

ITEM Channel Tunnel.

6.

The Hon Sec explained that he had received a long letter on 22 Dec 1973 from Detenders of Kent, asking for support in submitting a Petition to Parliament. This petition was not against the tunnel in principle, but designed to expose as many as possible of the fallacies inherent in the present plan - in particular the devastating effect for the County of the proposed vehicle terminal at Cheriton.

Agreement was required immediately, and the Hon Sec had acted (though with consultation with various members by phone) in anticipation of confirmation at the AGM.

We had not been committed to any expense, though we have already subscribed £20.00. In addition the Sec. had written to the Detenders of Kent, describing the undesirable effects, in the main, from traffic, which the terminal would have on this part of Kent.

Mr Purchase also spoke about the dangers from the ever increasing traffic, and endorsed the views expressed.

The Resolution.

"To petition against the Channel Tunnel Bill and/or to join with others in so petitioning, and the Society hereby authorises any member of the Committee or the Detenders of Kent to sign such petition on its behalf."

Proposed by Mr Purchase. Seconded by Mr Burns. Carried unanimously

ITEM 7

It was proposed by Mr Carter and seconded by Mr Carter, that Mr Michael Pope be re-elected Auditor. Warm tribute was paid to Mr Pope for his help, and the Hon Treasurer said that he had written appropriately to thank Mr Pope.

Mr Baker explained that the reorganisation of the new District might create problems initially, as the Officials were in some cases strangers to Kent, and would require advice over local issues.

In answer to a question by Mr Kirk, about what could be done if the gravel urging decision was adverse, it was considered that if permission <sup>should be</sup> granted, there must be limitations imposed by authority, and it would be important to watch these carefully, and report any intrusions.

The Hon Sec reported that <sup>(a)</sup> a Country Side Officer had been appointed to Kent Council or Social Services - and that he would be attending a meeting between representatives of local amenity societies, and the Chairman of the Planning Committee in the near future.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

George Cobbett  
CHAIRMAN  
13. III. 1975

Colin  
15 March 1974

THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGMeeting held on 13 March 1975in BISHOPSBAURNE VILLAGE HALLat 8.00 PM.PRESENT. Mr Cabbett (Chairman) Col. G. G. Elliott (Hon Sec/Treas)

Mr G. Baker, Mr J. Purchase, Mr K. Cornish and 11 Life and. Members

AGENDAITEM 1. The Hon Sec read the minutes of the Second AGM held on 14 March 1974.  
They were agreed and signed by the Chairman.ITEM 2. Matters Arising.Bekeshams Cravel Pit Public Inquiry.

The appeal by Britts had been refused by the Minister, i.e. the Society's Cause had been successful.

Channel Tunnel.

This matter had been shelved. The last contribution, of £10. to the Detenders of Kent, had been returned.

ITEM 3. TREASURER'S REPORT.Col. Elliott reminded the meeting that the Society had been formed and organised in an atmosphere of heat and enthusiasm for one particular purpose; to prevent the holding of massive assemblies in this area. It had been outstandingly successful in this object, but in its present role as an area amenity society, there were problems. Very few of the original members showed much interest now, and income therefore depended mainly on the interest derived from the capital provided <sup>by</sup> ~~by~~ life members. (We were living off our own fat). A large proportion of members were scattered over a large area, and each one must be sent notice and agenda for general meetings, an increasingly

comely process. In discussion it was agreed that some form of decentralisation was necessary, and it was hoped that definite proposals could be considered before and at the next meeting. The use of Parish Magazine would help to disseminate information cheaply.

#### 15775 4 The Accounts

The current assets were £664.46, with an excess of expenditure over income for the year of £11.71. However £10 of this last sum had since been returned by the Defenders of Kent.

M. Baker proposed and Mr Purchase seconded that the accounts be adopted. Carried unanimously.

#### 15775 Election of Officers.

Chairman. Proposed by Col. Elliott and seconded by Mr Cornish, that Mr George Cobbett be re-elected Chairman.

Hon Sec/Treasurer. Proposed by Mr Purchase, seconded by Mr Cornish, that Col. G. G. Elliott be re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Ass: Treasurers. Proposed by Col. Elliott seconded by Mr Healey that Mrs G. Carter, Mr N. Foster and Mr G. Baker be re-elected

Committee. Proposed by Col. Elliott, seconded by Mr Purchase that the following be re-elected:

Mrs G. Carter, Mr R. T. Austrey, Mr G. Baker, Mr E. Burrows, Mr G. Cobbett, Mr J. Clough, Mrs J. Cox, Mr C. Fagg, Mr N. Foster, Mr H. Goddard, Mr G. Kirk, Mr J. Purchase, Mr G. Shireley, Mr C. T. Tofin, Mr B. Whiffam, Mr M. Young, Mr C. Cornish.

It was proposed by Mr Cobbett, seconded by Mr Healey that Mr Quine be elected a Co-opted member.

All elections were carried unanimously.

Auditor. Proposed by Col. Elliott seconded by Mr Cobbett that Mr Michael Pope be elected Hon Auditor.

17th.

Any other business.

Mr Quinn recommended that steps be taken to ensure the preservation of the footbridge over the Nailbourne in Bishop's Park. The Hon Sec undertook to pursue this matter. Mr Baker moved a vote of thanks to the Hon Sec and Treasurer for his service to the Society.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

G. S. Cobbett  
16. III. 1976  
CHAIRMAN.

COMMITTEEMINUTES OF A MEETING, held at

Bishopshorne at 8 pm on 18 NOV 1975

PRESENT.

Messrs G. Cobbett (Chairman), R. Baker, J. Purchase, E. V. Burrows, Mrs Cox, Mrs Kirk, Col. G. Elliott (Hon Sec).

APPOLOGIES.

Letters were received from Messrs Cornish, Clough, Quine and Shirley, and Miss Young.

ITEM.

The Hon Sec explained the financial situation, and recommended that the Society should either be dissolved, or suspended until further notice. After discussion Mr Purchase proposed and Mr Baker seconded a motion that the Society be suspended — the full motion is attached opposite. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr Burrows suggested that part of the monies should be given to eg. C.P.R.K. now, as otherwise it was being wasted. This matter could however be decided at the AGM.

Mr Baker suggested that in addition to the procedures in the motion, a notice be placed in the Kentish Gazette annually, and in Parish magazines, and in Boney Institute.

The meeting closed at about 9.15 pm

Mr Cobbett moved that proxy voting be introduced, by vote at next AGM.

CHAIRMAN.

G. S. Cobbett  
16. III. 1976



Alt. to Minutes of Meeting 18 Nov 97  
Nailbourne Protection Society

MOTION A - Suspension

Amendments made  
by Committee  
MB

MOTION - Due to the financial situation and rising costs, and the comparative lack of interest and/or any environmental threat at this time, it is proposed that the activities of the Society be suspended until further notice, under the following provisions.

FUNDS - The funds of the Society will remain invested in the <sup>Huddersfield Bradford</sup> Halifax Building Society, with a cash balance of NOT more than £25 with Barclays Bank. The four members of the Finance Sub-Committee will be responsible for these funds, as laid down in the Rules. The Hon. Treasurer will produce the accounts to 31st December annually for audit. Thereafter the accounts will be presented to the Finance Sub-Committee and entered in the Minutes. There will be no Committee or Annual General Meetings until further notice, but any Life or Ordinary Member who requires a copy of the audited accounts may apply to the Hon. <sup>Secretary</sup> Treasurer by 1st February (for the previous year), enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope (to Barclays Bank, Rose Lane, Cuckfield).

