

Members Present. 30th July 1974.
Mr. Bowen. Vautier. Perkins.
Giles. Morris. Hickman. Webb.
Halsey. Stend.

Meeting of the Court Farm Allotment
Committee on Tuesday 30th July 1974.
held at the Mansdon British Legion
Club rooms commencing at 8.07 pm.

No Apologies:

The Minutes of the ^{last} meeting
were read and
proposed as a true record by
Mr Halsey. Seconded Mr Webb. Carried.

Matters Arising:

Mr Stroud asked if
the price from the Printers for 200 copies
of the Rules had been received yet?
Mr Bowen replied saying the quotation
is eight pounds.

Mr Stroud proposed
the issue of the rules during September
1974. Mr Bowen said we shall have
to print them first and proposed they
be printed. Seconded Mr Webb and
agreed.

Mr Stroud said that
he had prepared a copy of the rules
for display in the site hut.

Mr Webb enquired
if the rules would be printed and

ready for September issue. Mr Bowen
said he thought so and would push
it.

5. Bar Gate:

Mr Bowen said he would
look at the gate on Sunday next.

It was suggested that a Drinking
Fountain if installed in the Playing
field for the children would probably
stop them coming into the lower field
to the water tanks. It was further
suggested that the idea be put to
the council.

Mr Webb proposed that the water
tank in the top field should be
turned around by the Committee, this
action appearing necessary because
the responsible allottee is ignoring
the Secretary's instructions.

Mr Perkins reported that at the
request of and acting for the
Secretary, he had visited Mr Lindsey
-s home twice, Mr Lindsey not being
there each time, so ~~had~~ he had

written to Mr Lindsey and delivered
the letter by hand: (See copy of letter
attached.) Terminating Mr Lindsey's
tenancy of Plot No. 5. due to total
neglect. Mr Bowen said he would
confirm by official letter.

Mr Webb asked Mr Bowen if
the young couple from 64 Marsh
Lane who had been waiting 12 months
were to have Plot No. 5. Mr Bowen
said they would be offered it first.

Mr Webb reported that Mr King
was still cutting in to the path.
relating further that Mr Stroud,
Webb and Vaulter our Chairman
approached Mr King who walked
away ignoring them: Mr Stroud
saying it was a waste of time
talking to him left and walked
the other way leaving Mr Webb and
Vaulter to go it alone.

Mr King still
ignored their speaking to him.
Mr Vaulter decided to place the
matter in the hands of the
Secretary and left Mr Webb,
but Mr Webb now turning to

The occasion angrily spoke to Mr King who responded: When told of the path, he said he did not know he was doing wrong so saying

A. Not aware he was cutting into the footpath.

B. Still does not believe Mr Webb saying he is doing wrong.

C. Will put the footpath back to where Mr Webb indicates if committee go up and peg it out.

D. Or see's it in Black and White from the Secretary and the Association rules.

Mr Webb related a long argument between himself and Mr King the above being an appraisal from his report.

It was proposed Mr Webb Sec Mr Giles that Sunday next Mr King's plot be measured by the committee with the Secretary

present and pegged to the correct Road way and footpath widths: The Secretary then to write to Mr King instructing him to return the edges as pegged: All other plots to be checked and infringements noted and pegged: Mr Bowen agreed, and the proposition was carried by committee.

The Minutes Secretary stated he would be on holiday and proposed that Mr Webb takes the Sunday minutes. This was seconded by Mr Gites, accepted by Mr Webb and carried by committee vote: Mr Webb called for committee to go into the bottom field also Sunday next with the Secretary to sort out the plot drawings, there being less actual plots than the drawings show.

Mower Report:

Mr VanDer said the engine had been repaired and a puncture mended: The repairman intends to remove and sharpen

The cutter blades this coming winter and he would submit his bill later but currently it is about a fiver.

Questioned on how many plots there are on the association site

Mr Bowser said they are all let. After a lengthy discussion around "How many plots" and Mr Bowen being asked several times for the info he suggested that if the Committee wanted to know they could go and count them on the map in the site hut.

Mr Perkins retorted that this information should be readily available and the wrong attitude was being shown by Mr Bowen in suggesting the committee count the plots on the map which in any case was known to be wrong. Also that the payment ledger would provide this info.

Mr Perkins called for the notes back reference to the June the 9th. Walk around, for them to be included in

The book: Mr Bowen said he had dealt with the notes as instructed relating to allottees and could not see the need for the minutes entry. Mr Perkins replied somewhat agitated that committee meetings should be a complete report and that space was left in the minutes for the inclusion of the Sunday walk around. Mr Webb, Halsey, Stroud, and Mr Giles agreed and Mr Bowen was asked to give the notes back for inclusion after confirming that he still had them.

A member of committee asked for a statement of the Association's financial standing and Mr Webb spoke at length on and in support of this call saying that at all other meetings he attends a statement of financial standing is available and in fact a balance sheet is a must for any committee to be enabled to manage the Association's affairs.

Mr Bowen said that he had given an approximate figure last

meeting of about £30.00. Mr Perkins said that approximate figures were no good: how much is there in the account.

Mr Bowen now very angry resigned his position ~~and~~ and prepared to leave the meeting.

Mr Webb told him not to be so silly getting so upset, nothing personal being intended, and persuaded him to stay remaining as Secretary pointing out that the Monthly Balance sheet was the responsibility of the Treasurer to prepare. Mr Bowen said that it was customary for ^{the} job to fall to him.

Mr Webb then proposed. Sec by Mr Perkins that an accurate statement of account be prepared for issue to the next committee meeting. This was carried and Mr Bowen agreed.

Mr Webb suggested to Mr Bowen that if he wanted help in his position as secretary he should ask for it.

Mr Stroud reported that the Tank for the bottom field was 75% here, and the Waste skip will be delivered to site shortly. He went on to say that the site hut should be insured now that it had been lined out also the contents may now be insurable and so insured. If vandals burnt the place down who would pay the cost because the Association funds would not cover it.

Mr Stroud Proposed and Mr Webb seconded that the site hut and contents be insured as quickly as possible. Carried unan. Mr Stroud spoke on the merits or otherwise of insuring through the National allotment Gardeners Association which was a group scheme available to membership associations. It was however decided that Mr Biles of the Co-operative Insurance be approached and Mr Strouds guidance not to pursue the National one in respect of their occasional

distribution of free seeds fertiliser etc.: at 10p per head membership it was not worth it:

The Secretary said that the "Netron" netting has arrived for sale but now out of season: Peas and Runner Beans are still for sale from hut:

Committee's Observations.

Many allottees have collected plot markers but not many are in place:

Mr Vaulter informed the meeting that Petrol has been purchased, and is in the shed, for the Mower and warned all that it is two stroke fuel and must be a 16/1 i.e. 1/2 pt of oil to 1 gallon of petrol:

Mr Halsey again complained of weeds in his ditch saying he had cut it out twice:

Mr Bowen said that free

15000 weed killer is available in the shed for this purpose, plus watering can.

Nass's nest on Mr Webb's path.
Mr Halsey said a friend of his would dig it out for the hoop grubs:

Mr Halsey asked if he was the only committee member entering the competition: No positive answer was given other than he was sure to win:

At the end of the meeting Mr Webb spoke to the committee and proposed a recommend strong vote of thanks to the minutes Secretary for his work: This was seconded by Mr Gites and carried unanimously much to the embarrassment of the minutes Sec.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:53 pm. Next meeting September the 10th at 8:00 pm:

30.7.1974.

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R. Vaukles