

Minutes of The Court Place Farm Allotments
Committee meeting held in Montimer Hall
Old Marston on Tuesday 2nd October 1979.
The meeting commenced at 7-35 pm.

Members present.

Mr Stroud, Mr Sheehan, Mr
Loones, Mr Jandy, Mr A Smith, Mr Hogg,
Mr Short, Mr Webb, Mrs Hall, Mr Pinfold,
Mr G Smith.

Apologies for Absence None.

Minutes of the last meeting

Read and proposed
as a true record by Mr A Smith,
seconded by Mr Loones. Vote Unanimous.

Matters arising

Honorarys.

Mr Pinfold proposed
that a recommendation be made to the
annual general meeting with what this
committee thought Honorarys should be.
Mr Stroud then explained to committee what
Honorarys ~~should be~~ are. i.e. a payment
to the association secretary and treasurer.
Mr Sheehan then read from the minutes
of the 1976 A.G.M. which was the last
review of honorarys when they were
fixed at £40.00 for secretary and £25.00
for treasurer. Mr Stroud then prepared to
leave the room while discussions took place
on our recommendation to the A.G.M.

Mr A Smith asked Mr Stroud not to leave the room as he required the advice of the Secretary. This was generally agreed. Mr Locmes then asked the Secretary what he thought. Mr Stroud gave an indication of what was paid by other associations. Mr Pinfield stated that if we raise the Honorarium to £75-00 for Secretary and £45-00 for treasurer this would be a big jump but what should be paid. Mr Slay thought we could afford this sort of figure. Mr Webb commented that it was only £1-50 per week. Mr A Smith thought that was the wrong way to look at it. After further discussion a proposal was made from Mr Pinfield that we recommend to the A.G.M. an Honorarium to the Secretary of £75-00 per annum and £45-00 per annum to the treasurer. Seconded by Mr A Smith on amendment by Mr Slay of £75-00 + £50-00 per annum. Seconded by Mr Hunt. And carried.

The Treasurer and Secretary both agreed with the recommendation to the A.G.M. Mr Smith (A) and Mr Hunt stated it should now go forward to the A.G.M. Mr Stroud then suggested that the people who help in the shed on Sundays should also get some reward. Mr A Smith objected to this suggestion and stated we ought to keep it voluntary. In discussion it was agreed to leave

things as they are.

Electricity Supply.

This was now fully installed but we were waiting for a meter and the Southern Electricity Board to test.

Secretaries report.

Water supply no more work to be done until the water is turned off.
Bulbs. These had arrived and were selling well. Levington was in also heat and Yme, heat is selling well. We were also taking orders for garden seats at £39-00 each.

Car park.

Weed killer to be put down.

Plots. Two to let and eight on waiting list.

Future purchases

Heat and Levington on order but help required in unloading. Lymington on order for 1 ton being considered.

Mr Webb enquired about potatoes. Mr Strand sought committee's advice whether to buy these or not. In discussion it was thought to be a difficult thing to handle i.e. frost damage but because of demand from our allottees it was recommended to the Secretary to go ahead.

Treasurer's report.

Rent account stood at £197-99
£50-00 to be repaid to General account
so balance £247-99 ground rent of £57-34
also water rent due before end of the year

General account.

Balance at last meeting
£58-20 Receipts from sales £309-60
Purchases £420-52 with refund from
Rent account of £50-00 Balance stood
at £520-36. Mr A Smith congratulated
the buying committee and Mr Pinfold
congratulated treasurer on excellent accounts.
Mr A Smith asked about our future
ground rent due to new leases in
1980 Mr Stroud replied £25-00 per
acre and we have 16.7 acres.

Electric cost

A tariff would have to
be paid but this is unknown at
the moment. — Any other business.

Improvements.

The fence by the playing
field was in a bad state of repair, the
willow trees are an attraction to
children, so approaches would be made
to a tree surgeon with a view to getting
these felled then we can erect a fence.

North Bannockley fence upper field

This was
in bad need of attention and would be
a big job. Mr A Smith thought it
was not a bad job as was made out
committee would inspect.

Toilets

Mr Stary enquired the position Mr
Stroud asked the question how would a
toilet be run. There was only one
site in Oxford that had managed to

run a successful toilet also it was difficult to get any one to clean it also our toilet needs completely updating. After discussion it was decided to inspect ours then make a decision also to ask allottees who would be prepared to pay a £1.00 a day also to do the cleaning. This was proposed by Mr Pinfold seconded by Mr Joanes and was unanimous.
Approach Road.

Mr Sheehan enquired if we had been approached by Marton Parish Council regarding the repair of the road
Answer from Secretary No.
Wheel Barrow.

Mr Webb enquired why an allottee was refused permission to borrow a wheelbarrow for manure. Mr Straus replied that the wheelbarrow was only for the removal of dry materials from the shed.

The meeting then closed at 9-45 pm. the next meeting to be in Marton Hall on Tuesday 6th November 1979 at 7-30 pm.

X. Sheehan.
(minutes Secretary)

G. J. Sandy