REACTIVATION - Any three Life or Ordinary Members acting together may write to the Hon. Secretary calling for a Committee Meeting to consider that particular request. Thereafter the Committee, with at least five Members attending, may reactivate the Society and/or call a General Meeting. Unless reactivated previously the Committee will meet to review the situation in April 1978.

\* here insert names.

X insert: Circulated to each Committee meeting

MB  
Hon Sec.  
1975

Fourth Annual General Meeting.Held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1976in Conrad Hall, BISITAPSBORNEat 8 PM.Present: Mr Cobbett (Chairman) Col. C. G. Elliott (Hon Sec/Treas)Committee: Mrs Carter, Mr Burrows, Foster, Goddard, PurcellWhigham, Mrs Young and Mrs Kirk, and 12  
Life and ordinary members.Apologies were received from Pro. Austrey, Mr Fagg, Mr Shirley  
and Mr K. Cornish, and from Mr Tyler who wished to resign  
from the Committee, and from 16 other members.ITEM 1. The Minutes of the Third Meeting were read and approvedITEM 2Hon Sec/Treas. Report.(Proposed Mrs Carter  
Seconded Mrs Goddard)Membership was down to 357, with 61 'losses' due  
40 ordinary members lapsing (after reminders) and  
16 whose envelopes had been returned 'Gone Away'  
In addition 5 had written declining receipts or further  
Correspondence.

The accounts were considered.

Resolution. Proposed by <sup>Mrs Young</sup> ~~Mr Cobbett~~. Seconded <sup>Mrs Purcell</sup> ~~Mr Eldridge~~  
that the accounts be passed. (Carried Unanimously)ITEM 3. The Chairman explained the reasons for items 3. and 4.ITEM 4

These reasons, and the MOTIONS are in detail opposite

Proposed by Col. Elliott, Seconded by Mrs Eldridge  
that ITEM 3 be passed. (Carried Unanimously)Proposed by Mr Cobbett, Seconded by Mrs Champion  
that ITEM 4 be passed. (Carried Unanimously)

Explanation of ITEMS 3, and 4

The Society was formed in 1970 with the prime object of organising resistance to the proposed pop festivals in Charlton Park. After the successful conclusion of this campaign, it was decided that the Society should continue as an area amenity society available to support any individual, or other amenity society or local authority. This aim has been pursued with some success, within our limitations.

We are now faced with increasing problems – in particular inflation and lack of interest. The increasing costs of postage, printing and stationery are only barely covered by the interest from our capital of about £670 in the Building Society, and few if any ordinary members join or renew their subscriptions. Furthermore, attendance at annual general meetings has been minimal. We should now face these problems rather than drift indefinitely.

These problems were discussed by the Committee on the 18th November, 1975, and the two motions, Items 3 and 4 (in Appendix A) were carried unanimously. The aims behind these two motions are:—

- (a) To reduce procedures and expenditure to a bare minimum, and at the same time
- (b) to remain in being as a 'watch dog' preservation society ready to mobilise at once to meet any unexpected threat to the local environment.

Until Item 4 is carried, there is no provision in the Rules for postal voting. However, Item 3 is an important issue, and if any member wishes to comment or criticise, but cannot attend the A.G.M., written comments will be welcomed and considered.

There are some members who subscribed initially to fight pop festivals but who may not be interested in local conservation matters, or who may have left the area. It would save time, postage and stationery, if members in this category would write to say that they do not wish to receive further notices of general meetings.

**ITEM 3:**

**MOTION** – Due to the financial situation and rising costs, and the comparative lack of interest and/or any environmental threat at this time, it is proposed that the activities of the Society be suspended and/or modified as follows:—

1. **Meetings** – There will be no Committee or Annual General Meetings until further notice, but any Life or Ordinary Member who requires a copy of the audited accounts may apply to the Hon. Treasurer, c/o Barclays Bank, Rose Lane, Canterbury, by 1st February (for the previous year), enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.
2. **Funds** – The funds of the Society will remain invested in the Huddersfield and Bradford Building Society, with a cash balance of NOT more than £25 with Barclays Bank. The four members of the Finance Sub-Committee will be responsible for these funds, as laid down in the Rules. The Hon. Treasurer will produce the accounts to 31st December annually for audit. Thereafter the accounts will be presented to the Finance Sub-Committee, circulated to the Committee and entered in the Minutes.
3. **Reactivation** – Any three Life or Ordinary Members acting together may write to the Hon. Secretary calling for a Committee Meeting to consider their particular request. Thereafter the Committee, with at least five members attending, may reactivate the Society and/or call a General Meeting. Unless reactivated previously, the Committee will meet to review the situation in April 1978.

**ITEM 4:**

**MOTION** – Voting By Proxy. In future voting at a General Meeting on a motion circulated in the Agenda may be either in person or by proxy. A member unable to attend may write to the Hon. Secretary before the date of the General Meeting appointing either the Chairman or another member by name (who will be present), to record his or her vote on any specified motion or motions.

ITEM 3

ITEM 4



ITEM 5 Election of Officers.

The Officers as listed below were selected by unanimous vote. In addition it was proposed by Mr Carter seconded by Mr Goddard that Mr J. Purchase be elected as a 5th member of the Finance Sub Committee (Mr Tyler had resigned from the Committee)

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman: Mr. G.S. Cobbett  
 Hon. Secretary:) Col. G.G. Elliott  
 Hon. Treasurer:)

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Mrs. G. Arter, Mr. G.D. Baker, Mr. N.G. Fowler, Col. G.G. Elliott,  
 and Mr. J. Purchase

COMMITTEE (max. 20)

Mrs. G. Arter, Prof. R.T. Anstey, Mr. G.D. Baker, Mr. E.V. Burrows,  
 Mr. G.S. Cobbett, Mr. E.J. Clough, Mrs. J.E. Crux, Mr. C.W. Fagg,  
 Mr. N.G. Fowler, Mr. L.W. Goddard, Mrs P.E. Kirk, Mr. J. Purchase,  
 Mr. L.G.S. Shirley, ~~Mr. G.F. Tyler~~, Mr. B. Whigham, Mrs. M.A. Young,  
 Mr. K. Cornish.

*Collyer*

ITEM 6 Auditor.

Proposed by Mr Cobbett seconded by Mr Purchase that Mr Michael Pope be appointed Hon Auditor.

ITEM 7 Support to Other Societies.

Resolution. The Finance Sub Committee is authorised by the Society to contribute (sums up to and including) not more than £25.00 to any local (as defined in the Rules Page 6) protection Society for any specific purpose <sup>it</sup> in furtherance of the aims of the Society. Any larger sums, if considered appropriate by the Finance Sub Committee, <sup>must</sup> ~~could~~ be referred to the Committee for approval.

Proposed by Col. Elliott seconded Mr Eldridge. Carried unanimously

Land Community Act

Concern was expressed, in particular by Mr Goddard, about the effects of the Land Community Bill, now on the Statute Book but not yet law. This problem was noted for attention.

The meeting closed at about 9 PM

15 Feb 77

*Collyer*  
 CHAIRMAN.

ITEM 7  
*Collyer*  
 17 Mar 76

FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held at The Paddock, BISHOPSBOURNE  
at 6 Pm on Tuesday 15 FEBRUARY 1977

PRESENT . Col. Geoffrey Elliott (Hon Sec/Treas) Messrs John Purchase  
and C'erald Baker .

Apologies were received from Mr Norman Fowler (overseas)  
and Mrs Gladys Aston (Sick) . Both members had received  
the accounts previously .

