Auditor Mrs Cox and approved.

Site Wardens.

Mr Prior, Mr King, Mr Hardy,
Mr Green, Mr Hodge.

Committee

Mr G Smith, Mr A Smith, Mr
Soames, Mr Day, Mr Short, Mr Pinfold,
Mr Tulkes, Mrs Tulkes, Mr Soames,
Mr Ward. we would also try to
obtain two more.

Honourariums to Secretary + Treasurer.
Mr Sheehan read from the minutes
of the October committee meeting the
recommendation to the A.C.M. that
the Honourariums paid to the Secretary
and Treasurer be increased to \$75-00
per annum for Secretary and \$50-00
per annum for Treasurer Mr Loames
proposed that this recommendation be
accepted seconded by Mrs Hall
and vote unanimous.
Any other business.

Mr Cavell asked
if another look could be taken at
the water supply to the lower field.
Mr Fraud replied that we would and
explained the problems and the lack
of volunteers to do jobs in this area.
There being no further business the
meeting closed at 9-55 p.m. The new
committee's first meeting would be
on the 8th January 1986 at 1-30 p.m.
in Mortimer Hall.

J. Sheehan.
Miss Secretary.

Sam