

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at 13 High Street, Bridge on Thursday 5th June 1997, at 7.30pm. Present were Mr Norman Fowler (Chairman), Mr Gerald Baker (Treasurer), Mr John Purchase, (Secretary) and Mrs. P. Kirk ^{and Mr Lawrence Goddard.} The Chairman briefly outlined the reasons for calling a meeting after such a long period of inactivity.

Apologies: None was received. The death was reported of Mrs. Dietl and Mrs Ann Vothas, and received with regret

The Minutes of the last Committee Meeting, 10th February 1983, were read, approved and signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

The future of the Society was then debated:

Mr Baker explained that since there had been no activity since 1983 - and with all Officers offering their resignation it was necessary to examine the Constitution to see what matters needed to be put into operation to make it possible to close down The Nailbourne Protection Society, and pass the funds to a worthy successor, or dispose of them appropriately under the legal terms of the Constitution.

The Chairman reminded members of the considerable successes that had been achieved in the lifetime of the Society. It had been first such body to actually prevent a Pop Festival at Bishopsbourne; it had seen off attempts to extract gravel near Bishopsbourne: and put its weight into resisting other attempts to spoil the nature of the Nailbourne valley.

The Treasurer added that ordinary members had not contributed money for years, but the Society's cash on deposit had grown to about ~~£4,000~~ ^{£1,000} £5,000. f
Calling an AGM to decide forward policy technically only affected the LIFE members, few of whom lived. Therefore it would be necessary for the Hon Sec to insert an advertisement in The Kentish Gazette, and the KM Extra alerting life members to the meeting. This, it was decided, would be at Bishopsbourne Village Hall on Thursday 26th June 1997, at 7.30pm.

Information about the meeting was also being passed by Mr Baker to the local parish magazine, hoping that they would print it. The following items put as a Resolution by the chairman, seconded Mr Baker.

The AGM Agenda:

Following a greeting by the Chairman, apologies for absence and the Minutes of the last AGM having been read, approved and signed:—

- The future of the Society would be discussed.
- Nomination and election of Officers and a Committee if so be. *
- Proposal by Barham Downs Action Group.
- If the Society is to be dissolved, to fix date, place and time of an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with the Constitution item 21

ALTERNATIVE:

- * • If the Society is to continue, fix the date of a Committee Meeting to consider an application from The Barham Downs Action Group for financial assistance.

Resolution put and passed nem con. by the Committee.

Membership:

The committee briefly reviewed the known list of members— but decided against writing to each listed name, but to rely on the advertisement reaching those who had continuing rights as Life Members.

The meeting then closed at 8.15 pm, with thanks to Mrs P. Kirke for providing a room for the meeting, and refreshments.

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NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Members of this Society, (which was formed in 1971 with the purpose of opposing a Pop Festival planned to be held in the Bishopsbourne area, and later expanded in aim to help protect the environment generally along the Nailbourne valley) are invited to attend an Annual General Meeting of the Society on Thursday, 26th June 1997, at 7.30pm in Bishopsbourne Village Hall.

The Meeting will discuss the future of the Society which has been inactive for nearly ten years. The current Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer all intend to relinquish their positions at the AGM. If the Society is therefore to continue to operate, nominations are required for these positions from members or potential members. Seven additional members will also be required to serve on the Committee. Failure to elect the three Officers will inevitably mean the winding up of the Society and the distribution of its remaining funds to other Societies or Bodies as provided for in the Constitution.

Nominations for Officers and Committee, together with the agreement of those proposed, must be in the hands of the Chairman or Secretary by the time of the start of the Annual General Meeting; or may be sent in advance to the Secretary, Mr John Purchase, 11 St Nicholas Hospital, Church Hill Harbledown, Canterbury, Kent CT2 9AD.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Thursday, June 26th 1997, in the Bishopsbourne Village Hall, with Mr N. Fowles Chairman and Nineteen members ^{of the public} present.

Greeting by the chairman and an explanation of the business to be conducted.

Apologies for absence: none was reported.

The minutes of the last AGM were read, agreed and signed as a true record.

Discussion on the future of the Society then took place.