ITEM 1 Minutes . The Hon Sec read the minutes of the AGM held  
16 March 1976 . Under the present circumstances it was  
agreed that the Hon Sec could signify that these were  
correct .

ITEM 2 The Accounts . In moving the accounts, the Hon Treas. explained  
that the comparatively large expenditure on printing  
and postage in 1976 was mainly due to the measures  
necessary to de-activate the Society . There was an excess of  
INCOME however of £3 - and the Funds totalled about £700 .

The complete statement is affixed overleaf as required .  
Any other business (Proposed J Purchase - Seconded G Baker - Carried .)

ITEM 3 . The Hon Sec stated that copies of The City of Canterbury  
planning applications continue to be received for perusal .  
There had been two cases of another Society requesting help .  
A letter had been sent to Canterbury protesting about the  
suggested use of the Mears A2 Building site as a  
touring caravan site . (Nothing more had been heard  
about this unpopular proposal) .

The meeting broke up at about 7 Pm .

Geoffrey Elliott  
Hon Sec .

16 Feb 77  
G Elliott

NOTE  
Copies of the Accounts were despatched to each  
Committee member by 21 Feb 77  
G Elliott

Ret Meeting held  
15 Feb 1977

NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1976

<u>1975</u>		
<u>INCOME</u>		
1	Subscriptions	9.00
10	Refund of donation	-
3	Collection at A.G.M.	-
42	Building Society Interest	39.48
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56		48.48
 <u>Less : EXPENDITURE</u>		
1	Donations	2.50
10	Printing	14.00
12	Postage	22.75
4	Stationery and Sundries	5.95
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27		45.20
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£ 29	<u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>	£ 3.28
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BALANCE SHEET - 31ST DECEMBER 1976

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<u>FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY</u>		
664	Balance on Income & Expenditure Account at 1st January 1976	693.19
29	<u>Add</u> Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	3.28
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£ 693	Balance at 31st December 1976	£ 696.47
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Represented by :

<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
684	Bradford Permanent Building Society Account	663.90
14	Cash at Bank	37.57
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698		701.47
 <u>Less : CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
5	Sundry Creditors	5.00
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£ 693		£ 696.47
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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

In my opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31st December 1976 and of the Surplus for the year ended on that date as disclosed by the records of the Society and the information and explanations supplied to me.

28th January 1977.

CANTERBURY

M. F. POPE

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

*Approved by Finance  
Sub Committee  
15 Feb 77  
[Signature]*

FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE.

Minutes of a Meeting, held at the Paddock,  
BISHOPSTONBOURNE, at 7.30pm on 7 FEB 1978

PRESENT Col G. Elliott Hon Sec/Treas, Messrs G. Baker, N. Fowler.  
Apologies were received from J. Purchase and Miss G. Carter (Both members had received the accounts). The Hon Sec was elected Chairman for the meeting.

ITEM 1. MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting held on 18 Feb 1977 were read, <sup>and</sup> approved.

ITEM 2. SEC/TREASURER'S REPORT.

A letter to the Committee had been circulated previously and was discussed. It was amended to make a recommendation to the effect that the status quo be maintained until at least 1979. This letter is in the Secretarial File.

ITEM 3. -/L. ACCOUNTS.

The Balance Sheet, audited by Rivers and Nepton, is attached. Proposed by Mr G. Baker. Seconded by Mr N. Fowler that these be accepted. (Carried unanimously.)

ITEM 4. CONTRIBUTIONS.

Having regard to the financial situation, the Hon Sec/Treas. proposed that contributions of £10.00 each be made to CPRE (Kent) and the Kent Historic Buildings Committee. Seconded by Mr Baker, and carried unanimously.

ITEM 5. BOURNE PARK.

The Hon Sec/Treasurer explained that this historic <sup>and</sup> listed building was falling into disrepair through neglect. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Canterbury C.C.

The meeting adjourned at about 8.00pm

Copies of the accounts were sent to each Committee member. No other member had requested a copy.

*[Signature]*  
Hon Sec.

*[Signature]*  
8 Feb 1978

*Ret Meeting  
held 7 Feb 1978*

NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1977

<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>
	<u>INCOME</u>	
9	Subscriptions	-
<u>39</u>	Building Society Interest	<u>41.72</u>
48		41.72
	<u>Less: EXPENDITURE</u>	
2	Donations	2.00
14	Printing	5.00
23	Postage	1.24
6	Stationery and Sundries	1.31
<u>45</u>		<u>9.55</u>
£ 3	<u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>	£ <u>32.17</u>

BALANCE SHEET - 31ST DECEMBER 1977

<u>31/12/76</u>		<u>31/12/77</u>
	<u>FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY</u>	
693	Balance on Income & Expenditure Account at 1st January 1977	696.47
3	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	<u>32.17</u>
£ 696	Balance at 31st December 1977	£ <u>728.64</u>

Represented by:-

	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
664	Huddersfield & Bradford Permanent Building Society Account	705.62
<u>37</u>	Cash at Bank	<u>28.02</u>
701		733.64
	<u>Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	
5	Sundry Creditors	5.00
£ 696		£ <u>728.64</u>

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Jan 78

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

COMMITTEE MEETING.

held on 20 FEB 1979

BISHOPSBOURNE VILLAGE HALLPRESENT: Mr. C. Cathelt (Chairman) Col. G. G. Elliott (Hon Sec/Treas)

Miss E. Baker, Mr. J. Purchase, J. Goddard, C. Fagg, E. Burrows

Apologies from J. Shirley, N. Fowler (overseas), K. Cornish (overseas)

The Chairman paid tribute to Prof. Austey, a enthusiastic member, who died suddenly recently.

ITEM 1 MINUTES

The Hon Sec/Treas. read a resumé of the Minutes of the last AGM, 1976, and the Finance Subcommittees of 1977, and 1978. As Hon Sec/Treas, as Secretary he had kept watch on conservation matters, and had written about <sup>certain</sup> relevant problems eg.

1977 Proposal to use A2 Bridge Bypass building site as caravan park,

Planning permission to use a disused railway line

Bishopstone-Kingston, as railway tip.

The Preservation of a railway line.

1978. Detention of Bourne Park mansion, etc.

Continued correspondence on railway line.

ITEM 2 The Accounts.

The Hon Sec/Treas. moved the accounts. Donations included gifts to Woodland Trust (In Chillian Wood), and Blean etc Society in respect of Bunt Oak Reservoir - total £52 in year.

The Funds of the Society were £697.98. (Attached p. 52)

These had been audited by Michael Pye, to whom we owe our <sup>thanks</sup>

Proposed by Mr Baker, Seconded by Mr Goddard (Carried unanimously)

ITEM 3 The Future of the Society.

There seems to be three possible courses of action:

1. Return to normal procedures, with an AGM to be held - say 2 May, with an effort to enlist Fresh support.

ITEM 3  
(cont)

2. Dissolution, which would require a Special General Meeting and a majority vote, and incidentally professional legal and/or accountancy help.

3. Maintain the Status quo, as a compromise, until 1980.

After discussion, when the threat to the railway line was stressed, Mr C. Baker proposed.

and Mr J. Goddard seconded 'that the Society continue, according to the terms laid down by the Act of 1976. (Carried unanimously.)

It was also proposed by Mr Purchase, seconded by Mr Fagg that there need be no AGM this year.

ITEM 4 Any other business.

Mr Burrows expressed concern over the railway line, and made various suggestions. Mr Fagg explained the many and various steps that had been taken, and were being taken to preserve the old line.

The meeting closed at about 8.50 pm.

