

Meeting of the Court Farm Allotment  
Committee on Tuesday the 4th February 1975.  
Held at the Marston British Legion  
Club Rooms commencing at 8.00 pm.

Apologies none.

Those Present.

Messrs Day. Furley. Vautier.  
Smith. Hall. Pinfold. Strand. Adams.  
Debb. Perkins. Giles. Sheehan. Bowen.  
and Stone.

The minutes of the last meeting were  
read and proposed as a true record  
by Mr G Adams, seconded by Mr Giles.  
and carried.

Matters arising.

Water logged plot:- Mr Adams said  
that a possible solution to the  
low area problem would be for the  
high bank at the rear of the plot  
to be dug out and borrowed forward,  
recomming that 12 cubic yards would  
be required, and ballast should be  
used to remake the adjacent roadway

Our Chairman Mr Vaulter asked Mr Stroud, "When are we due to receive more ballast from the Council?" He replied that Lorries could not get around our roadways due to them being narrowed by allottees and general lack of maintenance, adding the drivers fear that their lorries will get bogged down and so now only dump inside the gate.

Mr Webb said the problem has been made worse by the allottee in question digging a further ditch across his plot. Mr Stone added that the only way for this to be successful would be to dig across all the allotments down the top field so draining each into the lower main ditch.

Mr Stroud said that this plot is no worse than those in the



bottom field and he is puddling about on it making matters worse, he should improve his summer cultivation and autumn dig it realising that this plot like some others can't be worked in the winter.

Sleeping Policemen: This was again raised but almost immediately generated a discussion on plot roadway system in general all being too narrow, Mr Strend indicating that the City Surveyor is keeping a watchful eye on the entrance road and out roads in general.

Mr Vaulter called upon committee to attend site Sunday morning next to re-peg roadway ~~with~~ widths to drawing:.

Mr Halsey: Mr Bowen, when asked, said that Mr Halsey had accepted the Warden position, and wanted to know if this entitled him to attend committee meetings as usual. The committee agreed that this had been

The original intention, and Mr Bowen left the meeting to inform him: he being in another part of the building. Mr Vaunder welcomed Mr Halsey to the meeting.

Mr Spicer: Mr Webb asked if Mr Spicer had changed his mind: Mr Bowen said he was coming around, but as yet was not prepared to sell from the shop.

Purchasing Committee. They reported on their first meeting and informed that they had ordered the following

2 Ton of Lime from: Rugby Cement.  
1. Ton of Turkey Manure. Wyford Seeds.  
1. Ton of Peat from MacKells.  
5 cwt of Growmore. " "



That the total order cost is £120-00 of which we have £40-00 in the kitty.

Concluding their report saying that Jeyes fluid, soot and maxidrop were considered and may be purchased for resale later when required.

Orders with cash had be placed with Dobbies on behalf of allottees to the value of £30-00 of which 10% deductible discount will be profit to our association. Mr Gurney is to approach a woodman at Noke with a view to our purchasing Pea and Bean sticks.

Mr Sheehan requested the purchasing committee to give its policy on profit.

Mr Stone exemplified the Turkey manure at £40-00 for one ton saying it will retail at £56-00. so showing £16-00 profit. adding the aim is not to fall below 20% profit, therefore our outlay of £120-00 should return at £150-00.

## Any Other Business.

Flower Show 1975.

Mr Bowen enquired if we should go ahead again this year.

Mr White, worried due to our finances being so low asked if this would involve us in any cost.

Mr Bowen replied saying. "It costs us nothing only time, British Legion pays all prizes and costs."

Mr Vaulter asked committee. "Do we hold one or not?" This was met with stoney silence. (No replies)

~~ends~~ Mr Stone finally asked for this to be minuted for the next meeting, after each has given it due consideration.



Rents.

MR Stroud proposed that March the Second be rent day and that only allottees whose plots meet the accepted standard of cultivation be allowed to pay: A one month maximum time allowance be made from that date in which to pay, which would allow new allottees to get onto the ground of anyone giving up their plot. This was seconded by MR Smith. Rapid and considerable debate took place on the for and against the proposal during which MR Bowen said "We are not all Percy Throwers" and as long as things are tidy he saw no need for all the blades of grass to be neatly combed one way. General concern was shown at the proposals implication to expel some allottees, not all committee members plots <sup>every</sup> being perfect at this time of the year.

MR Adams proposed that before anyone loses his plot by default a committee member will go to the



allottees home and see what the problem is: = Illness etc. This was seconded by Mr Stone and several others. Carried:

Mr Stone referring now to the new rules (issued last September) said that an allottee could pay even after one month with a fine being paid. He added that rents will be accepted from mid February:

Mr Stroud still not happy asked for the committee to walk around over the next 3 Sundays and see plot cultivation and for Mr Stone to only accept rents from good allottees. It was said that the site Warden would be asked to make a walk round and then advise committee on any that



he considers are very bad. It was thought though that in the main he would have little to report.

Sunday next. A call to all committee who are able to attend site to check and remark path widths to report to the shed at 10.00 am.

Mr Tunley offered his apologies being already committed on other business.

Mr Pudwell. Plot. No. 78. asked committee to consider and approve his application to construct a shed of 2" x 2" timbers 6'-6" front falling to 6'-0" at rear x 4'-0" x 4'-0" base size: covered with corrugated iron sheeting.

Committee agreed subject to the path being put right first and the shed being no closer than 2'-0" from the path edge.

Meeting closed: 9.25 pm. Next meeting Tuesday March the 4th. 1975 at 8.00 pm.

Shelley  
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minutes Secretary