The chairman identified two Life Members in the audience, and then asked for comment on the proposal that the NPS be shut down, and the funds in its name transferred to a similar body. Dr J.W. Gilbey of the Barham Downs Action Group explained that attempts were still being made to build a large vehicle complex again on the downs by the A2. The proposals had been repulsed in the past but a fresh attempt would be costly to fight. Kingston Parish Council might need to precept for a fighting fund. Any money remaining from that activity would be used to protect Barham and the Walsbourne Valley.

Should the NPS continue, the chairman stressed, we would also seek to get funds for the fight. The need for continuation meant offices and a Committee would need to be found - the present officers indicated they wished to stand down.

Kingston Parish representatives said their parish was preparing for renewed battles, in fact a group of parishes was working together to this end.

^{non-} Mrs Proctor, a ~~life~~ member, said she hoped the societies would amalgamate, the NPS and the BDAG. She was supported by the ~~life~~ Life Member, Mr Hampden Smith. The comment from the BDAG was that this could prove difficult. General consensus in the meeting was that it was better to pass the funds to the Barham Downs Action Group.

The matter was put to the vote. Seven members were at the meeting.

- Six voted to close down the Walsbourne Protection Society
- Seven voted in favour of the Barham Downs Action Group receiving the funds in perpetuity for the protection of the district

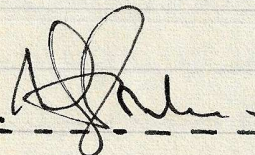
It was explained that the Rules of the NPS required a six week gap before a special meeting was convened to resolve the matter decided on. It was resolved that this would be at:

57 Bridge High Street,

at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th August 1997.

The current auditors were approved.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman:  _____

Date: 14.8.97. _____



Nailbourne Protection Society

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT : SUMMARY 1997.

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1985-96</u>	<u>1997</u>
Donations and Subscriptions	6.00	-
Building Society Interest	206.70	- *
	212.70	-
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Donations & Subscriptions	-	-
Cost of Annual General Meeting	46.76	181.89
Honorarium: Hon. Secretary	30.00	-
	76.76	181.89
Excess of Income over expenditure:	135.94	-
Excess of Expenditure over Income:	-	181.89 *
Balances at 31.12.95 and 31.12.96:	890.72	1026.66
	£ 1026.66	£ 844.77 *

BALANCE SHEET AT 14 AUGUST 1997

FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure a/c (above)	<u>1026.66</u>	<u>£ 844.77 *</u>
Represented by: -		
Current Assets in -		
Building Society Account	989.11	321.38 *
Cash	37.55	23.39
	£ 1026.66	£ 844.77 *

* EXCLUSIVE of interest payable at closure of Building Society a/c (should this be agreed on 14.8.97)

We certify that the above Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are in accordance with the records of the Society and information and explanations supplied to us.

G. Baker
Hon. Treasurer
7. AUGUST 1997

C. E. BAKER. Dated: *[Signature]* 9/8/97

A. HELBLING. Dated: *[Signature]*

12.8.97

Minutes of the Concluding Meeting of the Executive Committee held at 57 High Street, Bridge on Thursday, 14th August 1997 with Mr Norman Fowler in the Chair and six members present, together with Mr Austin as representative of the Barham Downs Action Group.

Apologies for absence: None was received.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, June 26th 1997 at Bishopstourne Village Hall were read, agreed and signed as a true record.

The Accounts (reproduced on the previous page) were presented by the Hon Treasurer, Mr Gerald Baker. He explained that the final figures would be very similar, but the wind-up of the Society needed to be completed before the precise sum that would be passed on to the Barham Downs Action Group could be identified.

Members would note, he said, that the cost of advertising the Annual Meeting, and associated postal and copying charges had been taken into account. The balance was, at that moment, £344.77.

The Chairman then put the Motion to the Committee that the Nailbourne Protection Society which had had a considerable voice in the past to protect the nature of life in the Nailbourne area, be now dissolved and the remaining funds passed to the Barham Downs Action Group to aid future fights. All members present voted in favour.

Mr Austin, on behalf of the BDAG, thanked the Society and said that they were ready to continue their stance against bad developments or other threats in the area.

It was agreed that following the Minutes of the Meeting being written up, and the funds transferred; the Society's Minute Book and any other useful documents would be passed to the County Archivist at Canterbury Library for retention. Thus future researchers looking at the Nailbourne Area in the late 20th century would find interesting reading.

Those present were thanked for their attendance by the Chairman, who provided drinks to celebrate the work of the Society.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

John Purchase

FIRST AGM.