G.S. Cobbett  
Chairman

G.S. Cobbett 21 Feb 1979



NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETYINCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1978

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Building Society Interest	35.97	42
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Donations	52.00	2
Printing, Postage & Sundries	14.63	8
	<u>66.63</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE NET INCOME</u>		
(1977 Excess of Income over Expenditure)	30.66	(32)
<u>BALANCE AT 31ST DECEMBER 1977</u>		
brought forward	728.64	696
<u>BALANCE carried to Balance Sheet</u>	<u>697.98</u>	<u>728</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 1978

<u>FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY</u>		
Income & Expenditure Account (as above)	697.98	728

Represented by:CURRENT ASSETS

Huddersfield & Bradford Permanent Building Society Account	666.59	705
Cash at Bank	36.39	28
	<u>702.98</u>	<u>733</u>

Less: CURRENT LIABILITY

Sundry Creditor	5.00	5
	<u>697.98</u>	<u>728</u>

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

The foregoing Accounts have been prepared from a basis of actual costs (without adjusting those costs for inflation) unless otherwise stated.

Subject to this, the foregoing Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account give, in my opinion, a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31st December 1978 and of the Loss for the year ended on that date as disclosed by the records of the Society and information and explanations supplied to me.

19th January 1979

CANTERBURY

*M. F. POPE*  
(Signed)  
M. F. POPE

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

COMMITTEE MEETING

held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1980

at The Paddock, BISHOPSBOURNE

Present Mr G. Calkett, Chairman. Mrs Young, Mrs Kirk, Messrs Baker, Foster, Purchase, Taylor, Goddard, C. E. Elliott (Hon Sec/Treas)

Apologies Mrs G. Carter and Mr Clough wrote, Mr Carmichael phoned.

New Members Mr Ian Taylor was co-opted to the Committee.

ITEM 1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 Feb 1979  
were read, and carried.

ITEM 2 The Accounts.

The Hon Sec/Treas. moved the accounts, which had been audited as usual thanks to Mr Michael Pope.

There were assets of £726, mainly in Building Society. Mr Foster suggested that to increase tax free interest, the Society should be registered as a Charity. There might be disadvantages, but this matter should be investigated.

Proposed by Mr Baker, Seconded by Mr Foster, that  
the Accounts be adopted. Carried unanimously.

ITEM 3 THE DISUSED RAILWAY

The Hon Sec outlined the history and present situation. On 24 June, subject to confirmation, the Canterbury City Council would be defending their refusal to allow Campion's Controlled Tips to use the cutting as a waste disposal site. Bob C. Fagg (Kingston PC) and himself (as Chairman Bishopstone PC) would be meeting the Senior Planning Officer in Canterbury on 8<sup>th</sup> April - until then certain aspects must remain somewhat 'open-ended'. The attitude of the major estates concerned, Bourn and Pasture, must also affect the issues.

After general discussion, the following Resolutions were moved and carried. Proposed Hon Sec. Mr. Furber

- (a) The NPS would support the City Council to the utmost.  
 (b) Mr. John Purchase would represent the Society in person, with support from others as necessary.  
 (c) The temporary restriction on 'cash flow' of £25 be relaxed, and up to £200 be deemed to be available if required, for expenses, printing etc in connection with this particular exercise.

Mr. Young, and Mr. Croddard undertook to visit the Bridge and Barham P.C.S. if possible, primarily on the traffic factor.

#### ITEM. FUTURE OF THE SOCIETY.

After discussion it was accepted that there was no time to discuss dissolution, rather renewed vigour and reactivation to full status. To this end the AGM would be held in Bishopstoke on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1980, and membership re-opened. In the meantime Mr. Purchase would consider a publicity leaflet, and C.A. Hirst would arrange some press publicity.

#### ITEM. OFFICERS

The Chairman Mr. C. Collett stated that he wished to resign for personal reasons. This was accepted reluctantly, and it was decided to defer election of a new Chairman until the AGM.

The Hon Sec/Treas. said he would prefer some let up after the many years in joint office.

Proposed by Mr. Baker Seconded by Mr. Furber that Mr. Ian Taylor take over as Hon Sec. Carried unanimously.  
 The meeting closed at 9.15 PM.

Pleasant Kirk

CHAIRMAN.

28/11/1980  
 H. Hirst

MINUTES OF A G.M. OF NAILBOURNE PROTECTION  
SOCIETY HELD AT CONRAD HALL  
BISHOPS BOURNE  
ON THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1980.

PRESENT.

Col. Elliott, Messrs Taylor, Fagg, Purchase, Baker  
 Mitchell, Fowler  
 Mesdames Kirk & Elliot  
 and about 15 others

APOLOGIES

From some 20 members including:  
 Mrs Young, Mr Cobbell, Mr Blazebay, Mrs Chester  
 Mr Skille, Mr Hamilton, Prof. Warren, Mr Lawrence  
 Mrs Mount, Mr Cousins, Mr Skatter  
 Mr Forwood, Mr F McK. Heywood.

CHAIRMAN.

In Mr Cobbell's absence it was agreed  
 unanimously that Mr C. Fagg should chair  
 the meeting.

ITEM I MINUTES OF LAST AGM

The Minutes of the AGM of 16 March 1976  
 were read and approved.

ITEM II MATTERS ARISING

Since the AGM of March 1976 the  
 Society had reactivated recently to  
 oppose the threat to the Old Elham  
 Valley Railway Line.

ITEM III

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer reported a healthy balance of £726-61p as at 31 Dec. 1979. However, printing and postage charges were high and more donations and subscriptions needed to be attracted.

Several small donations had been made by the Society to other Amenity Societies in the area, whose interests had been threatened by planning and other proposals and developments.

The accounts had been audited by Mr M.F. Pope

The accounts were unanimously accepted on the proposal of Mr Taylor seconded by Mr Mitchell.

A vote of appreciation was recorded to C.J. Elliott.

ITEM IV

SECRETARY'S REPORT

"At the AGM held on March 18<sup>th</sup> 1976 it was decided to suspend normal activities of the Society until special need arose. Since then the Society has made representations to the Canterbury City Council regarding the state of disrepair

and reflect of Bourne Park House, a listed building at Bishopsbourne. The Society also expressed concern to the City Council regarding the (then) proposed Caravan Parking Site adjacent to the A2 at Baskem.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1980 the Committee met and decided to reactivate to oppose the proposal by Compton Controlled Tips to use the disused railway line through Kingston and Bishopsbourne, as a rubbish dump. At the Committee's request Mr John Purchase agreed to represent the Society's objections at the Public Inquiry at the Westgate Hall, Canterbury on June 24, 25, + 26<sup>th</sup> 1980 at 10.00 am.

Also at that meeting the Committee invited Mr Ian Taylor to the appointment of Hon. Secretary to the Society.

Whilst the Society has been less active in recent years there are still some 200 members and it is hoped that at the A.G.M. the Committee will receive a good indication of support, and of future hopes and expectations.

Membership was now about 250, but due to people moving from the area without our knowledge, it is

difficult to be precise."

Ms Mitchell offered the use of a copy of the Electoral Roll for the whole area. This was accepted gratefully.

It was reported that Bourne House was now being well maintained.

The Secretary emphasised the role of the Society as an independent pressure group to preserve and enhance the attractive Nailbourne Valley.

#### ITEM V

#### APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN: Mrs P. Kirk was unanimously elected Lady Chairman on the proposal of Mr Baker, sec. by Mr Fowler.

TREASURER: C. D. Elliott was unanimously elected Treasurer on the proposal of Mr Purchase, sec. by Mr Taylor.

