

Meeting of the Court Farm Allotment
Committee on Tuesday 10th September 1974.
held at the Marton British Legion
Club rooms commencing at 8.10 pm.

No Apologies.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and proposed as a true record
by Mr Bowen. Seconded by Mr Hickman.

Members Present:

Mr Bowen, Jones, Hickman.
Halsey, Spicer, Vaulter, Broad, Perkins.
Debb.

Observer part of meeting: Mr. Sheehan.

Matters Arising:

Cutting into roadways: -
Mr King has apologised to our
Chairman, refer to minutes of last meeting:
and said he will return road to
correct width after harvesting vegetables.
Secretary reported that he has already
marked out the line and dealt with
it.

Mowing Machine. a further report that the mower is not very good. The Secretary asked for this to be referred to any other business. Agreed.

Rules. are printed and being issued. The Secretary warned that printing would possibly cost a little more than the quoted eight pounds due to the print spacing employed. Each member is being charged five new pence for a copy ~~at~~ when paying his rent.

Associate Members. Mr Debb recommended a notice be placed in the Church magazine to encourage associate membership at 20p per member enabling privilege sales from hut. Mr Perkins asked if this would anger any ~~of~~ of the local horticultural suppliers. Mr Bowen said it would not and would speak further on this during A.O.B. ref seeds.

Mr Debb asked if he could suggest to the Vicar that veg. etc. would be supplied to old age pensioners to offset entry into Church magazine

should any cost be involved. No positive reply was given to his question.

5. Bar Gate.

The need for a new gate post angle or brace was raised and Mr Jones volunteered to look at this with Mr Bowen Saturday next.

Drinking Fountain

The last meetings minute was discussed and Mr Perkins asked if the committee's suggestion had been put to the Council.

Mr Bowen and Stroud replied that it was not the Council's responsibility and nothing to do with us.

Tank Top Field.

This will now be ~~done~~ turned back to its original position by the Committee.

Mr Lindsey. N°5.

Mr Bowen confirmed explosion and reported that the plot had been let to Mr Crowed
64 Marsh Lane
Marston.

Mr Webb said he had misunderstood the request for him to take minutes of the Sunday meeting when pegging of plots. Took place thinking he was expected to take these minutes. He went on to say that he would put down some notes of that meeting though for entry.

Plot Marking:

Mr Bowen proposed that he collect in all the September rents then renumber the plots to the drawing of site. The old drawing showing plots which we know do not exist any longer if they ever did.

This was seconded by Mr Halsey and carried by unanimous vote.

Plots Bottom Field.

Mr Stoud expressed his suspicion that Mr Varnie has more than 10 pole on his plot. Mr Bowen stated that Mr Varnie pays for 20 pole; at which Mr Stoud withdrew his complaint.

Mr Bowen said he regretted to report that he had lost the notes of the Sunday Sale around covering second ~~note around~~. Your of inspection.

Balance Sheet:

General Account:

In Bank.	59.76
Cash in hand.	5.22½
	64.98½
Bill to Maskells paid twice	11.32
	76.30½
Cash in Shed.	28
	76.58½.

Stock in hand.

67.60.

Allment Account:

In Bank.	70.00.
Cash in hand.	8.00.
	78.00

49 Rents have so far been paid in for September.

Rents to be paid.

55.15
134.14

To pay out

Printing:
Rent:

8.00

57.34

65.34

Total Cash:
Land rent fee.

134.14.

5.20.

139.34.

Outgoings.

65.34.

74.00.

68.80

Balance: less 5.20.
Actual.

Mr. Bowen reported the something had gone wrong with the Maskell account covering 1 x 5 cwt of fertilizer. he said that the account for £11.32 had been paid by cheque on the 28th May 1974 but no receipt had been sent for the payment. So when in July they again asked for an £11.32 payment, not having a receipt in the file, he had made a second payment. On realising the mistake some time later he had written to Maskells on the 9th September 1974.

asking for clarification of the account:
Mr Bowen answering Mr Webb
said that no receipt had lead to
the mistake.

Mr Webb questioned the value of the
stock in hand reported as 67-60

Mr Bowen went through the stock
list, to which Mr Webb questioned
on stock spoiled by age:

Mr Halsey said that most stock
appeared ok. but Mr Strand
disagreed say specifically that puffer
packs get clogged.

Mr Webb calculated some, then
observed that 80% ought to be
recoverable: believing the "Vapona"
not to be saleable due to age
and application and the adco
compost make would be useless
on the advise of Mr Strand it
now being 4 years old:

This accounted for 17 packs of Vapona
at 22p. = £3-74 and

13 packs of adco at 20p = £2-60

Mr Stroud stressed that it was illegal to sell previous years vegetable seed from the shed due to the act covering sale of seeds.