30 NOV 1972

NAYLBORNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

AGENDA

FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BARHAM, AT 7.30 P.M.

THURSDAY 30th NOV. 1972.

1. To receive the Chairmans Report.
2. To receive the Treasurers Report and Accounts.
3. Election of Officers for the coming year

	<u>Serving Members</u>	
a) Chairman	W.H. Whigham	
b) Hon. Secretary	S.J. Sumary	
c) Hon. Treasurer	G.G. Elliott	
d) Assistant Treasurers	H. Fowler Mrs. G. Arter G.D. Baker	
e) Members of Committee	L.G.S. Shirley) Mrs. N. Young)	Bridge Parish Council
	B. Whigham) G. Cobbett)	Bishopsbourne Parish Council
	C.W. Fagg) P.J. French)	Kingston Parish Council
	E.J. Clough) Mrs. J. Crux)	Barham Parish Council
	L. Goddard Dr. H. Blazoby Dr. B. Christie J. Purchase Prof. R.T. Anstey Mrs. P. Kirk	

4. Appointment of ~~Reeves & Neylan~~ Auditors - Reeves & Neylan have signified their consent to act on behalf of the Society.
5. Future Policy.
6. Any other business.

NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST DECEMBER 1971 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1972

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Period

<u>INCOME</u>	Subscriptions - £5 or greater	5,403.10
	Under £5	<u>258.20</u>
		5,661.30

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS. 1st AGM. 30 NOV 72

This meeting is the first Annual General Meeting to be held under the Rules of the Society. I would briefly like to recall the events leading to the formation of the Society.

In 1971 Great Western Festivals Ltd., made their intentions known to hold two Pop Festivals in Charlton Park during 1972. The Promoters and their Associates made it quite clear that they would launch these Festivals on such a scale that they would cause a major disruption to the communities of the villages in the neighbourhood of Charlton Park.

Meetings were held by representatives of these villages who in turn convened Parish Council Meetings to bring to the notice of all villages^R the magnitude of the disruption such Festivals could cause, bearing in mind the size of the area within which they were to be held. As a result of these meetings the Nailbourne Protection Society was formed and duly incorporated together with a comprehensive set of rules laying down the purposes for which it was to be formed.

The Incorporation Agreement was signed on December 28th 1971 and the campaign to oppose the holding of Pop Festivals in Charlton Park was mounted. From that date on the events which followed are well known to you all and I don't propose going into them in detail.

The support which was given by the residents of all neighbouring villages enabled your committee to get the support of - apart from many other bodies - the Kent County Council, Bridge Blean R.D.C. and the local Member of Parliament.

Reporting of both the campaign and the feelings of the local residents by the National Press, Local Press and Television Media was largely responsible for the nationwide support given to the Nailbourne Protection Society.

The Kent County Council and the Bridge Blean R.D.C. contributed financially to the legal costs to which your Society had committed themselves. The support received by the Society in their campaign can be measured by the money which was contributed by a cross

section of the community, residents, week-enders, farmers, local traders and many people now living abroad who had in the past lived in the district. Your Treasurer will be reporting to you more fully when he moves the adoption of his report on the accounts.

Now to the future - later under item 5 on the Agenda we will be discussing the future role of the Society. I will have to be guided by you as to what role it should play in helping to conserve the amenities of the Nailbourne Valley. Many of the villages in the Valley have already got their own Residents Associations to deal with matters that may arise which they feel concern their own area. These I suggest are better left to deal with their own affairs and only call upon the Society in the event of matters arising which have an effect on the Nailbourne Valley Community as a whole. For example your Society has recently contributed financially to the Icham Wingham & District Residents Association in their fight to prevent extraction of water by a local Water Company from the Nailbourne. Secondly ^{also} Your Society has registered their objection with the K.C.C. and the B.B.R.D.C. to the extraction of gravel at Howletts Farm, Bekebourne. Both these are matters which affect all the residents of the Nailbourne Valley and its amenities. I envisage that this Society will be called upon from time to time to give their help in mounting major campaigns when necessary or merely financial assistance. However we will discuss this more fully later this evening.

Before closing I cannot sufficiently express my thanks to all those who supported me in your Society's Campaign to see that the will of the people would prevail in preventing the holding of Pop Festivals in Charlton Park. Many of you devoted many hours of your time and willingly contributed expertise in many fields. I thank you all.