SECRETARY: Mr Taylor was unanimously elected Secretary on the proposal of Mr Fagg, sec. by Mr Baker.

ASSIST. TREASURER: Mrs R. Elliott was unanimously elected Assist. Treasurer, on the proposal of Mr Baker, sec. by Mr Fagg.

COMMITTEE: The following were unanimously elected to the Committee.

Members: G. Ater<sup>?</sup>, M.A. Young, R. Elliott

Resists: G. Baber  
 E. Clough  
 C. Fagg  
 N. Fowler  
 L. Goddard

J. Purchase  
 L. Shirley  
 M. Forwood  
 K. Cornish

on the proposal of Mr. Mitchell  
 sec. by C.S. Elliott

Mr G. Cobbett had resigned, as had Mrs Cox.

A vote of appreciation was passed for Mr Cobbett's work, and the Secretary would write to him to that effect.

ITEM VI

THE RAILWAY LINE

Mr John Purchase will represent the Society at the Public Inquiry. Mr Purchase addressed the meeting to state:

- 1) that the Society had won every campaign it had fought, starting with opposition to the Pop Festival
- 2) the Society had been the first to



ever to stop a Pop Festival.

- 3) that the Society had no possible doubt as to the justice of its cause re the railway, and that it would be defensible and a disgrace if Compion's gained approval to despoil the line.
- 4) that as many people as possible should attend the Inquiry even if only for a short period AND SIGN THE ATTENDANCE RECORD.
- 5) the Society would urge the use of alternative less attractive ~~sites~~ tipping sites.
- 6) that local people would suffer extreme nuisance, harm, and danger if heavy lorries pounded through our Village ~~streets~~ lanes.
- 7) that the proposed tipping might well pollute water supplies.
- 8) that to date the old railway line had returned to agricultural use where level, and otherwise left as embankment or cutting. Compion's proposal would not be allowed to set a ~~present~~ precedent for other commercial or industrial uses.
- 9) that the Nailbourne Protection Society would make the strongest representations in opposing Compion's appeal.

A number of questions and

considerable discussion followed regarding this threat to the Nailbourne Valley, and it was noted that there were proposals that the old Railway Line become a Public Amenity, and the public continue to be allowed to walk the Kenynton/Bishopsbourne stretch of the line.

To bring the line into Public Ownership might well require funds in addition to any financial contribution from the Canterbury City Council or Kent County Council.

It was thought the time for infilling of the cutting would be 8-10 years, but very difficult to estimate.

## ITEM X

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) SUPPORT - Mr Fowler commented on the small number attending the AGM and hoped everything would be done to attract new members and support. The Nailbourne Protection Society might arrange a stand at local fetes etc. Whatever the result of the Railway Line Local Inquiry a membership drive should be undertaken when the Department of the Environment announced its decision.

Press and T.V. coverage should be sought when the Rail decision was announced.

The Committee would consider these matters later.

### 6) SOCIETY "AWARDS"

Mr Taylor raised the question of whether the Society, in addition to defending and protecting the Nailbourne Valley, should also institute some sort of recognition of positive work, restoration, or preservation, as a general encouragement throughout the Nailbourne Valley.

The matter was put back for further consideration by the Committee.

### c) VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES

It was hoped that Village representatives would encourage local interest, bring to the Committee matters of concern and perhaps assist in membership matters.

ITEM XI NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that a  
Committee Meeting be arranged by  
the Sec. Treasurer, & Chairman for  
early October 1980.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY

MR I. TAYLOR - SECRETARY

I. Taylor  
12.6.80.

SIGNED: ~~Pleasant~~ ~~KM~~

CHAIRMAN

DATE: 18/3/82

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NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1979

	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Building Society Interest	50.65	36
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Donations	7.00	52
Printing, Postage & Sundries	<u>15.02</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>22.02</u>	<u>67</u>
<u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>		
(1978 Deficit)	28.63	(31)
<u>BALANCE AT 31ST DECEMBER 1978</u>		
brought forward	697.98	729
<u>BALANCE carried to Balance Sheet</u>	<u>£ 726.61</u>	<u>£ 698</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 1979

<u>FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY</u>		
Income & Expenditure Account (as above)	<u>£ 726.61</u>	<u>£ 698</u>

Represented by:

CURRENT ASSETS

Huddersfield & Bradford Permanent Building Society Account	717.24	667
Cash at Bank	<u>19.37</u>	<u>36</u>
	736.61	703

Less: CURRENT LIABILITY

Sundry Creditor	<u>10.00</u>	5
	<u>£ 726.61</u>	<u>£ 698</u>

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

The foregoing Accounts have been prepared from a basis of actual costs (without adjusting those costs for inflation) unless otherwise stated.

Subject to this, the foregoing Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account give, in my opinion, a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31st December 1979 and of the surplus for the year ended on that date as disclosed by the records of the Society and information and explanations supplied to me.

20 MARCH 1980  
CANTERBURY

M.F. POPE  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Minutes of Committee Meeting of the Nailbourne  
Protection Society held at the Paddock  
Bishopscote at 8.00 pm on Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1980

PRESENT: Mr P Kirk (Chair), Mr R Elliott, Messrs Elliott,  
Taylor, Fagg, Fowler, Goddard

APOLOGIES: from Mr Purchase, Mrs Young, M. Cornish

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting of 3 April 1980  
were read and approved.

TREASURER'S  
REPORT: C.J. Elliott reported that the Society had  
£ 750 - 78p. In recent months printing  
had cost £ 95, postage £ 15, and  
some £ 115 had been received in subscriptions  
and donations

In view of the expense of the ABM  
this was a very satisfactory situation.

THE RAILWAY: Mr Taylor reported that a week before  
the public Inquiry was due to be held  
Compton withdrew ostensibly because of  
expert advice that rubbish deposit  
would pollute water supplies  
At present Compton intentions  
for the future of the site was unknown  
but it was hoped that the old railway  
line could become a public walk.

~~RESOLUTION~~  
The Committee expressed its appreciation to  
the work undertaken by Mr Purchase

on the Society's behalf, in preparing the case in support of the City Council and against Compton's proposals.

## AWARDS:

Discussion took place whether the Society could instigate any sort of award or recognition of good example of conservation along the Nailbourne Valley. It was generally agreed that such a scheme would require considerable administrative organisation and time and the Society was not able to carry out such a scheme.

However, in connection with the Society's future the interest of young people might be attracted by a competition for school children, perhaps for best painting entitled "The Nailbourne Valley". Talks might be given in schools. This would be given further consideration.

## FUTURE

As there was no particular threat to the Valley at present it was generally agreed that the Society remain quiet.

It was felt that we should be ready ~~for~~ to counter any future threat.

To this end it was considered appropriate to attract public interest and membership.

It was agreed that the Society might have a stand at Village Fetes or School Fetes with photographs of the Valley, of the Society's past campaigns, old documents, archaeological finds from the Valley, pictures of the Old Elham Valley Railway, scrap books, tin membership badges for children, and membership forms etc.

Such a stand might be taken to various villages in the Valley to arouse interest and recruit members.

Ms Taylor agreed to make preliminary preparations and the matter would be further discussed at the next meeting in April 1981.

~~A.G.M.~~

~~It was decided~~

A.O.B.

CARAVANS

Ms Foggy expressed concern about the increase in caravans being sited particularly in Kingston. After discussion regarding their unpleasant visual effect in the valley, and the dubious use often suspected, it was decided that the Secretary should write to



the Cotswold City Planning Office expressing ~~concern~~ concern and requesting information about the regulations governing the siting of such vans.

