

**MINUTES OF SUNNYSIDE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY'S
2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 1998
AT
SUNNYSIDE RURAL TRUST'S
TRAINING CENTRE**

Present:

Ted Dyer (Chairman)
Sharon Longley (Secretary)
John Savage (Treasurer)
Fred Anderson
Ray Cheshire
Peter Phizackerley
Phil Andrews
Peter Fowell
Betty Fowell
Kit Owens
John Wood
Jean Wood
Peter Chapman
Jean Barnett
Peter Block
Tom Whyte
Andy Rolls (Town Warden)
Hazel Grimwood
Nick Hood
Phil Biss
David King
Peter Kohn
Fiona Duck
Graham Hall
Carol Hall
George Brown
David Thomas
Ken Harbord
Liz Rolls
Julian Day
Ann Duvall
Tricia Hatton-Smith

Apologies received:

Angela Wheeldon
Liz Jackson
Moyra Bird

NB: *an invitation to attend the meeting was extended to Town Councillors. Andy Rolls the Town Warden attended the meeting as an "observer".*

Liz Jackson sent her apologies for absence by way of a letter which Ted Dyer read out to the meeting, in which she explained that she was having to relinquish the remaining part of her allotment due to health problems. We all wish her well.

1/98 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted by all in attendance.

2/98 Nominations

Sharon Longley tendered her resignation as Secretary of the Society, and the Society is now looking for someone to take over this role. If anyone is interested, please can they contact Ted Dyer. The person would need to have access to a word processor and have keyboard skills. The Secretary had not received any nominations from members who wished to stand for the posts of Officers and Committee.

3/98 Election of Officers

Kit Owens assumed the Chair for this item and asked if any member of the existing Committee intended standing down (apart from Sharon Longley). The answer was negative and Ted Dyer was re-elected unanimously as Chairman of the Association, and all the others Officers and Committee were re-elected. The position of Secretary became vacant. The Chairman wished to record the appreciation of the Committee and Members of Sharon's work as Secretary.

4/98 Management Issue

The Chairman stated that since the last AGM little progress had been possible. The Council had decided not to proceed and although a commitment had been obtained that discussion would be reopened, a period of six months had to elapse before this could happen. Further discussions had now taken place and the Council wished to see an Association covering all the allotment sites in the town. Representatives from Butts Meadow and Dellfield had been requested to canvass tenants on their sites and report back. This was expected to happen at the January meeting of the Environment Committee.

The meeting requested that if the Council were to formally propose a wider Association a Special General Meeting should be called to enable tenants to decide whether or not the management issue should be pursued.

In response the Chairman stated a Special Meeting would be arranged if necessary.

5/98 Water Supplies

At the last AGM the representatives were asked to progress with the Council the provision of additional water supplies, and a submission was subsequently made. This was not 100% successful. The Council agreed to provide three extra tanks but all on Sunnyside Old. However, this would be on the basis of the Society being prepared to do the excavation work to keep down the cost to the Council. The Society has "obtained" some water pipe and a request went out for volunteers to assist in digging the trenches for the pipe. The Society would purchase additional pipe to ensure sufficient pipe was available.

The trenches will be on "B" road and the length of the run will be approx. 25m in each direction. Ray Cheshire is to check on the depth etc required by the Water Board.

A number of tenants offered their services and their names were taken to enable contact to be made at a later date.

6/98 Clearance of Gardens

There had been some success with this last winter and a number of gardens were cleared which resulted in some new tenancies. The next issue of the Newsletter will contain a request for volunteers for a "rerun", and it was hoped tenants would find the time to assist again.

7/98 Consider & Approve Society's Accounts

The Treasurer reported the accounts have been audited and signed by George Brown, and copies were available to the meeting.

A deposit account has been opened with the Nationwide and "subs" are now due. These could be paid after the meeting or sent to John Savage.

8/98 Society Machinery

John Wood has donated a strimmer to the Society, and will give instruction to anyone who wishes to use it. Phil Andrews currently has this in his possession, and the Committee would be considering control and storage at its next meeting.

9/98 Any Other Business

a) Deposit Local Plan

The Borough Council had issued a magazine called Dacorum Digest which included a supplement regarding new housing in the Borough. Reference was made to reserve sites not included in the Deposit Local Plan in Ivy House Lane. One of these was the whole of Sunnyside Old Allotments and at the public consultation an Officer of the Borough Council had said that although not in the plan, someone could propose modifications to the Local Plan to include sites for

building. The Society needed to be vigilant to ensure that building did not take place on Sunnyside Allotments and tenants were requested to register their objections to any such proposal with the Borough Council by 15th January. Support with lobbying of the Town Council at the next Planning Meeting when the issue was to be discussed would be appreciated.

b) Sunnyside Old Site Representatives

The Meeting was asked if anyone wished to take over this role. No volunteers were forthcoming and Peter Chapman and Ted Dyer were asked to continue.

There being no other business, the meeting closed.

The Sunnyside Allotment Society

Accounts for Financial Year ended 31 October 1998

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Subscriptions	£62.00	Expenses	£25.00
Total	<u>£62.00</u>	Total	<u>£25.00</u>
	Excess of income over expenditure		£37.00

Balance sheet at 31 October 1998

Deposit with Nationwide Building Society	£68.80
Cash in hand	<u>£ 4.00</u>
Total assets	<u>£72.80</u>

Represented by:-

Accumulated fund at beginning of year	£35.80
Excess of income over expenditure	<u>£37.00</u>
Fund at end of year	<u>£72.80</u>

I certify that the foregoing statement of accounts is correct.

Hon Treasurer

I certify that the above accounts are in accordance with the books of account and the information and explanations given to me.

Hon Auditor