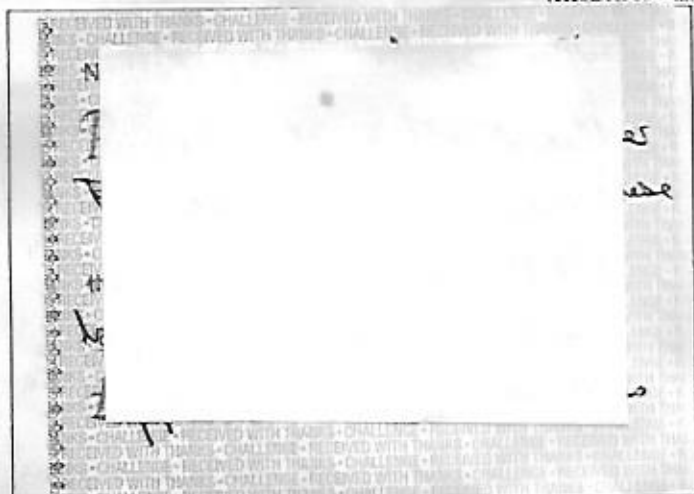
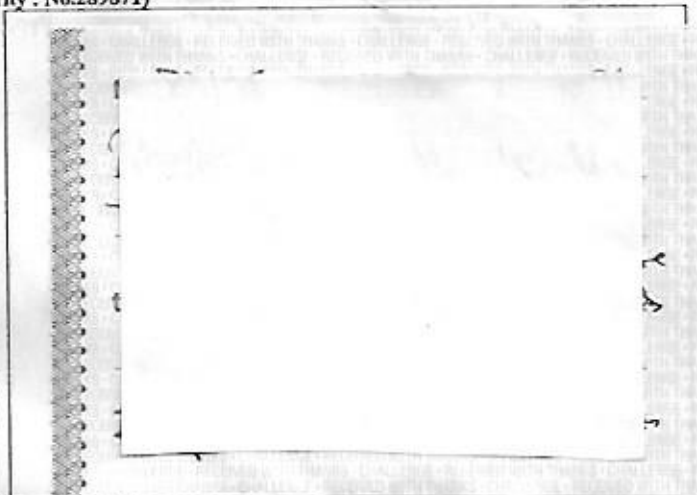


Booker Common & Woods Protection Society

(Registered Charity : No.289871)



Receipt for 1995/6 Fighting Fund donation



Receipt for 1995/6 Annual Subscription

This Society operates in accordance with the rules of the Charity Commission who scrutinise our audited accounts

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on
Monday 20th May 1996
Commencing at 8:00pm until 9:30pm
at
Booker Memorial Hall, Booker Common
(Off Limmer Lane)

GUEST SPEAKER

Jerry Unsworth

**Planning and Transport Projects Manager
for Wycombe District Council**

Jerry Unsworth was the Council's Planning Witness opposing Mobil's appeal for a Motorway Service Area at Booker. This Society's four witnesses supported the Council's opposition by means of our local knowledge forcefully given.

Jerry Unsworth has been an Officer for Wycombe District Council for 9 years, and is involved in Transportation Projects and Issues; development Briefs for large sites and Environmental Improvement Schemes.

As his title implies he is a key figure in Planning and Forward Development Projects.

AGENDA

8:00pm AGM Routine Business - will be condensed to allow maximum possible time to put questions to Jerry Unsworth.

1. The retiring Hon Secretary, Gaynor Taffurelli will present the Minutes of the 1995 AGM for approval.
2. Chairman, Allan Duggin will review the Society efforts to preserve the local Green Belt/A.O.N.B.
3. Hon Treasurer, David Crowther will submit the Audited Accounts for approval
4. Membership Secretary, Claire Wylot will report progress.

AGENDA (Contd.)

5. Conservation Secretary, Ronald Walker will give a short report on the practical conservation work by the Society volunteers in Booker Common Woods.
6. Vote of thanks to the outgoing 1995/6 committee.
7. Election of members to the new 1996/7 Committee and to offices of Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer
8. Confirmation of existing basic policies of Society.
9. A.O.B.
10. 8:45pm : Guest Speaker, Jerry Unsworth
11. 9:30pm : Meeting closes.