It might also be that if any future stand at a Village Fete, photographs of unsightly vans might be exhibited.

MUSEUM:

Mr Taylor briefly mentioned his wish albeit far from at present that one day the Nailbourne Valley might have its own museum, possibly if any suitable building should become available.

NEXT

MEETING:

To be arranged for April 1981 unless special circumstances require an earlier meeting.

Ian Taylor  
Hon Sec  
24/10/80

CHAIRMAN ~~Therese~~ ~~KIA~~ . . . . .

DATE . . . . . 29/4/81 . . . . .

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT  
'WYCH ELM' 13 THE HIGHEST, BRIDGE. ON  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 29<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm.

PRESENT: Mrs P. Kirk (Chair) Mrs Young Messrs Purchase, Taylor  
Cornish, Baker.

APOLOGIES: M. Forwood, L. Goddard, C. Foy, N. Fowles, B. R. S. H. H., S. C. Lloyd

Col Geoffrey Elliott: The Meeting expressed its deep regret that Col. Geoffrey Elliott had died on 28 April 1981. As a Founder Member of the Society and since its inception an unrelenting and persistently hard worker for the Society it was difficult to evaluate his real contribution. He will be greatly missed as a supporter and personal friend.

The Secretary will write to Mrs Elliott to express our sorrow.

A donation of £25 will be made to the East Kent Hospice at St London Rd Canterbury in accordance with wishes expressed by the family.

It was Geoffrey Elliott's expressed wish shortly before he died that the Nailbourne Protection Society should continue to thrive and to protect the beauty of the Valley which Geoffrey loved so much.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of 23 October 1980 were read, approved, and signed.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary reported on letters written to the Planning Dept. of the Canterbury City Council making representations about

1. a proposal to develop "back land" at Botsom,
2. a proposal to build at Botsom adjacent to the Nailbourne
3. a proposal to develop 'back land' at Kingston
4. a proposal to erect a red/white sign at Bishopbourne

The Sec. had also written to K.C.C. expressing general approval for the draft Countryside Plan, and supporting the appointment of a Conservation Officer for the North Kent Downs.

The Secretary wished to know that these letters met with the approval of Committee Members. It was agreed that the Secretary should endeavour to contact <sup>in the locality of the proposed development</sup> two Committee Members to discuss such letters to provide support and guidance.

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to the death of Col. Elliott there was no Treasurer's report.

A bill for £24.15 had been received for Beal's Note paper of Bekebourne W.

Dr Field had become a Life Member and a £5 cheque had been received.

No other financial transactions were known since the last meeting when the balance was £750.-78.

Discussion took place regarding the future of the Office of Treasurers - Mr Baker agreed that, if Mrs Elliott felt she should not continue, he would take over as Treasurer. Unanimously agreed G. Baker become Treasurer and Ian Taylor to join Fund subcommittee. The Secretary will arrange to meet Mrs Elliott a little later to resolve the matter with her.

It was agreed that the Secretary should be supplied with a small financial 'float' to assist with postage etc.

## 7. THE RAILWAY LINE

A recent attempt to carry out excavations in the railway cutting to store heavy plant etc had been stopped for the Canterbury City Planning Offices.

Mr Ken Compton of 'Compton Controlled Tips' died in April 1981

The Parish Councils of Kingsley and Bishopbourne were considering the future of the line but it was felt that the Society should continue to be vigilant about the old railway.

## 8. THE PROPOSED BRIDGE MOTEL

The situation was outlined that what everybody had believed was to be ~~an~~

Motel was in fact to be a major motor way type Service Area. Access roadways were inadequate and although to Corberby City C. had agreed the application, the Kent C.C. had directed refusal due to the unsatisfactory access. Further the plans showed that the Motel itself would have 300 car parking lots, the picnic area 45 lots, and the service area 65 car lots, this would be inadequate for the volume of traffic and would cause a 'tail back' onto the highway. The plans failed to include any staff car park, or commercial vehicle park.

~~The~~ The Secretary read a letter he had already sent to the K.C.C. Highways Department about these deficiencies in the scheme.

After discussion the general feeling was that whilst a modest Motel might be acceptable on the site the comprehensive list of services to be provided was too much for the approx. 8 acre site and the traffic problem and general detriment to the rural location was unacceptable.

Concern was expressed that access & egress might be negotiated without opportunity for public debate. Concern was also expressed regarding the manner in

which the Application ~~had~~ has been ~~dealt~~ dealt with by the CCC, and the deception upon the public about the full and true nature of the proposal.

It was agreed that the Secretary would write objecting to the whole scheme, and the manner of its consideration etc, to the C.C.C. Copies of the letter would be sent to Cllr. Tim Howe, Cllr Shirley, Cllr Peter Baker Cllr on the Planning Committee, B. Crowl M.P. The Dept of the Environment, Bristol, KCC Highways Dept.

The Press would not be involved at this stage but copy letters would be held ready.

#### 9. CHANNEL TUNNEL

The Secretary asked for guidance should proposals yet again be put forward. The Committee recognised that the probable rail tunnel would not in itself intrude upon the Nailbourne Valley. However, secondary repercussions such as warehouses, distribution centres, road transport depots, and need for extra housing for persons employed in connection with the tunnel might well threaten the Valley. Continental Countries might well wish to set up offices etc in East Kent.

The Secret would continue to

## 10. PUBLICITY

Committee Members are all busy with many commitments but agreed that if the County Fair was held again in Boone Park in 1982 we should have a stand to inform the public and recruit members.

It was decided not to take any action at present regarding any school competition for painting etc about the Valley. (Miss Tomlin H/rafter Bridge St. not advised)

## 11. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs G. Acton did not wish to continue on the Committee and Mr Shibley no longer attended meetings. Mike Forwood was doubtful if he could give the Society adequate time.

This left 10 members on the Committee

## 12. NEXT MEETING.

To be arranged in the Autumn unless need arises - perhaps due to Bridge St.

I. A. Taylor.

Hon Sec.

1st Nov 1981

CHAIRMAN .....

DATE .....

MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING OF  
N.P. SOCIETY AT RIVERSIDE HOUSE  
BRIDGE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 1982

PRESENT P. Kirk I Taylor N Fowler J Purchase

The Meeting was held to discuss  
financial assistance to the  
Cartley Bridge Traffic Group.

After discussion it was proposed  
by Mr J. Purchase and seconded by  
Mr I. D. Taylor that £100 be  
donated to the Traffic Group.

It was agreed unanimously  
to donate £100.

I. Taylor  
Secretary  
3/10/82



MINUTES OF THE A. G. M. OF THE  
 NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY HELD  
 AT THE BARN, KINGSTON, ON THURSDAY  
 18<sup>TH</sup> ~~APR~~ MARCH 1982 at 8.00 pm.

PRESENT: Mr Taylor Mrs Kish Mr Purchase Mr Fagg Mr Young  
 Mr Mrs Dring, Gen Woodrow, Mr Baker Mrs Cook  
 and <sup>a number</sup> ~~several~~ of other members.

APPOLOGISES: Mr Goddard, Mr Clough, Mr Cornish, Mr Heath  
 Mr Forwood, Mr Fowler, Mr Shirley.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the AGM of 12 June 1980 were  
 read approved and signed.

## MATTERS

ARISING: Mr Purchase explained the success of our  
 campaign to prevent the Elton Valley Railway  
 cutting becoming a waste disposal site.

