

Minutes of the Caest Place Farm Allotments
Committee meeting held in Mortimer Hall
old Marston, on Wednesday 14th January
1998. The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

members present Mr Sheehan Mr Gurney,
Mr Cann, Mr Carr, Mr Mossey, Mr Gaven,

apologies for absence Mr Wheale, Mrs Allen

minutes of the last meeting read and
proposed as a true record by Mr Gaven
Seconded by Mr Mossey.

matters arising Grade 2, Roadstone had
been delivered and repairing of the roads
had commenced.

Chairman's report we had been advised
by Smiths that they can supply road
scrappings at £7.00 per tonne, including
delivery. We were interested and would
have some as it becomes available.

Proposal from Mr Gurney when Smiths
offer us a load of road scrappings.
we accept it to save the association
money. Seconded by Mr Gaven and
voted unanimous

Windows repair thanks were given
to Mr Sheehan and Mr Gaven for
their efforts

Roadways thanks to Mr Pridwell
Marston road hedge and culverts thanks
to Mr Cann.

Mr Lunny further reported that Mr Wheable was not well. we would send him a gift to raise his morale.

Secretarys report

Mr Cann read from a printed sheet shown overleaf

Brewers report

Printed sheet overleaf shows the balances of Rent and its Premium account and the same with the General account.

Mr Cann further reported that no more outstanding rents had been paid, 5 persons had shown an interest in having a plot and some had been let.

mowers. The Snapper and the Mountfield had been serviced by Brewers at a cost of £115-00.

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Secretary's Report for Committee meeting of the 14th January 1998

There has been more instances of damage and shed being burnt. Mr Sheehan reported that it had been attempted to set fire to his shed on the Tuesday before Christmas. On the morning of Christmas Eve one of the Harris brothers had been round to the secretaries house to report that their shed had been set fire to and a number of sheds broken into.

This makes a total of six sheds set fire to.

I have reported this to the local police officer, via his answer machine.

On Sunday morning, around midday, of the 4th January Mr Ward reported that while his car had been parked on the grass carpark area, he was on his plot, someone broke into his car. He saw two black youths coming from around the back of the amenity sheds. This has been reported to the police verbally and infact Mr Ward, has given PC Saunders a description of the two youths, is helping them with the investigations.

There has been a couple of sheds broken into since then.

Treasurer's Report

I have received a total of 5 enquiries concerning renting plots in response to the advertisement I sent round with the Oxford Mail via Mr Westwood, the newsagent. The only problem holding things up is the weather, with the rain making most plots flooded I dont think anyone will want to take a plot just yet.

However, I did let a last Sunday, 11th January, to a couple from Cumberidge Close, in the village. When she phoned I made her aware that there was now two allotment associations but she told me that she had looked at both sites and thought that we were the better ran, more allottee's and with better facilities.

Rent Account £1165.23
Premium Account £1004.88

General Account £33.54
Premium Account £1840.21

T. H. Carr.

Parking on roadway It was suggested that we delegate parking areas to stop parking on roadway. It was highlighted that the rules were very clear about parking on the roadway - it is forbidden. The problem would be further discussed at another meeting if necessary.

Locking of our main gate The police had stated that this gate should be locked at all times to save them a problem. The Secretary reported that the cost of locks was an item of concern i.e. Chubb locks £65-00 + VAT. Keys £6-00 each + VAT. and we would need approx. 100 keys. Cheap locks £15-00 + VAT. Keys £1-50 + VAT. Special lock £65-00 + VAT + £4-00 for key additional. Keys £7-50 + VAT. We would send a letter to Julian Baxter of Oxford City Council telling the cost and that it is beyond our resources.

The Association would be 50 years old this September committee was asked to think up ideas to celebrate this event. Enquiries would also be made to the City Council and Gardeners World magazine if they could suggest ideas. Letter from Mrs Allen a letter had been received from Mrs Allen regarding the position of the allotments this was noted and filed by the Secretary.

Water Tanks

New water troughs to be plumbed in and also tanks checked for damage when water is turned on. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-53 pm.

J. Shuckman
(Mining Secretary)