Mr Webb proposed that the Secretary uses his loaf in disposing of old stock notifying allottees that it is old stock where applicable.

Seconded by Mr Perkins and carried unanimously.

Mr Bowen continued saying that Bills of £16.50 total are still owing for Wotton Nets. and the water rate is due.

Mr Jones proposed. Seconded by Mr Spicer that the accounts be agreed to date. Mr Stroud objected to the measure Mr Spicer seconding the proposal by was generally overruled by committee due to Mr Bowen having prepared the statement of ^{general} accounts put to committee: accounts agreed ^{unanimously}.

Mr Bowen said that Mr Green had advised him that the water board had indicated a usage of 220,000 gallons which calculated out at £17.60 if it was assumed 7.6999 pence per 1000 gallons which was the old rate. He would report further at the next meeting when the Bill should be to hand.

Mr Jones proposed seconded by Mr Hickman that the Rent account be accepted. Carried Unan.

Waste Skips. Mr Stroud said a problem still existed due to the contractor not moving quickly enough in supply.

Insurance. Mr Spicer relate that Mr Biles does not want to know about wooden sheds and contents. The Royal or Phoenix companies should be approached. Asked by Committee how other associations

Insure their shed, it was supprising to learn that ours is the only wooden one all others being of concrete sections or brick built.

Mr Stwood said that the city council had indicated that should our shed be burnt down no money could be made available for another shed concrete or other material.

Mr Webb asked who had previously insured the shed to which Mr Bowen replied saying: "Mr Loader who is an insurance agent would insure the shed, but not its contents."

Mr Webb advised the reduction of stock holding so reducing risk; but Mr Bowen argued that this then prohibited economic bulk buying.

Mr Perkins observed that even now in providing a service to all others we are losing money: "was this intended: or should we be looking for a small profit to bolster funds"

Mr Jones spoke on communal buying which produced low cost in purchase due to bulk but added this is lost due to the cost of transporting

between sides. It was generally agreed that the Shole problem should be the subject of a special meeting which was suggested as the next Committee meeting.

Mr Bowen has given out plot marker plates and most plots now are marked.

A.O.B.

Mower: Mr Bowen reported that the mower was still not satisfactory and not doing its job. He said he had been offered £15.00 for it as a tentative offer. We added that the suggestion of a £1.00 levy per allottee excluding O.A. Pensioners proposed by a member should be opposed at this point saying we should find out cost of a new suitable mower before discussing a levy. Mr Strend spoke against the sale

of the existing machine to which
Mr Bowen proposed it go back then
to the repairer. This was seconded
by Mr Stroud and agreed by Committee.

Mr Webb's wasps nest has been disposed
of by fire after digging out and a
fisherman collecting wasp grubs.

Mr Stroud had dealt with a similar
nest on Mr Bobrows plot by smothering
it with D.D.T. which was successful.

Flower Show.

Mr Bowen said a sad state of
affairs were apparent there being only
4 Exhibitors to date: Unless there
is a 200% increase in prospective
Exhibitors it was not worth continuing
with the show on the 15th September.

Committee agreed to continue due to
the publicity.

Mr Bowen called upon the committee to help with setting up the show tables etc on the day of the show.

There were no volunteers other than Mr Hickman and Mr Perkins due to other commitments of committee members.

Mr Bowen stressed the need for road repairs from gate to shed the pot holes how very deep and broad making the roadway practically unusable. He said that he had received no reply from Mr Infield:

A willow tree has blown down by junction of top & bottom field adjacent to Mr Harris & Soames plots:

Mr Stroud agreed to phone Mr Green in the morning requesting assistance in its removal:

Mr Bowen said that seed catalogues are no longer supplied by sections and suggested "Dobbie's" seeds for next year. A new system though would have to be employed where a member collated his order which was sent up the diocomit being shared between allottee & association.

Eastern Sunday: It was reported that the City Council propose to make a park and ride centre in the area used by the cycle speedway track.

Hedges: Trees: When questioned Mr Bowen replied that there are in our hedge and although due to its specialist nature the City Council had previously promised to pollard them, the contractors will not move fast enough.

~~Mr Bowen expressed an opinion that Committee members not attending Committee meeting and not tendering apologies i.e. Mr Bobrow & Mr Stone ought to be expelled from the Committee.~~

Mr Stroud suggested that there might be a Federation meeting on September 25th and will notify Mr Vaulter & Perkins of the details as observers.

There being no other ~~business~~ business
the meeting closed at 10-07 pm.

Next Meeting October 15th 1974
at 8.00 pm. B. Leigion club rooms
Mansdon.


minutes Secretary.
D. K. Perkins.
R. Vaulk.