## CHAIRMAN'S

## REPORT

Mrs Kish recounted the Society's successes  
 in preventing the Pop Festival, Gravel ~~works~~  
 Extraction at Bekebourne, Pops building  
 development at Bridge, the Bridge Service  
 Station, the Railway Waste Disposal site and  
 various smaller building developments,  
 all of which ~~would~~ would, had they  
 been permitted, been detrimental to  
 the Nailbourne Valley.  
 The Society would continue  
 to be vigilant regarding any

proposed development within the Valley in order to work to ensure the Valley's attractiveness and beauty.

The possibility of a Channel Tunnel could have substantial consequences for the Valley.

#### TREASURERS

#### REPORT.

Mr Baker presented the Society's accounts which showed a positive balance of £675-85 as at 31 December 1981.

A £100 donation had been given to the Bridge/Canterbury Traffic Group, but it was anticipated that most of this money would be returned as expenditure had not proved necessary.

Mr Baker expressed concern that the Society was gradually spending its reserves and subscriptions and donations needed to be attracted.

A discussion about the level of subscription resulted in agreement that the annual subscription be £1.

On the proposal of Mr Taylor, seconded by Mrs Young the Accounts were unanimously accepted and appreciation expressed to Mr Baker.

Appreciation was also expressed to the

Auditors Mr C.E. Baker of Garsby Lodge  
Bishopscourne, and Mr R.J. Orrett of  
Chapel Lane, Kingsthorpe.

These were re-elected to their accounts.

## OFFICERS:

Proposed by Mr Taylor, Sec. by Mr Fagg  
Mrs P. Kirk was unanimously elected Chairman.

Proposed by Mr Purdese. Sec by Mr Fagg  
Mr I Taylor was unanimously elected Secretary

Proposed by Mrs Kirk Sec by Mrs Young  
Mr G. Baker was unanimously elected Treasurer

## COMMITTEE:

Proposed by Mr Taylor, Sec. by Mr Baker the  
following were unanimously elected to the  
Committee:

Mr John Purdese,	Mill House,	Bebber Bourne
Mr Norman Fowler,	Reverside House,	Bridge
Mr Michael Farwood,	Whitebels	Kingsthorpe
Mr Swart Clough		Batham
Mr Charles Fagg	Reeds Mill	Kingsthorpe
Mr Lawrence Goddard	South Batham Farm,	Batham
Mrs Young		Bridge

## REVISED

## CONSTITUTION:

The Chairman explained that the original  
Constitution had been drawn up to fight  
the 'Pop Festival' at Bishopscourne.

It was no longer appropriate to have  
a Fighting Fund Committee as its

Fighting Fund had been discontinued after the 'Pop Festival' was stopped.

The original Constitution also contained a clause permitting the Committee to exclude persons and this clause was also considered inappropriate. The Chairman had redrafted the Constitution. During discussion two amendments were agreed:

a) that the word "from" in the second line of clause 8 of the revised Constitution be deleted.

b) that the words "as required" in the first line of clause 13 of the revised Constitution be deleted.

With these amendments the revised Constitution dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 1982 was unanimously accepted on the proposal of Mr Taylor Sec. by Mr Purdese.

#### CIVIC TRUST:

After discussion it was agreed that the Secretary should seek to have the Society registered with the Civic Trust.

#### KENT FEDERATION

##### OF AMENITY SOCIETIES:

After discussion it was agreed that the Secretary seek to affiliate the Society to the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies.

## MEMBERSHIPS

It was agreed that to attract support for the Society. Consideration to be given to

a) A periodic Newsletter be produced.

b) That arrangements be prepared for letters to members (about 260) to be delivered by hand by Village Representatives.

c) That a mobile exhibition about the Valley & the Society's work be prepared for Village Fetes etc.

d) That the first display could be at the Exhibition planned for Conrad Hall Bishopscourt on May 30<sup>th</sup> 1982.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Ian Taylor  
Hon. Secretary  
20/3/82.

Chairman  
6/ April 1982

~~Heasman KMA~~  
Chairman

6.4.84

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
 NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY HELD  
 AT 13 HIGH ST, BRIDGE ON THURSDAY  
 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 1983

Present: Mrs P. Kirk (Chair) Mr L. Goddard, M.I Taylor  
 Mr J. Purchase, Mr G. Baker

APOLOGIES: Mrs Young

RECENT PLANNING MATTER - REPORT BY SECRETARY

The Secretary reported the Society's actions in respect of about 18 planning matters and the Canterbury City Council's decisions

PUBLIC INQUIRY - BOSSINGHAM

The Secretary outlined the background to the Appeal by Mrs P Bell of St Palmstead Farm to the Dept of the Environment to overrule the Canterbury City C. refusal to grant permission to grub out some 50 acres at Quiltes Wood and Featherley Wood, Kingston.

It was recognised that the coppiced woodland was of particularly fine quality and an important habitat for flora & fauna, in addition to being a valuable amenity to the public.

It was proposed by Mr. Purchase and seconded by Mr. Goddard, and agreed unanimously that Mr. Taylor represent the Society at the Public Inquiry at Basingstoke on 14/15 February to support the Combsbury City Council and oppose the grubbing out proposal.

#### ABSTRACTION OF WATER AT BEKESBOURNE

The Secretary had ascertained from Mr. Roberts Farm Sec. at Mounts Farm Bekesbourne that their Application was to increase water abstraction from the Bekesbourne Bore Hole from 4 million galls per year (granted in 1976) to 6 million gall. per annum.

Discussion considered the possible effects upon the Nailbourne River and the merits of Mounts' intended use of the water to irrigate their apple orchards.

It was agreed that no further action be taken in respect of this matter.

#### NEXT A.G.M.

It was agreed that the A.G.M. be held on 6 or 13<sup>th</sup> April 1984 at The Barn Kingston and that the Secretary endeavour to arrange

that Mr Cotton of the Southern River Authority at Guildhouse House Warrington, to address the AGM about his special knowledge of the Nailbourne river.

Both Members and Non member to be advised  
and the Secretary prepare

- a) a written <sup>history</sup> report of the Society's Planning representatives. ~~and the Society's history~~
- b) invitations to join, subscribe or donate
- c) notice of Mr Cotton address
- d) agenda (with help of Chairman)

Letters to be prepared  
Notice to be sent to 'Kentish Gazette'  
Notice to be sent to local Parish Magazines

A.O.B.

#### HIGHLAND COURT - BRIDGE

Concrete apron off Coldharbour Lane now being used for parking trailers and some site work being done by Eves the Builders. Site has been fenced.

The Society would keep watch.



## AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

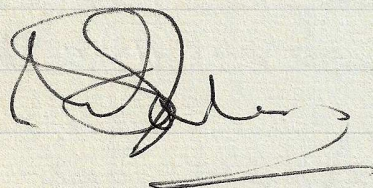
The Secretary hoped in the spring to be able to fly about the Nailbourne Valley to take photographic slides of the Valley.

## VOLUNTEER BUREAU NEW DIRECTORY OF ORGANISATIONS

Mr Purdese suggested that the Society write to be included in the new Directory now being compiled. The Secretary will do so.

## GYPSY SITE AT HAWKINGE

The old Incinerator site had been designated a Gypsy Caravan site. Apparently objections were few in number and not effective.



5.6.1947.

MINUTES OF THE A. G. M. OF THE  
 NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY HELD AT  
 THE BARN KINGSTON ON ~~THURSDAY~~ FRIDAY  
 6 APRIL 1984 at 7.30 pm.

## PRESENT.

Mrs Kirk (Chair), Mrs Young, Messrs Taylor, Baker,  
 Goddard, and about 35 other members  
 and visitors.