NEW COMMITTEE 1996/7

Subscribing members are invited to offer themselves for election to the new year's committee. Please phone nominations before 13 May 1996 to High Wycombe 525665. The present list of candidates for the new committee are:

Mesdames: - Rita Luxton, Claire Wylot.

Messrs: - Paul Baker, David Crowther (pres. Hon Treasurer) Allan Duggin (pres. Chairman), Rodney Forrest, Tony Hall, Brian Petty, Tim Speechley, Mike Stevens, Vic West, Ronald Walker (pres. Conservation Secretary)

THE OBJECT OF SOCIETY is the preservation of the local countryside for the benefit of the public. For the past 14 years this has involved:-

- i) practical conservation work by Society volunteers in Booker Common Woodland
- ii) Opposition to any further building development within the adjacent Green Belt and Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) which are not strictly within the terms of exceptions permitted under the agreed planning policies.

WALKER'S VIEW

Reports on our Woodlands Conservation Projects by Ronald Walker, Conservation Secretary

The Litter blitz on Sunday 14th April was a great success. Thirty-two members "signed on" at the Squirrel Lane Assembly Point, and other members joined Rita Luxton and Tim Speechley's groups, bringing the total turn out to 45 people.

Between them they cleared approx 8 cu metres of rubbish from the woodlands, which was transported to a central point by Jeff Harvey and Tony Hall for collection by Wycombe District Council.

Apologies for not meeting everyone, and congratulations on a spring clean well done.

Footpath Obstruction. Members have reported obstructions across a footpath. It also obstructs access to other footpaths which provide wider ranging walks.

The Society has written to Bucks County Council formally requesting that the obstructions be removed and the footpath reopened.

It is important that members telephone me if their access on any footpath upon which they have been accustomed to walk has been obstructed or restricted in any way.

Please phone me HW 444824, or if unavailable HW 525665.

DEFEND BOOKER NOW

(or forever hold your peace)

Our first line of defence is the "Strategic Plan and Wycombe District Local Plan". The numerous policies within the Plan are now under review and the revisions will be effective or implemented during the years up to 2011.

The proposed revised policies will be open for public consultation from May to July 1996. This enables you to have a say in the shaping of your local environment during the next 15 years.

Your committee strongly advises all members to attend the AGM on Monday 20th ~~May~~ 1996, to hear the Guest Speaker, Jerry Unsworth, and to acquaint him with your views from your local knowledge; it is important that he should know what they are.

If you fail to attend and take this opportunity you and your children will have no grounds for complaint if you don't like what you see in 15 years time.

RESPONSE TO MARCH NEWSLETTER

Members have expressed concern at signs of potential future development within the Green Belt/AONB between Booker/Sands and Lane End, and between Booker and Marlow. These concerns will be passed to Jerry Unsworth prior to the AGM. In particular they are:-

Potential new roadways arising from proposed relief road for Sands Football Stadium and the nearby realignment of M40. In event of a bypass on this western side there is danger of building development up to the new roadway which would lose green fields and woodland.

The anomaly of a Sands Greenfield site designated as AONB and ASR (Area of Special Restraint), whereas the adjacent area on its 3 sides is designated AONB and Green Belt.

The effect of the proposed 7,200 new housing units in the High Wycombe area which is surrounded by designated Green Belt/AONB lands.

If the Council refuses an extension of the lease to Booker Airfield, would this large area of Green Belt (not AONB) be allocated for building development, i.e. is it a choice between aircraft noise or loss of Green Belt for all time?

Planning application to further develop the Booker Tip site has failed on two occasions. In-filling in an adjacent valley with rubbish remains a threat because we know it has already been surveyed for that purpose.

FURTHER THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS

If any member has worries of other potential diminishment of their enjoyment of the local environment please phone Allan Duggin at once (High Wycombe 525665) and they will be brought to attention of Jerry Unsworth for him to give a considered reply at AGM. Members will of course have opportunity to seek further clarification of any points raised at AGM - so don't miss the opportunity.

LATE NEWS

Proposed development at Wycombe Air Park which potentially will increase noise disturbance. The Society will be represented at a Department of Environment Informal Hearing on 30th April 1996. The Society's opposition will be represented by Chairman Allan Duggin.

Waste Local Plan Public Inquiry on 2nd July 1996. The Society's opposition to certain proposed policies will be represented by Allan Duggin. This is particularly important because a new "Quango" has taken over from the County Council from 1st April, 1996.