

Meeting of the Court Farm Allotment
Committee on Tuesday May 21st 1974 held
at the Marston British Legion Club.
commencing at 8.00pm.

Members present:

Messrs Bowen. Jones. Morris
Borrow. Perkins. Vaulter. Halsey. Stone. Giles.
Stoud. Webb.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read
and proposed a true record by Mr Bowen
Sec Mr Halsey and carried.

Matters arising

Mr Perkins reported that the
Chairman had advised before the meeting
that no action be taken through the
secretary by the committee re their walk
around, his reasons being that all allottees
who ~~is~~ were due for re-demand appeared
to be working their plots. The Chairman
felt the Committee's observations should
be used as a norm against a future
walk around suggested as end of June or
beginning of July. Mr Bowen replied that
he agreed with the Chairman, the exception
being though Mr Merricks plot, no work having

been done. Mr Bowen then proposed the walk around be brought forward to a week on Sunday. Being the 2nd June 1974 to view only the plots that had previously been commented upon, this was seconded by Mr Giles and carried by a majority vote. Mr Perkins stated he would not be available due to being on holiday.

Motor Cycles. Mr Bowen said that the Police had stopped this:

Mr Timms Verses Mr Bowen. Mr Bowen complains bitterly re Mr Timms verbal attack on him in the site shed over the Barbed wire supplied by the Council for use in blocking the gaps in the hedge in the Lower Field. It would appear that Mr Timms saw the Barbed wire, very recently delivered and criticised Mr Bowen for ^{not} having strung it. Mr Timms approach was totally unreasonable and an argument transpired in which Mr Bowen accepted the brunt in an effort to restore order. Mr Bowen requested that the committee permit him to write to Mr Timms pointing out that in short ~~that~~

Mr Bowen is secretary, not a general work ~~horse~~ horse. and there is a proper manner in which to voice a dissatisfaction which is through the committee and not as an attack on an individual.

Rules: Mr Stroud produced a set of rules used by other societies in the area suggesting they might be adopted at Court Farm. Mr Bowen proposed a sub committee formed from the committee be set up to vet these rules and make recommendations to the main committee at their next meeting. The sub committee to comprise of 3 members. This was seconded by Mr Morris. and carried.

Nominations for the sub committee were:

Nominated.	Proposed.	Sec.
Mr. Stroud.	Bowen	Bobrow
" Van der.	J.K. Perkins.	Bowen.
" J.K.P.	Bowen	Stroud.
" Bowen.	Stroud.	Webb.

Carried by Unanimous vote. Sub committee to meet 7.4. June at 8.30pm at British L.

Correspondence.

A letter of invitation to view the National Vegetable Research Establishment at Warwick on the 23rd June 1974:

Mr Owen suggested that the committee consider an outing to view same, which recieved a pathetic response from the committee. The chairman called for a positive feeling to be shown one way or the other to which Mr Brown suggested that anyone who wanted to go could probably find their own way without any organised coach trip.

It was agreed by a majority that a notice be pinned to the shed door advising allottees of the invitation. The visiting hours being 11.00 am to 7.30 pm at the research establishment. Mr Perkins commented on the apparent lack of *Espirit-de-corps* of the present day allottee/committee member re persuasion of common interests.

Mr Owens letter dated 17.4.1974 to Mr Busfield re hedge alongside the playing field, Roadway etc. A reply was received dated 14.5.1974 from Mr G. Powell, Director of Housing and Estates. Content

as follows:

Ref. Access Road:

The Clerk of the Marston Parish Council has expressed concern over the speed of traffic using the access road to the allotments and has asked if there would be any objections to the provision of three sleeping policemen to induce drivers to reduce speed. As you know the Parish Council are owners of the roadway over which the Corporation retains the right of way to the allotments.

I shall be pleased to have your observations as soon as possible so that I may reply to the Parish Council.

Mr Bowen read his already despatched reply stating surprise at the Parish Council's ownership and action and calling for sight of the agreement covering access between the Council & Parish Councils.

Containers

The City Council had made arrangements for containers to be placed on site.

The City of Oxford had called for plot numbers

of all those wishing to enter the allotment competition 1974

Supplied from that:

Mr. Bower reported that the following had been received for resale

5 gallon of Tomato Max. crop at £6.40.
sell at 22p per pt.

5 gallon of General Max. crop £4.50
sell at 16p per pt.

Leyes Fluid. 5 gallons £4.32
sell at 16p per pt.

Club root powder 2 outlets x 18 at 150 grams
cost. being: £6.00
sell at 20p each.

1. Green 5/line hose with
fitting: 20ft long £1.79

all from U.G.S. Ryegons & Co.

Mr. Bowen: The 16½ cwt of potatoes offered at Mr Stroud's suggestions for sales at £1.00 per cwt had not sold out and 6 cwt were left; he went on to point out that the original bid sale price for potatoes was £4.00 per cwt and that they were purchased for resale at £3.60 per cwt. This was a devastating loss to the association's funds and what should he do with the remaining 6 cwt.

One humorous proposal was rejected, it being improper and probably physically impossible. Mr Halsey then proposed that he try to get rid of them to a local pigman. It was agreed he get what he could for them £.50p or £1.00.

Mr Bowen informed the Committee of the forthcoming Maunston & District allotment association, Flowers & Vegetable Show which is to be held in conjunction with the British Legion at the Maunston Club rooms and they are also putting up the £100. The Show will be on September 16th 1974 the goods shown then being auctioned. It was proposed Mr Morris seconded Mr Jones that we continue to support.

Any other Business.

It was reported that the Hawthorn hedge bounding the Marston road is overhanging the path. Mr Stroud said the allotment associations are responsible and we should cut it back. Mr Stone volunteered to do it Thursday next. While other committee members, being a fence in the lower field (Barbed wire on Iron poles)

The first stand pipe in from the Marston road had become broken, and was repaired by Mr Elliot and a boy. He has said that he will repair the toilet block, adjacent, in due course. A vote of thanks was given:

While discussing water supplies in general and the total lack of water from the single tap in the lower field on most nights, Mr Bowen called upon Mr Stroud to push the council for an increased facility. Mr Stroud replied that they would do nothing, money not being available, unless plot rents are raised to cover it. The council had offered last year to supply pipes, Mr Stroud

Said, but the offer was rejected by the Secretary due to lack of funds in ~~the~~ our association's kitty for excavations. Mr Perkins asked Mr Stoud if the offer of pipes was still available, Mr Stoud replied that he did not know but they might be.

Mr Stoud indicated that he would be attending the allotment conference at Plymouth on June the 12 to 14 with Mr Green of the Estates department.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm and the next meeting is on June 18th 1974 at the Regent Club rooms at 8.00 pm.



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