## APOLOGIES

Gen Woodrow, John Purlese, Clark Fagg,  
 Mrs Bickerton, Mr Francis, Mrs Fowler

## MINUTES OF LAST AGM.

The minutes of the AGM of 18 March 1982  
~~were read approved and signed after one~~  
 were read and with the amendment that  
~~MATTERS ARISING~~ the auditors Mr C Baker and  
 Mrs R. Orrett were re-elected, the minutes  
 were approved and signed.

There were no other matters arising

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS.

The (Lady) Chairwoman Mrs P. Kirk  
 stressed the importance of the Society's  
 work in being watchful over  
 planning developments either official  
 or unofficial, in order to help  
 protect the Nailbourne Valley  
 from unwarranted building developments

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

This written report had been previously circulated and was accepted unanimously.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Also previously circulated. The Society had a balance of £767.78 as at 31 December 1983.

The accounts were unanimously accepted.

The treasurer Mr Baker spoke of additional expense and time given by the Secretary in pursuance of the Society's interests and the meeting accepted his proposal that a £10 Honourarium be paid to the Secretary.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Mrs Pleasance Kirk was elected Lady Chairman on the proposal of Mr Taylor, seconded by Mr Baker (unanimous).

Mr Gerald Baker was unanimously elected Treasurer on the proposal of Mr Taylor, seconded by Mr Atkins.

Mr Ian Taylor was unanimously elected Secretary on the proposal of Mrs Kirk, seconded by Mr Baker.

On the proposal of Mrs Rowlands, seconded by Mr Taylor the following were re-elected to the Committee

Mr John Purchase Mill House Bekesbourne  
 Mr Norman Fowler Riverside House Bridge  
 Mr Charles Fagg Reeds Mill Kingston  
 Mr Lawrence Goddard Salt Balam Farm  
 Mrs Anne Young Beech Cottage Bridge Hill

Mrs Rowlands was unanimously elected  
 to the Committee on the proposal  
 of Mrs Young, seconded by Mr Taylor

Mr F. Atkins was unanimously elected  
 to the Committee on the proposal of  
~~Mrs Ditt~~, seconded by Mr Taylor.  
 MISS DIETT

Mr C. Baker of Bishopbourne and  
 Mr A. Helbling of Dunsin Farm were  
 unanimously elected Auditors.

A.O.B.

The Meeting was advised of the AGM of  
 the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies to  
 be held at Staplehurst on 28 April 1984, at  
 which the problems of heavy lorries on roads  
 would be discussed.

The Meeting was advised of CPRE draw  
 tickets available.

The Meeting was advised of a  
 Forestry Exhibition to be held in the Barn  
 Kingston on 7 April 1984.

The Lady Chairman invited all present to view ~~an~~ a display of old photographs and postcards of the villages of the Nailbourne Valley prepared for this evening by the Secretary.

## ADDRESS.

The formal business being completed the Lady Chairman introduced Mr. Chris Cotton Director of Operations with Southern Water, who gave an interesting talk about the geology of the Nailbourne Valley and assisted an understanding of how when and why the Nailbourne intermittently flows.

Mr. Cotton was thanked for his address by the Secretary.

The Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Ian Taylor  
Hon. Sec.  
10 April 1984

Heasams Rob  
Chairman  
25/1/88

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Northbourne  
Protection Society held at The Barn, Kingston on Monday, 25 Jan. 1988.

Present. Mr. Kirk (Chairman), Mr. Baker, (Treasurer), Mrs. Fowler, Atkins, Fagg,  
Puncher, Goddard, Helbling, Jorgensen, Mrs. Monk, Miss Dietl, Mrs.  
Jorgensen, Mr. Finch, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Proctor, Mrs. Voelcker ..

Apologies. There were no apologies for absence.

Chairman's  
Remarks. The Chairman reported that the Hon. Secretary, Ian Taylor had  
recently resigned after serving the Society most loyally and  
efficiently for many years, but, in spite of circulating all  
the Valley villages (per parish magazines), and making other  
enquiries, no volunteer had come forward to fill this vacancy.  
Further, she herself wished to relinquish Chairmanship.  
Luckily, little had happened recently to warrant comment by the  
Society, although she had opposed, on behalf of the Society,  
a proposed housing development, in an area of outstanding  
natural beauty, at Elham. The Society had not written  
ref. the proposed Kingston/Burham Downs development, since  
this had been well fought by the Parish Councils.

Minutes. The Minutes of the last AGM of 6. 4. 84. were read,  
approved & signed.

Matters  
arising. None - except to correct the entry of Miss Dietl's name and  
to propose (Mr Kirk) and second (Mr. Helbling) that a further  
Honourarium of £10 for the last 3 years (total £30) be  
paid to Ian Taylor for his work as Hon. Sec. Passed unanimously.  
A copy of the audited accounts for the last 4 years were  
circulated to all present. They showed a current balance  
in hand, at 31st December 1987, of £890.72.

Treasurer's  
Report.

The accounts were unanimously adopted, and thanks offered to the Hon. Treasurer and the two auditors.

Future of  
the Society.

Following much debate, it was agreed that the Society should continue in being, albeit in "mothballs". The following Officers and Committee were elected: -

Chairman: Norman Fowler..

Hon. Secretary: John Purchase.

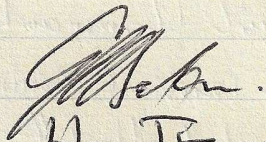
Hon. Treasurer: Gerald Baker.

Committee: - Mrs. P. Kirk. Mrs. Jorgensen, Miss Dietl, Mrs. Voelcker, Messrs. Fagg, Atkins, Goddard, Helbling

Auditors: Messrs. A. Helbling and C.E. Baker.

Signatories for cheques (B.Soc.): G. Baker. P. Kirk. N. Fowler. J. Purchase.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.



Hon. Treasurer.

25. January 1988.

NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEARS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1987.

INCOME.

Donations and Subscriptions.  
 Building Society Interest.  
 Refund New Bridge Traffic Group.

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
	34.98	-	-	-
	49.33	56.07	44.82	40.78
	50.00	-	-	-
	<u>134.31</u>	<u>56.07</u>	<u>44.82</u>	<u>40.78</u>

EXPENDITURE

Honarium: Hon. Secretary  
 Donations and Subscriptions.  
 Printing postage, sundries.  
 Cost of Annual Gen. Meeting.

	10.00	-	-	-
	28.00	-	25.00	8.00
	56.04	-	-	-
	29.00	-	-	-
	<u>120.04</u>	<u>56.07</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>8.00</u>

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE:

Balances at 31 December previous b/c fwd: -

BALANCE CARRIED TO BALANCE SHEET: £ 782.05

	14.27	19.82	32.78
	767.78	838.12	857.94
	<u>£ 782.05</u>	<u>£ 857.94</u>	<u>£ 890.72</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st. DECEMBER:

FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure account (above)

Represented by:

Current Assets in  
 Building Society Account.  
 At Bank (a/c closed 29.2.84)  
 CASH.

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
	777.50	833.57	853.39	859.17
	4.55	4.55	4.55	31.55
	<u>£ 782.05</u>	<u>£ 838.12</u>	<u>£ 857.94</u>	<u>£ 890.72</u>

The foregoing Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure account give, in our opinion, a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Society as at the 31 December 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987, and of the surplus for the years ended on those dates, as disclosed by the records of the Society and information and records supplied to us.

C. E. BAKER, Bishopsbourne,  
 Gosely Lodge  
 A. HELBLING,  
 DUSKIN FARM, Kingston.  
 JANUARY 1988.